



Commencement Ceremony Venue Change

Due to construction, Cañada's upcoming 51st Commencement Ceremony will be taking place at College of San Mateo. The ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. More information to come as planning continues.



Another Successful Flex Day

A big thanks go out to everyone who participated in Wednesday's Flex Day. Our next Flex Day is on Friday, March 29. Information and updates can be found on the [Flex Day website](#).

Cañada College

FLEX DAY

MARCH 29, 2019

Supporting Our Students in an

AB 705

Environment and Beyond...

March 29th, 2019

9a.m. - 12p.m. | Bldg. 6-101/102

For questions, contact Dean David Reed: reedd@smccd.edu | (650) 306-3470

Student Forum on Accreditation at Cañada

Professor Alicia Aguirre, Accreditation Co-Chair, and PRIE Student Worker, Rabida Abduwali, joined President Moore in hosting a Forum for students in The Grove on Tuesday, March 5, to explain the accreditation process and involve them in the final review of our self-evaluation process.

Dozens of students participated in the discussion and Student Senate Leaders will be communicating with their peers about how to review the College's [Self Study Report](#) and provide feedback.

New Statewide Food & Housing Insecurity Report Released

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and The Hope Center for College, Community, and Justice released the [California Community Colleges #RealCollege Survey](#) yesterday. 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.

Newly Wrapped Shuttles Begin Hitting the Road

The first Cañada Shuttle has been wrapped with vinyl graphics and will be on the road next week. All four shuttles are scheduled to be completed by the end of March.



Next Week: Program Review Presentations

It is time for Cañada College to witness the greatness, strength and innovativeness of our programs. Please come to support your colleagues. The presentations will take place on Friday, March 15, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Room 2-10

The following programs will tentatively present:

I.	9:00 a.m.	Career Courses
II.	9:30 a.m.	Digital Arts and Animation
III.	10:00 a.m.	Medical Assistants' Program
IV.	10:30 a.m.	Paralegal
V.	11:00 a.m.	Math
VI.	11:30 a.m.	Physics
VII.	12:00 p.m.	Radiologic Tech

Continental breakfast and lunch will be served. Please join your colleagues as we celebrate our unique programs and services.

Promise Scholars Program Application Now Open

Students can apply through their WebSMART Portal. The application lives under the "Student" tab and can be found by clicking on the "District Promise Application" link near the top of the list. The application is pretty simple. It's only a few quick "yes" or "no" questions, so it shouldn't take more than a few minutes to complete.

Our first review of applications, as a district, will happen on April 15th, with notifications sent out at the end of April. Only candidates who have fully completed and submitted their FAFSA or Dream Act Application will be selected, so it is important that students complete their financial aid as early as possible.

The second review of applications will take place in early June, and the third round of review will take place in late July. Beyond that, remaining spots will be filled on a rolling basis.

For program details and additional information, visit the [Promise Scholars Program website](#) or contact [Marisol Quevedo](#).

Letters of Support Needed and Welcomed for José Peña

We are honored to continue acknowledging Cañada College's very own José Peña, who has been selected as the SMCCCD Classified Employee of the Year. The nomination is the first step; the next step is to support our candidate at the state level.

The application is due to the Chancellor's Office on March 13, 2019. So, we are asking that those who support his candidacy—to please provide a letter of support by March 12, 2019. The letter does not have to be long, it just needs to support José Peña. Please send your letters to [Dr. Tammy Robinson, Vice President of Instruction](#).

Thank you all again. Please continue to congratulate José Peña as he has been a pillar at our college for 41 years. That deserves recognition and our support.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.
President