



Weekly Update 3-1-19

2019 SMCCCD Classified Employee of the Year: José Peña from Cañada College



José 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 fierce field of nominees from across the District. Cañada College President, Dr. Jamillah Moore introduced José to the Board of Trustees. During the ceremony José became very emotional and 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 and he is a pivotal member of the Office of Instruction as the Curriculum and Instructional Systems Specialist. 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. It is fundamental and the level of precision that Jose applies to the job is without question exemplary. Please join all of us as we congratulate José Pena as the 2019 SMCCCD Classified Employee of the Year!

If you support José's candidacy, then please write a letter of support which is due by March 13, 2019. José's name is now submitted to the California Community College State Chancellor's Office. Let's all wish him the best and thank him for his years of service, hard work and just all around excellent human being! Our college is a better place because of José Peña.

Meet our Vice President of Student Services Finalists!

Please plan on attending the upcoming VPSS Finalist Open Forums. There will be four Open Forums over two days: two on Monday, March 4, and two on Tuesday, March 5.

The Open Forums are a venue for the campus community to learn more about each finalist and engage in a Q & A format with them. This also provides an opportunity for the candidates to meet the outstanding students, staff, faculty, and administration of Cañada College.



[View Finalist Biographies](#)

Monday, March 4	
11:30am – 12:30pm	Dr. Manuel Alejandro Perez
2:30pm -3:30pm	Dr. Char Perlas
Tuesday, March 5	
10:00am –11:00am	Dr. Vinicio Lopez
2:30pm – 3:30pm	Mr. Samuel Santos

Location for all Forums: Building 6, Rooms 101/102

You are Invited to an Event Honoring 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 on

Friday, March 29, 2019

2:00–4:00 pm

Cañada College – Building 5 (The Grove)

4200 Farm Hill Blvd., Redwood City, CA

[RSVP Now](#)

Education Career & Job Fair

Monday March 4th from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

This event is hosted by the Career Center and the Education & Human Development Center, and is directed at current ECE students, ECE alumni, and anyone interested in working with children. Students will meet local employers, learn about their hiring practices, and discover employment opportunities. We would greatly appreciate if you can remind students of this event. There will be free food for everyone!

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers for this event and the April Job fair. If you would like to volunteer, you may sign up on this [registration form](#).

Late Night Study Space Open in East Palo Alto

Bayshore Christian Ministries has opened a study space near the EPA Cañada Shuttle stop. Students can use the space on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 pm – midnight. Free Wi-Fi, hot beverages, and snacks are also provided. See the attached flyer for more details.

New Update for the Expansion of the Promise Scholars Program (PSP)

The Promise Scholars Program (PSP) is expanding and growing in Fall 2019! The program is expanding to 2-year support for current Promise Scholars and will be welcoming a new cohort of students this coming fall. Please see details below for more information. If you have any questions please contact [Marisol Quevedo](#).

The Promise Scholars Program provides first-time college students who attend full-time with the financial, counseling and academic support they need to graduate with their degree or certificate within two years with limited third-year funding available, if needed. Modeled after the City University of New York's ASAP program, it offers full financial support, personalized counseling, and other services that are proven to increase student success.

To be eligible students must be a first-time college student and seeking a degree or certificate (transfer student, AA, AS, AST, certificate). International and out-of-state students are not eligible for the Promise Scholars Program.

To be accepted students must complete the FAFSA or Dream Act application, enroll in a minimum of 12 units at Cañada College and complete the Promise Scholars Program on boarding process.

Students who fulfill the program requirements above are eligible to receive:

- Full tuition and fees waived for first and second years, with limited third-year funding available, if needed
- Bookstore voucher each semester to offset textbook and testing supply costs
- Dedicated personal counseling
- Monthly incentives (\$50/month gas card or food credit)"

More Scholarship Reviewers Needed

The Financial Aid Office is seeking several more scholarship reviewers for the 2019-20 Cañada Scholarship Program. The application deadline is March 2, 2019 and the application review period will run for two weeks beginning March 11 through March 25. Instructions on the process will be sent to all reviewers prior to the March 2nd application deadline. The average time commitment for reviewers is 6-7 hours in total. It is an immensely rewarding experience and an opportunity to learn more about our amazing and diverse student body at Cañada!

If you are interested in being a scholarship reviewer, please email [Margie Carrington](#).

Program Review Presentations Coming

All are invited to attend the Instructional Planning Council Program Review Presentations. Come support your colleagues and hear about what some of our instructional programs have been working on and what they are planning for the future. Presentations will be held on Friday, March 15 from 9 am –12 pm in Room 2-10. Light refreshments will be served!

Upcoming Student Success Support Sessions (S⁴)

Interested in learning more about our student support services? Bring your lunch to any of the following sessions to gain a greater understanding of what we offer. All sessions will be held in Room 9-123. For more information or questions, contact [Char Perlas](#).

- SparkPoint | Monday, March 18, 12–1 pm
- Measure of Mental Health-Related Risk: The 'D' Scale | Monday, April 15, 12–1 pm
- Stress Reduction and Mindfulness | Monday, May 20, 12–1 pm

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.
President