



August 16, 2018

Dear Colleagues:

Happy Academic New Year!

The beginning of a new school year is a perfect time to reflect on the successes of last year and look forward to the promise of and energy from a new class of students. This year is particularly special as we also celebrate Cañada's 50th Anniversary!

Last May, when we convened on the Upper Lawn of the campus for Commencement, we celebrated the success of our great students by awarding more than 1,100 degrees and certificates. What was even more special was the fact that nearly half of our graduates were first-generation college students. These successes, combined with Skyline and CSM, means that the District's Colleges awarded nearly 4,600 degrees and certificates last year.

This achievement is a testament to the critical work of our extraordinary faculty and staff. I want to take this opportunity to let you know how much I appreciate your support and your work in ensuring that Cañada College remains a successful institution that serves its community. The College continues to make education accessible to many underrepresented and marginalized people; we know our work transforms their lives. We are also building stronger community partnerships. The following activities are just some of our highlights:

- I am thrilled to share that, as of August 15, Cañada College offers free, direct service between East Palo Alto and the campus. The shuttle service will run every hour from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5-10 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Pick-up will begin in East Palo Alto at 994 Beech Street and will drop off in front of the College's Main Theatre at Building 3. The Shuttle has kicked-off to huge success and was recently featured in [The Palo Alto Weekly](#) and [Redwood City Climate Magazine](#). The shuttle serves as a pilot program that will run through December 31, 2018.
- Thanks to the diligent efforts of our Promise Scholars Program and Cañada Outreach teams, there were more than 450 applicants to the Promise Scholars Program and over 370 students qualified to participate in the program! This is our largest cohort to date with a 70% percent increase in applicants and a 640% increase in cohort size compared to last year.
- As we continue to celebrate our College's golden anniversary, we will be hosting the inaugural [President's Luncheon](#) on Tuesday, October 23. This community fundraising event will benefit and help us grow our [Promise Scholars Program](#). I will be putting out a call for employees

to join the Event Planning Committee, however, if you'd like to get a head start, please contact [Megan Rodriguez Antone](#).

- Progress continues on our new Kinesiology & Wellness and Science & Technology Buildings. I'd like to thank the campus community for its support and patience as we navigate through the construction process. To track progress of campus improvements, please visit our [construction page](#).

As we move into this new year, we are also focused on Accreditation. Like so many of you who are involved in this process, as I review our documents and programs, I am reminded of all of the wonderful work we do every day and am impressed by the quality and innovation of the team who make up our college. I am always mindful that the vision of Cañada College is not my vision, it is our vision. And from this vision we always strive to create an environment that is transparent, collaborative and welcoming and a culture that is supportive, honest and puts "Students First."

As we kick-off the semester, please welcome our new team members:

- Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Tammy Robinson began in June 2018.
- Interim, Vice President, Administrative Services, Mary Chries Concha Thia took new role in June 2018.
- Interim, Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Char Perlas, will begin August 27, 2018.
- Interim, Dean, STEM, Adam Windham began in June 2018.
- Dean of PRIE, Karen Engel began in July 2018.
- Dean, Business, Design & Workforce, Leonor Caberera began permanent role in July 2018
- Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences, James Carranza began permanent role in July 2018.
- Professor Danielle Pelletier, full-time ESL Faculty began permanent role in August, 2018.
- Professor Gerardo Pacheco, full-time ESL Faculty began permanent role in August, 2018.
- Professor Ellen Young, full-time Biology began permanent role in August, 2018.
- Professor Natalie M. Alizaga, full-time Psychology began permanent role in August, 2018
- Interim, College Business Officer (CBO), Laura Brugioni, took new role in July 2018.
- Richard Saroyan, Counselor, International Students (temporary)-will begin August 2018.
- Marisol Quevedo, Program Supervisor, Promise Scholars Program began role July 2018.
- Ariela Villalpando, Program Services Coordinator began July 2018.

As with our students, this new academic year will bring us lots of opportunities to learn and grow together as a campus and as a team. I look forward to working with all of you as we continue to make Cañada College the best place to learn, work and thrive.

You have my best wishes for a great and successful semester!

Sincerely,
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.