



HONORS STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to Isabella Burns and
Jeovanny Carlos on your acceptance to Cal Poly!

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Honors Contract Completion Form

Due May 18

STEP 1 Submit your proposal to the HTP website by March 4.

STEP 2 Work throughout the semester on your Honors research project and keep checking in with your professor until they agree you are finished.

STEP 3 Submit your “Step 2: Completion Form” by May 18.

STEP 4 Make sure your professor responds to the email request to approve. Then HTP will notify Admissions & Records to give you. Honors credit.

Need Help?

Check out a sample timeline from IDST 150 [Here!](#)



CONGRATULATIONS to Western Regional Honors Conference (WRHC) Presenters



Yixin (Eva) Liu



Tuong Van Do (Van)



Keoni Fernandezees

Interested in presenting at an Honors Conference?

Contact Professor Taveau: taveaur@smccd.edu!



Western Regional Honors Conference Trip



From left:

- Tuong Van Do (Van)
- Rebekah Taveau
- Yixin Liu (Eva)
- Keoni Fernandezees





Western Regional Honors Conference University of Las Vegas





Honors Research Showcase Success



Carlos Perez, Presentation, Thurs. April 23



Evgeniya Olneva (Jenia), Presentation, Thurs. April 23

CALL FOR RESEARCH SUBMISSIONS



AANHPI RESEARCH SUBMISSIONS

TOPICS SHOULD:

- based on academic research
- approved via Honors Contract or Honors Class
- related to AANHPI groups (Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander)
- focused in part on raising awareness, uplifting, or calling to action

IMPORTANT

Proposal should be 250 words or less and include your:

- topic & rationale for researching it
- research question
- brief description of method
- preliminary list of sources (see QR)

TIMELINE

- **Abstract due: May 6th**
- Notification of Acceptance: May 19th
- Final Presentation Materials Due: August 26th
- Presentation Date: September 29th 11am-1pm (includes lunch)



Questions?

Email Professor Taveau:
taveaur@smccd.edu

LEARN MORE
& APPLY
HERE:

<https://tinyurl.com/AANHPI-Research>





Congratulations to Nathan Tam!

President's Student Leadership Award

Each year, the President's Student Leadership Award is presented to a graduating student for exemplary leadership and scholarship. The recipient is selected from nominations received from faculty, staff and students of the Cañada community.



Nathan Tam

2026 President's Student Leadership Award Recipient

Cañada College is proud to name Nathan Tam as this year's President's Student Leadership Award recipient. Nathan is graduating from Cañada College with seven associate degrees, earning Summa Cum Laude honors across Behavioral Science, Sociology, Kinesiology, Allied Health and interdisciplinary studies. His time at Cañada has been both challenging and transformative, helping him discover his academic interests and long-term goals.

As an Ambassador in the Honors Transfer Program (HTP), Nathan supported and connected with students exploring the program. He found it especially meaningful to witness his peers successfully transfer to prestigious institutions such as UC Berkeley, UCLA, Stanford and Columbia - an experience that strengthened his passion for mentorship and community.

Through the HTP, Nathan conducted research on the effects of COVID-19 on older Asian adults in San Francisco's Tenderloin District. He later presented and published this work at the Western Regional Honors Council and Bay Honors Consortium conferences.

Nathan is deeply grateful for the mentorship and support he received throughout his journey. This fall, he will continue his education at Harvard University. He hopes to build on the foundation he developed at Cañada College by exploring the intersection of science, community and human well-being, while continuing to create opportunities that support and uplift others.



Nathan touring Harvard



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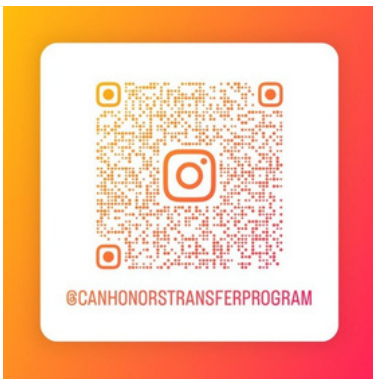
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Stay Connected



For updates, events, student spotlights, and tips:

- ➡ Follow us on instagram
[@CanHonorsTransferProgram](https://www.instagram.com/CanHonorsTransferProgram)
- ➡ If HTP member, join Honors Canvas Shell
<https://smccd.instructure.com/>
- ➡ See the HTP program website:
<https://canadacollege.edu/honorsprogram/>

LINKS

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- ◆ [Honors Contract](#)
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- ◆ [Honors Research Publications Opportunity](#)