



Cañada College

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2019 SMCCCD Classified Employee of the Year: José F. Peña



José F. Peña was selected as the San Mateo County Community College District Classified Employee of the Year on February 27, 2019 at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. It was a competitive field of nominees from across the District. Cañada College President Dr. Jamillah Moore introduced José to the Board of Trustees. During the ceremony, José shared that he has been a part of the Cañada College family for 41 years. José started as a student from Mexico at the age of 15.

José serves as the Curriculum Instructional Specialist after serving as a faculty member for almost two decades. His role is vast on campus and many rely on his expertise. He demonstrates the mission of the California Community College Board of Governors and the Chancellor's Office which is, "... to empower the community college through leadership, advocacy and support." Without José's expertise, students would not be

adequately served. The level of precision that Jose applies to the job is without question exemplary.

José's name has been submitted to the California Community College State Chancellor's Office for the statewide Classified Employee of the Year Award selection.

Community Market Coming Soon



Cañada's SparkPoint will be launching a new Free Community Market at Cañada College. Thanks to a continued partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, students and community members will be able to access healthy and nutritious food. Individuals simply check-in and choose from a variety of food which will include fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as popular items from our pantry including milk and chicken.

The Free Community Market is modeled after Skyline College's very successful Community Market and is scheduled to start on either April 22 or May 6, 2019. It will be open on scheduled Mondays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and will be located in front of the Bookstore. This bi-monthly event is presented in a farmers' market style and is developed as a new approach to distributing groceries with a focus on celebration, abundance and inclusion.

Cañada Awarded Incarcerated Student Reentry Program Grant

On March, 12, 2019, the California Community College Chancellor's Office announced Cañada College as a recipient of the Currently and Formerly Incarcerated Students Reentry Program grant. The California community colleges have a long history of serving incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students through regular and long-distance education. Current efforts to assist the state's incarcerated and formerly incarcerated population resulted from two key pieces of legislation: Senate Bill 1391 (2014), and Proposition 57 (2016). As of fall 2017, 22 community colleges are providing instruction and student support services to more than 7,000 students in the state's 35 prisons.

SB 1391 (Hancock) introduced an opportunity for community colleges and state prisons to coordinate the offering of face-to-face instruction in programs that lead toward degrees or certificates that result in enhanced workforce skills. Concomitantly, the passage of the popular criminal justice reform initiative, Proposition 57, "Incentivizes inmates to take responsibility for their own rehabilitation with credit-earning opportunities for sustained good behavior, as well as in-prison program and activities participation." There are significant numbers of studies that demonstrate that providing and supporting continuing education for the incarcerated produce benefits that go beyond the needs and motives of the individual and address those of the larger, general society as well.

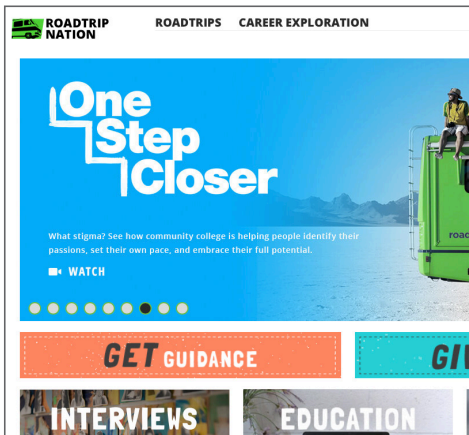
Budget Assembly Trailer Bill 1809 provides one-time funding of \$5,000,000 to establish or support programs serving formerly incarcerated students enrolled in community college, or providing face-to-face instruction to community college students in prison or jail. The grants will be focused on the students' reentry into their communities in order for this underrepresented group to succeed. The Chancellor's Office will award up to 50 grants with \$5,000,000 in funds for reentry students into the community college system.

Students Participate in the Accreditation Process

On Tuesday, March 5, Cañada President Moore hosted a forum for students to explain the accreditation process and involve them in the final review of the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report. She was assisted by Cañada Professor and Accreditation Co-Chair Alicia Aguirre and PRIE Student Assistant, Rabida Abduwali.

