



## **Weekly Update 2-26-21**

Dear Campus Community,

### **SMCCCD Will Remain Mostly Online for Summer and Fall 2021**

The three colleges of the San Mateo County Community College District – Cañada College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College – will continue to hold courses in online and distance education modalities, as well as provide most student services remotely, through the end of the Fall 2021 semester. The San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees formally ratified the decision in their meeting on Feb. 24. The Board’s decision was based on the joint recommendation of the Chancellor and the District Academic Senate. Most employees will also continue to work remotely through Fall 2021.

In-person instruction will continue for certain essential infrastructure sectors—healthcare, emergency services, and transportation fields, as well as critical STEM labs in key transfer areas, and to meet licensing requirements for career education programs—in order to train first responders and healthcare workers to address urgent community needs and to provide direct pathways to employment. Due to criteria set by the State that include requirements for social distancing, classroom/lab sanitization procedures, and other health precautions, the number of people at SMCCCD campuses will be kept at a minimum. Visit [news.smccd.edu](https://news.smccd.edu) for the latest information.

### **Recording of Facilities Forum**

Thank you to campus community members who were able to join our Facilities Forum, which was held on Tuesday, Feb. 23. For those who were unable to attend, the Forum was recorded and can be viewed [here](#).

## TalkNow Launches at Cañada

Cañada College is proud to announce the launch of CañadaTalkNow, a free 24/7 on demand emotional support for students. Students can use CañadaTalkNow to gain immediate access to a mental health professional to discuss stress, anxiety, depression, grief, loss and much more. CañadaTalkNow is supported by TimelyMD, an independent company, and does not offer access to Cañada personal counseling staff. The service is ideal for students who need immediate support or those that need help during nights, weekends, or campus closures. For ongoing free therapy, students should contact their campus Personal Counseling Services [link](#). Learn more and register by visiting [here](#).



## Nominations Requested for Cañada College Classified Employee of the Year

Each year, the Board of Governors along with the State Chancellor's Office seeks nominations from each community college district for their Classified Employee of the Year Award. In our district, the three colleges and the District Office *each* nominate one classified employee. The Board of Trustees reviews the resulting four nominations received and makes the final selection of the nominee to be forwarded to the State. Considerations for the award include a commitment to high standards of job performance and professionalism, demonstrated leadership, collaboration, knowledge, and other criteria.

I encourage and invite all members of the Cañada Community (students, faculty members, and classified staff) to nominate a classified employee for our college's award. If you wish to nominate someone, please fill out the attached nomination form. Please note that there are five questions requiring a narrative reply. I realize that you may not have all the information about the employee you wish to nominate, but please try to complete the form as best as you can.

Because of the very short time we have to provide our nominee to the Board of Trustees, all nominations must be received by Wednesday, March 10 at 4:30 p.m. Please submit your completed nomination form to the Office of the President at [CANPresident@smccd.edu](mailto:CANPresident@smccd.edu). The College Cabinet will then review the nominations and make a final selection by March 17 to ensure that we meet the deadline for submitting our nominee to the District. We look forward to receiving your nominations. Please contact my office if you have any questions.

### **2021-22 Cañada Scholarship Reviewers Needed!**

The Financial Aid Office is seeking Cañada faculty, staff and administrators who would like to serve as scholarship reviewers for the 2021-22 Cañada Scholarship Program. Each reviewer will be assigned 30-40 scholarship applications to review between March 5 – 21 in AcademicWorks, the online scholarship application platform used by the three SMCCCD colleges. The time commitment should not exceed 6-8 hours and is one of the most rewarding ways to get to know our students. Reviewers will be provided with comprehensive instructions, a scoring rubric and a few Zoom drop-in training opportunities and one-on-one assistance as needed. Please respond to Margie Carrington at [carringtonm@smccd.edu](mailto:carringtonm@smccd.edu) by February 28, 2021 if you would like to serve as a scholarship reviewer.

### **Welcome Rosa Moncada, VROC Program Services Coordinator**

Please welcome Rosa Moncada, Cañada College's new Veterans Resource and Opportunity Center (VROC) Program Services Coordinator. In her new role at Cañada College, Rosa will be serving Veterans, military-connected individuals and their dependents, as well as supporting the Welcome Center Team with Probation Dismissal students. Rosa is a ten-year United States Army veteran who has also served as the School Certifying Official at Citrus College. She holds a B.A. in Psychology from California State University, Northridge and a M.S. in College Counseling and Student Development from Azusa Pacific University. Rosa can be contacted directly at [moncadar@smccd.edu](mailto:moncadar@smccd.edu) or at (818) 928-5246.



## **Upcoming Purchasing Trainings**

The District Purchasing Department is hosting a series of virtual purchasing trainings and employees are welcome to sign up for the trainings:

Thursday, March 4, 2021

1:30 – 3 p.m. – Contracts & Insurance Guidelines: Who, What, Where, Why, and How of the Contractual Process, Understanding Insurance Requirements

Register At: [https://smccd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_9P63iZQNQ-Cw9y1HbIZPQg](https://smccd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9P63iZQNQ-Cw9y1HbIZPQg)

Thursday, March 11, 2021

9 – 10 a.m. - Independent Contracts (IC) Guidelines: Overview of the IC District Procedures, Review the IC Questionnaire & Contract

Register At: [https://smccd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_V04hJKtHSVunn8\\_XWZE16Q](https://smccd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_V04hJKtHSVunn8_XWZE16Q)

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong.

Sincerely,  
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.  
President