

March 16, 2018

Dear Campus Community,

## First Annual Awareness Summit on March 22

In an effort to address and aid important issues that affect our students (San Mateo County residents), Cañada College is launching its 1st Annual <u>Awareness Summit</u> themed around Housing, Transportation and Food Insecurity -- all issues that many of our students struggle with on a daily basis. The free event will include a medley of informative panels, keynote speakers, interactive activities and thought sharing. Faculty are encouraged to bring their classes, even if it's for a portion of the day's events. The flyer is attached and you can RSVP <u>here.</u>

## Interim Director of the Disability Resource Center

The College and Wellness Center/DRC team is excited to announce the hiring of Dr. Martin Keller as the new Interim Director of the Disability Resource Center. Dr. Keller has a passion for education and supporting the success of all students, regardless of their disabilities -- that has been shaped over the past 20 years as an accommodations specialist, history teacher, assistant principal, principal, assistant director, and superintendent. In each of his roles, he has sought to ensure the success of each student and the college/school, by providing the best instructional and extracurricular opportunities and supports possible.

Dr. Keller was born profoundly Deaf into an all-Deaf family of 10 in Chicago. He feels fortunate that he was given the necessary supports and services to succeed and thrive in a mainstreamed school with the use of an American Sign Language interpreter as well as notetaking and CART services. Dr. Keller holds a Ph.D. in Deaf Education from Lamar University in Beaumont, TX; an Ed.S. in Change Leadership from Gallaudet University in Washington, DC; a M.S. in Educational Administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH; a M.S. in Deaf Education from McDaniel College in Westminster, MD; and a B.S. in History from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in Milwaukee, WI.

It is his ultimate goal to see all DRC students succeed to the best of their abilities in reaching their personal and employment goals. And as the new DRS Director, he will be committed to ensuring that every DRC student's needs and interests will be optimally met. Dr. Keller is excited to come to Cañada College to ensure that every DRC student receives the most well-rounded education possible with reasonable accommodations and services. Dr. Keller begins his new role on April 9, 2018.

## Athletic Department to Host Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Banquet

The Cañada College <u>Hall of Fame Committee</u> is set to host the <u>Fifth Induction Ceremony &</u> <u>Banquet</u> paying tribute to past and present distinguished individuals who deserve recognition for their outstanding accomplishments in athletics and support of the Cañada College Athletic Department. This year marks the Hall of Fame Committee's fifth event along with the celebration of <u>Cañada College's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</u>!

On behalf of the Hall of Fame Committee, they would like to extend a special invitation as this year they will be honoring Tom Mohr as the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner! The Induction Ceremony & Banquet will take place on Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 5 p.m. at the San Mateo Elks Lodge. With your attendance and/or support, the Committee hopes to continue this special tradition and carry on the Colts Legacy throughout years to come. RSVP form is attached. Please feel free to reach out to Athletic Director Mike Garcia with any questions at (650) 306-3212 or garciamike@smccd.edu.

Have a wonderful weekend! Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.