



Weekly Update 3-29-19

Hyla Lacefield Honored

The San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees honored various prominent faculty during Women's History Month at the March 27, 2019 regular meeting. Cañada College's Hyla Lacefield was among those honored. Hyla has been a faculty member at Cañada College since 2013 in the Digital Arts and Animation Department. She also serves as the President of the Academic President at the College. Many congratulations go out to Hyla for this recognition!



Inspire Higher Panel Presentation Coming April 13

The Cañada College Promise Scholars Program, in partnership with Silicon Valley Latino, is proud to host the next [Inspire Higher Panel Presentation](#). The event will be held on Saturday, April 13, 11 am – 1 pm in Bldg. 6-101/102.



Featured panelists include:

- Lisa Gauthier - Mayor, East Palo Alto
- Tony Quintero - Producer & Activist
- Nancy Rosales - Serial Entrepreneur (Easy Video Success & Pepito's Paletas)
- Gabriel Lomeli Jr. - Account Manager, LinkedIn
- Moderated by: Lilian Peña - KGO-TV ABC7

They will be sharing their stories to inspire local high school students to prepare for careers in the STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) fields.

Save the Date: Connect to College

Please plan on attending [Connect to College](#) on Thursday April 25th from 6–8:30 pm in the Grove!



Connect to College is an open house for incoming students where they learn about the exciting programs, majors, and opportunities here at Cañada College. There will be workshops on financial aid, counseling, and the Promise Program. Additionally, faculty, staff, and current students can table at the event. If you would like to reserve a table to showcase your program and/or student projects, please sign up here: [Reserve a Table for Connect to College](#). For additional questions, contact [Mayra Arellano](#).

Cañada PTK Ranks #1

Our chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for students of two-year colleges—of which there are 1400 chapters across the country and 120 in Cal/Nev region—returned early this week from the fall regional conference in Sacramento with the ranking of #1 in the Cal/Nev Region (that's 1st out of 120).

This scoring is based on two yearlong projects. One is "The College (President's) Project", which this past year involved Cañada's upcoming accreditation report. The other is the Honors In Action research effort. This year that effort involved an examination of how big data and nudging theory might be used to move students into habits of behavior that often correlate with student success. The students will see how they did against all 1400 chapters at the International convention at the beginning of April.

Thank You for Attending Program Review Presentations

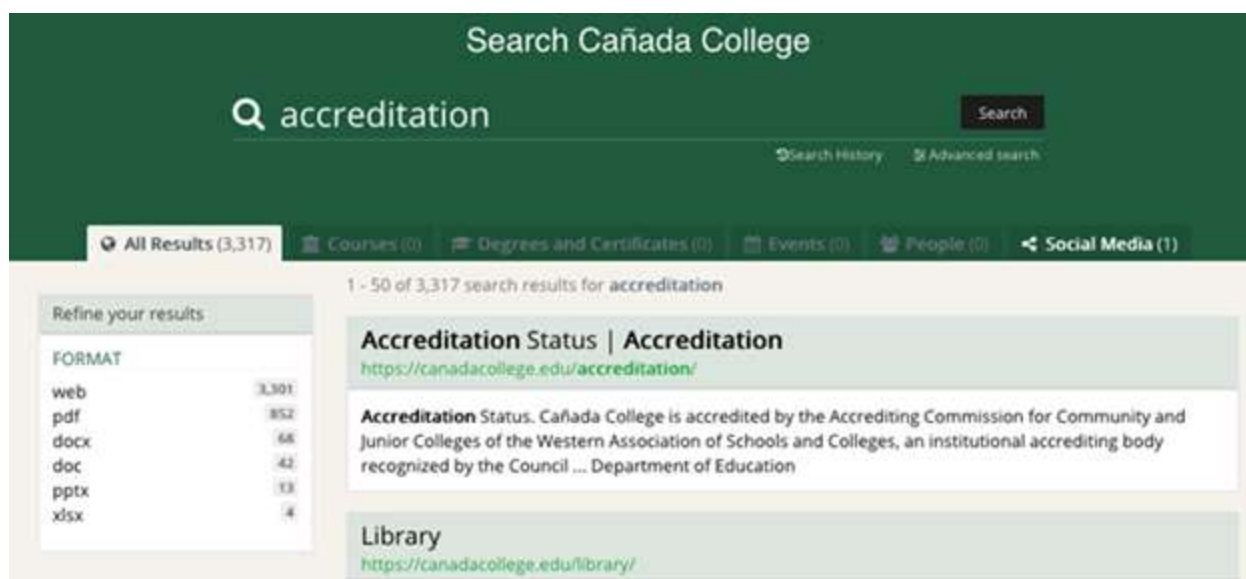
Thanks to all who attended the Program Review Presentations that occurred on Friday, March 15, 2019. We enjoyed learning more about our programs. The presentations consisted of faculty in Digital Arts and Animation, Medical Assisting, Paralegal, Math, Physics and Radiologic Technology. Each faculty member showed the group highlights, future programmatic projections and overall needs for the future. It was a great moment for us to witness the impact our programs make on the community, and our students. Thank you all again and I hope next year's turn out is even greater!



New Website Search Engine: Funnelback

This week, we launched a brand new search engine on the Cañada website called Funnelback. It replaces Google Search and provides students, faculty, and staff a vastly improved search experience. With this search engine, available on every page of the website, the campus community will now be able to quickly and efficiently find and sort any information.

The advanced search function allows users to filter by courses, degrees and certificates, events, people, or social media. It can even break down searches by format (e.g. web, pdf, doc, ppt, etc.). Funnelback also provides powerful backend tools that we can use to analyze trends and statistics on our website to customize the results, and ultimately provide a better, more cohesive experience.



The screenshot displays the search interface for Cañada College. At the top, the search bar contains the query 'accreditation' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'All Results (3,317)', 'Courses (0)', 'Degrees and Certificates (0)', 'Events (0)', 'People (0)', and 'Social Media (1)'. A 'Refine your results' section on the left lists file formats: web (3,301), pdf (852), docx (66), doc (42), pptx (13), and xlsx (4). The main results area shows the first result: 'Accreditation Status | Accreditation' with the URL <https://canadacollege.edu/accreditation/>. The snippet for this result states: 'Accreditation Status. Cañada College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council ... Department of Education'. Below this, a 'Library' result is visible with the URL <https://canadacollege.edu/library/>.

Survey of Student Engagement

Our College is in the midst of administering the national, bi-annual Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE). This Survey helps gather vital information about our students: how much they are working, how well they understand and are utilizing services and programs at the College, and much more.

If your class has been selected (via our random sampling process) to participate in the survey, please cooperate with [Dean of PRIE, Karen Engel](#), and her student assistant, Rabida Abduwali, who is helping to administer the survey, and schedule a day and time for them to come to your classroom as soon as possible. Thank you.

Save the Date: Campus Construction Forum

Mark your calendar for an informative construction forum that will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 2 pm. Location details to come.

The SMCCCD Facilities team will provide an update on the progress of the Cañada capital projects—**what's been done and what we can expect to see happen heading into the fall semester.**

Detailed updates will be provided on:

- CAN B1
- CAN B23
- Site work on the north plaza by B23
- Astronomy pad in Lot 10
- CAN B9
- CAN Vista Housing
- Campus logistics plan
- Space planning for vacated spaces
- Status of the State capital outlay project funding for CAN B13

Cesar Chavez Day Observed: Campus Closed April 1

In honor of Cesar Chavez Day, the campus will be closed Monday, April 1. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, April 2.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.
President