



Weekly Update 8-24-18

Dear Campus Community,

I hope the semester is off to a great start!

Planning to Succeed

One of the hallmarks of any successful institution is a clearly articulated vision and mission. Last spring, our campus community came together to update our [vision and mission](#) statements and to articulate new goals and strategic initiatives to help us realize our vision. These now make up our new [Education Master Plan \(EMP\)](#).

Our plan focuses on three goals: 1) student success and completion; 2) community connections; and 3) organizational development.



In the months and years ahead, we will strive to implement this plan and achieve our goals by clearly articulating how our many initiatives, grants, and projects align and support our ability to achieve our goals each year. In other words, each year we will *operationalize* our plan and make it real and relevant to guide our day-to-day efforts, while we keep our eyes on the prize of student success. Look for opportunities in the coming weeks to participate in one or more of our strategic initiatives this year. It will take all of us to achieve our goal to help students achieve theirs.

A big thank you to our Educational Master Plan Team who got us to this point. From here, our EMP will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval this Fall and regular updates on progress will be shared through Weekly Updates.

Employees Receive ‘Above and Beyond’ Award

Congratulations to Jai Kumar, Laura Brugioni, Adolfo Leiva, Julie Lamson and Michiko "Misha" Kealoha who were recognized with the ‘Above and Beyond’ award at Wednesday’s Board of Trustees meeting for their work to create of a “Grab and Go” meal program to provide low cost, nutritional meal options for students. The Cañada College Bookstore, in partnership with the Associated Students organization and the campus SparkPoint Center, developed a nutritious, brown-bag meal for \$6.00; the meal is also offered for dinner at \$3.00 after 4 p.m. at the campus Bookstore and Pony Espresso. After the program was launched, EOPS adopted the ‘Grab and Go’ initiative to support program participants. Additionally, a breakfast meal program has been developed for students for \$3.50 per meal. The program is now being viewed as a model that can be ported to Skyline College and College of San Mateo. Thank you Jai, Laura, Adolfo, Julie and Misha for your leadership in addressing a growing student support need.

Promise Application Closing on August 27

The Promise Scholars Program application will close on Monday, August 27 at 11:59 p.m.. Please note that if students are interested they must be: First-time, Full-time students (unless they have an IEP or 504 plan) and have successfully completed either FAFSA or CA Dream Act application to be qualify. For questions, please contact Marisol Quevedo, Program Supervisor, at 650-306-338 or quevedom@smccd.edu.

Digital Arts & Animation Students Receive Additional Accolades for Video

Congratulations to Digital Arts & Animation Ivy Wooldridge and Elizabeth Birdwell. They won a trip present their film “Heroism” at the Cannes Film Festival this summer and we just learned that their film was selected as one of the top 25 Campus Movie Fest films of all time! In addition, the film is now available to stream on Amazon Prime: <https://amzn.to/2w0sfFJ>

Office Hours

Beginning this week, I will continue my office hours throughout Fall 2018, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1-2 p.m.. I welcome an opportunity to meet with all of you and continue open lines of communication.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.
President