



Weekly Update 2-11-21

Dear Campus Community,

To support our efforts to become an anti-racist institution, we are launching two ways for our community members to share their voices.

1. Cultural Center Focus Groups

Cañada College is preparing to launch a new Cultural Center on campus. The College has partnered with the Career Ladders Project (CLP) to facilitate focus groups this spring to learn how a cultural center can help meet the diverse needs of our college community. CLP is a non-profit organization that promotes equity-minded community college redesign. Learn more about CLP's work with colleges, their background, and best practices on their [website](#).

The objective of the focus groups is to build deeper understanding of the experiences of our students, faculty and staff in our community and at the College. To achieve this objective, we have created small focus group discussions centered on the experiences of communities based on race, ethnicity, immigration experience, sexual orientation and gender. As a campus dedicated to fighting anti-Black racism in particular, the College prioritized focus groups that uplift our Black student, faculty and staff voices in particular. We will also host opportunities for community members to provide input online. In all cases, the identities of participants and contributors will be held in confidence and the feedback gathered will not be attributed to individuals.

To participate in a focus group on Zoom with a facilitator from Career Ladders Project, [please register here.](#)

Please note: for research purposes, the audio (not video) of each focus group discussion will be recorded and transcribed. All contributions will be kept strictly confidential. For details about the Cultural Center focus groups and to register, please log on to the [College's Antiracism website](#).

2. National Assessment of Campus Climates

On February 23, 2021, all of our currently enrolled students will be invited via email to participate in the [National Assessment of Collegiate Campus Climates \(NACCC\)](#), a racial climate survey made possible via our participation in the USC Race and Equity Center's California Community College Equity Leadership Alliance. The NACCC survey content is based on more than a decade of the Race and Equity Center's qualitative climate studies at colleges and universities across the country. Our students will be invited to participate in the 15-minute survey online via a link sent to their @smccd.edu emails.

For more information on either of these efforts, please feel free to contact me or our [Dean of PRIE, Dr. Karen Engel](#).

Latino Thought Makers Virtual Event featuring Actor Luis Guzman – Feb. 16

Please join the Cañada College community for a presentation by Latino Thought Makers featuring Actor Luis Guzman on Tuesday, Feb. 16 from 3:30-5 p.m. Latino Thought Makers is a platform that provides a respectful and inclusive safe-space for educational discussions about all social, racial, and cultural issues with knowledgeable and highly-esteemed guest speakers. Luis was born in Puerto Rico and grew up in Manhattan. He worked as a Youth Counselor while performing in street theatre and independent films and graduated from The City College of New York. Since Luis' big break on "Miami Vice," he has appeared in more than 100 feature films including: "We're the Millers," "Boogie Nights," "Magnolia," "Traffic," "Turbo," "Punch Drunk Love," and "Carlito's Way."

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/LTMFeb16>

The poster features the Latino Thought Makers logo at the top left, which includes a stylized sun and the text "LATINO THOUGHT MAKERS of RICK NAJERA". To the right of the logo, it says "LATINO THOUGHT MAKERS PRESENTS". Below this is a large black and white photograph of actor Luis Guzman, looking thoughtfully at the camera with his hand to his chin. To the right of the photo, the text reads: "A Virtual Conversation With LUIS GUZMAN", "Actor, Performer", and lists his filmography: "We're the Millers, Turbo, The Last Stand, The Taking of Pelham 123, Puerto Ricans in Paris, Magnolia, Boogie Nights, Carlito's Way, Shameless, Miami Vice, NYPD Blue, Law and Order: Oz, Code Black". Below this, it says "Hosted and Directed By RICK NAJERA" and includes a small circular portrait of Rick Najera with his credentials: "(Award-winning Writer, Director & Author, Huku's East Los High, In Living Color, MADtv, Showtime)". At the bottom of the poster, it states "TUESDAY, FEB. 16, 2021 | 3:30-5 PM" and "Event Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/LTMFeb16>". The footer contains the Cañada College logo, the text "The District's cultural center, where ideas meet", the website "www.smccd.edu", and social media handles for @latinothoughtmakers, @canadacollegePRWC, and latinothoughtmakers.com, along with Facebook and Instagram icons.