Dozens of students attended and participated in the discussion. After the forum, Student Senate Leaders brought details to share with their peers about how to review the [College's Self Evaluation Report](#) and provide feedback.

New Career Exploration Benefit for Students



On Tuesday, March 19, Cañada College signed up to partner with Roadtrip Nation, an informational and community-building website that can help students answer the question, "What should I do with my life?"

Roadtrip Nation offers a suite of career exploration products that help young people find their path in life by exploring how others found theirs. Tools in their suite include an interview video archive, curriculum, student engagement events, and a career advice platform where anyone can share their experiences.

Cañada students will get free access to Roadtrip Nation services for the next three years. Learn more at roadtripnation.com.

Newly Wrapped Student Shuttles Hit the Road



Cañada's student shuttles have received an impactful new visual upgrade. Not only will the buses be easier to identify for student riders, they will be functioning as mobile billboards, exposing thousands of local residents to Cañada's brand and contact information. The shuttles pick-up and drop-off off students from locations in Menlo Park and East Palo Alto. For full schedule times and pick-up locations, please visit canadacollege.edu/shuttle.

Basketball Team Plays in Northern California Finals



The Colts Basketball Team wrapped up a fantastic season by reaching the second round of the Coast Conference Northern California Playoffs against City College of San Francisco. The Colts were led by coaches Matt Lee, Gary Plummer, Marvin Choa, and Andrew Kochevar. Unfortunately, the City College of San Francisco men's basketball team beat Cañada College 83-67 to advance to the Elite Eight of the CCCAA playoffs on Saturday, March 9, 2019. The Colts ended the season ranked 9th in California with 22 wins and 8 losses.

Statewide Food & Housing Insecurity Report Released

On March 7, 2019, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice released the California Community Colleges #RealCollege Survey. The report evaluated access to affordable food and housing at 57 California community colleges in the fall of 2016 and 2018. Of the nearly 40,000 California community college students surveyed, half experienced food insecurity 30 days prior to the survey, 60% were housing insecure in the previous year, and 19% were homeless in the previous year.

Cañada College participated in the survey and received the following topline numbers:

	Food Insecurity	Housing Insecurity	Homelessness
Percentage	42.8	62.3	20.4

The Hope Center also released [recommendations](#) for addressing basic needs in California. These include increasing financial aid for community college students and creating a statewide college lunch program.

To read the full report visit: <https://hope4college.com/category/reports/>.

Upcoming Events



SAN MATEO COUNTY
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YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP US HONOR **TOM AND SANDY MOHR**

For their decades of service and commitment to the community and to the college district, and for their tireless efforts in advancing educational opportunity throughout the county, the San Mateo County Community College District is honoring Tom and Sandy Mohr's years of selfless service to the students of our region.

JOIN US FOR A RECEPTION

Friday, March 29, 2019
2 – 4 p.m. at Cañada College
Building 5 (The Grove)
4200 Farm Hill Blvd.
Redwood City, CA

RSVP: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MohrEvent>

For questions, please contact:
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Upcoming Events (cont.)

March 29 Tom and Sandy Mohr Reception

2-4 p.m. in Bldg. 5

(in the Grove)

You are invited to a reception honoring Tom and Sandy Mohr for their decades of service to the community and our college district.

April 13 Inspire Higher Panel Presentation

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Bldg. 5-320

(in the Grove)

Featured Panelists:

Lisa Gauthier - Mayor | East Palo Alto

Tony Quintero - Producer & Activist

Nancy Rosales - Serial Entrepreneur (Easy Success Video & Pepito's Paletas)

Gabriel Lomeli Jr. - Account Manager | LinkedIn

April 17 Spring Job Fair

11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5-320

(in the Grove)

April 25 Connect to College Night

6 - 8:30 p.m. in Bldg. 5

(in the Grove)

- Learn about Cañada College's programs and services
- Meet current students, faculty and counselors
- Explore college and career opportunities in the heart of the Silicon Valley

