



A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 12-3-21

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break with family and friends. As we enter the final weeks of the fall semester we are focused on completing our annual [position presentations](#). I plan to announce the outcomes of the new and replacement position proposals once we return from the holiday break. We are also working to finalize our return to campus in January, 2022 and we invite you to attend our final Safety Committee meeting for the fall semester on Friday, December 10 from 1-2:30 p.m. (Zoom link: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/84205030525>). I've included the most recent return to campus website updates below. Additionally, the Cañada College President announcement will be posted on Monday, December 6. Lastly, please join me in celebrating all that we've accomplished together this fall semester at our annual Campus Holiday Gathering on Friday, December 17 (see invitation below).

Campus Holiday Gathering: Dec. 17 – Please RSVP!

Please save the date for our in-person Campus Holiday Gathering, held on the rooftop patio of Building 23, on Friday, December 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The entire campus community is invited to mix and mingle over light refreshments and merriment. **Please [RSVP](#) by Tuesday, December 7.**




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TUESDAY, DEC. 17, 2021
11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
LOCATED ON THE

Building 23 Rooftop

<https://bit.ly/3d83LzA>

SMCCCD Return to Campus Website Updates

Please refer to the District Return to Campus website for [employees](#) and [students](#) which includes the latest information on [face covering requirements](#), [public access](#), [Sincerely-held Religious Belief Exemption for students](#) and more. Please use this website as a resource for yourselves as well as students if you receive questions as we prepare for our return to campus.

David Vera, Director of Financial Aid Services

David Vera joins our Cañada community as the new Director of Financial Aid Services. David brings more than 16 years of experience working in higher education, which includes 13 years of financial aid experience. Prior to that, David started his higher education career as a work-study student in Admissions and Records and worked part-time in the Business office until he was hired as a full-time Financial Aid Counselor in 2008. His most recent role was serving as a Financial Aid Counselor IV where he managed two full-time counselors and was in charge of updating the Counseling unit's policy and procedure in verification and appeals.

David holds a Bachelor's degree in Child Development from The National Hispanic University, a Master's degree in Education Administration with an emphasis in Higher Education from Santa Clara University, and a doctoral degree in Higher Education Leadership from Walden University. A fun fact about David is that he has a fraternal twin and is a season ticket holder for the San Francisco 49ers. Welcome, David!



College Shuttle Re-Launches in January 2022

The Cañada College shuttle will be back in rotation for the Spring semester! The shuttle will run direct service Monday-Thursday to/from Cañada and East Palo Alto beginning January 18, 2022 through May 27, 2022. The service, which was temporarily suspended due to COVID, will provide convenient connections for several students and employees residing in the East Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Belle Haven communities. More importantly, the shuttle service aims to make a college education more accessible to our underserved communities. To promote this service, the College will be distributing postcard mailers (in English and Spanish) to more than 50,000 residences in East Palo Alto, Belle Haven neighborhood, Menlo Park and Palo Alto the first week of December. Visit canadacollege.edu/shuttle for the latest schedule updates.

**CATCH A
FREE RIDE TO COLLEGE!**

Cañada College is offering **FREE** hourly shuttle service directly to campus from East Palo Alto.

Monday - Thursday
7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
5 - 10 p.m.

994 Beech Street
East Palo Alto, CA

canadacollege.edu/shuttle

Spring registration is now open! Visit:
canadacollege.edu/admissions

Cañada College
REDWOOD CITY, CA

Help Spread the Word: Spring Registration is OPEN to ALL New & Returning Students!

Registration for the Spring 2022 semester is open to all new and returning students! Please remind your students to check out Spring 2022 classes (offered in-person and virtually) at Webschedule and register.

Upload Student's Vaccination Status - All students are required to be vaccinated in order to take in-person classes. Students must provide proof of vaccination by using the following instructions to complete the vaccination documentation process and upload their information:

1. [Log into Websmart](#) and select the Student Services tab
2. Click on the "COVID-19 Vaccination" link at the top of the page and select one of the options below:
3. Select "Fully vaccinated"

Enter requested vaccine information AND upload a digital copy (jpeg, tiff, or pdf) of vaccination card or California digital vaccination record. International students should

provide documentation that is translated into English. For more information, students can visit <https://smccd.edu/return-to-campus/students.php>.

Thank you for your hard work this week and have a restful weekend.

Sincerely,
Kim