EOPS Accepting Applications for the Spring Semester Through March 5

EOPS is still accepting applications for the Spring semester until March 5, 2021! The State is allowing us to accept students with at least nine units without a limitation for the spring semester only! Please share this news with your students. EOPS assistance includes: Counseling, Book Vouchers, Food Assistance (grocery card), Transportation Assistance (gas card or daily bus passes) and CSU and UC Application Fee Waivers. Feel free to refer students to us and/or our website to apply online: caneops@smccd.edu, (650) 306-3300 or <https://canadacollege.edu/eops/eops.php>

Animation Show of Shows: Feb. 17

The Digital Art & Animation Department, in association with ASCC, is proud to present the 21st Annual Animation Show of Shows online on Wednesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. The family-friendly Animation Show of Shows compiles the best independent short animated films from around the world, and is an exploration of themes, techniques, and styles that are not often seen in mainstream studio animation. The show will be introduced by producer Ron Diamond, who will also take part in a Q&A after the screening. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link (the show will be screened via Vimeo). Students must include their G-number in the reservation request. Sign up for your ticket [here](#).



Save the Date for the Upcoming Facilities Forum – Feb. 23

Please save the date for the College's Facilities/Construction Forum (via Zoom) on Tuesday, February 23 from 2-3:30 p.m. The purpose of the forum is to provide our college community with important construction/facilities-related updates. The Question & Answer portion will be done in two ways. Everyone will be able to submit a question before the forum or you can have the option of doing so during the update. Immediately following the campus updates, the panelists will answer as many questions as possible. Take a moment to please submit your questions [here](#). The Zoom link to join the Forum can be found [HERE](#)

Facebook Info Session & Networking for Community College Students

Please share this opportunity with your students! Facebook is hosting a virtual event on Wednesday, Feb. 24 made for community college students by full time Facebookers who have attended community colleges! At the event, employees will share what it means to work at Facebook and provide advice and mentorship for students in their career journey. Students can learn about various career opportunities at Facebook. From marketing, operations, engineering, product and more, students will understand which career paths may be a fit and receive tips to succeed in their career journey! Additional information is on the attached flyer. The event will be held on February 24 at 4 p.m. and students can RSVP [here](#).

SMCCCD Alumni Book Club- Feb. 24

Make plans to join the [SMCCCD Alumni Book Club](#) on Feb. 24 with a reading *Three Hours in Paris*, the *NY Times* best-seller written by Cañada College alumna Cara Black. The SMCCCD Alumni Association, campus bookstores, and college libraries invite all interested readers to join us for a fun conversation. The Alumni Book Club is free and open to faculty and staff, but you must RSVP to receive the zoom link: <https://foundation.smccd.edu/alumni/bookclub.php>. You can order your copy of the book, *Three Hours in Paris*, through the [Cañada College Bookstore](#), to receive a special gift with purchase.

Belle Haven Action COVID Testing

Belle Haven Action is hiring for both paid and volunteer positions at its Neighborhood COVID Testing Site. https://bit.ly/bha_nts. The paid position is \$25 an hour and a W9 is required for paid positions. Additional information can be found [here](#). Belle Haven Action offers [testing](#) to the community on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sundays from 12. to 3 p.m. at [415 Ivy Plaza](#), Belle Haven Elementary School, in Menlo Park. They are contracted with the County until March 2021 and may extend testing into the year.

Upcoming Compliance Training: March 5

Mwanaisha Sims, SMCCCD's Director of Policy, Training, and Compliance, will be hosting a presentation/training on District policies and process on Unlawful Harassment and Discrimination/Title IX, V and VII. The training is a good opportunity for faculty and staff to learn about reporting obligations and the processes for student and employee complaints. Mark your calendars for March 5 from 1-2 p.m. The Zoom link can be found [here](#).

Campus Closed February 12-14

In observance of Lincoln's Birthday and President's Day, campus will be closed February 12-15 and will re-open on Tuesday, February 16.

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong.

Sincerely,
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.
President