



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CENTER

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If you'd like to share your  
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# The Olive Branch

## Cañada College International Student Newsletter

### ***The Olive Branch Essay Contest***

*The Olive Branch* is Cañada College's bi-weekly international student newsletter. It provides students with important information about academics resources, immigration reminders, and activities around campus.

The olive branch is a symbol of peace and abundance and we hope that this newsletter will keep international students connected to the Cañada family. If you have any comments, ideas or would like to contribute, please contact Supinda at [sirihekaphongs@smccd.edu](mailto:sirihekaphongs@smccd.edu).

#### **Guidelines:**

We want to hear your story about what it's like to be an international student. Write about your experience transitioning to the U.S. and Cañada College. Maybe your story is funny, a coming-of-age story, a story of struggle to triumph, whatever your story, we want to learn from your story and hopefully build a stronger community of international students who support each other, inspire each other and learn from each other.

#### **Eligibility requirements:**

Cañada College international students maintaining F-1 student status and any student enrolled in an ESL class at Cañada College are eligible to participate.

#### **Essay guidelines:**

Essays should be approximately 500 words and will be judged on 1) grammar and 2) originality and creativity. Essays must be emailed to [caninternational@smccd.edu](mailto:caninternational@smccd.edu) by the semester DROP deadline.

Essays will be selected by a committee that includes an International Student Ambassador, an ESL/English Professor and an International Student Center staff.

#### **Prizes:**

The top three winners will receive a SMCCD Bookstore Voucher; 1<sup>st</sup> place \$50, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$30, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$10, generously donated by the Cañada College Bookstore and Jing Luan, Vice Chancellor of Educational Services, SMCCD. All winners will also receive a certificate. Winning essays will also be published in the final issue.

#### **Submission Information:**

Email [caninternational@smccd.edu](mailto:caninternational@smccd.edu) your essay and cover page with the following information:

Name, student ID#, citizenship, major, Email and phone number

How many semesters have you been at Cañada College?

Are you involved in any student clubs, teams, ASCC or on-campus employment?

Title of Essay