



Weekly Update 1-29-21

Dear Campus Community,

A Conversation with Dr. Cornel West

Thank you to those who were able to join in yesterday's important conversation with renowned speaker, author and Harvard scholar, Dr. Cornel West. In case you missed it, the event was recorded and can be accessed [here](#).

2021 Awareness Summit

Each February, Cañada College hosts its annual [Awareness Summit](#). After careful consideration, and in light of ongoing COVID-19 developments, we are postponing the 2021 event and will continue the College's and District's current efforts to support our students and community. This includes assistance with basic, essential needs with food and technology so students can continue to study. Thank you for your continued support.

Enrollment Update

At College Council this past Wednesday, Dean of PRIE Engel shared an update on the [College's enrollment trends](#). While enrollments are a concerning 8% lower now than they were at this point in Spring 2020, the number of students (headcount) registered this term is slightly higher than last Spring. On average, students continue to enroll in fewer units than they did before the pandemic. Remarkably, the number of First-Time Students enrolled this Spring is also nearly the same as it was this time last year. This is quite an achievement.

A big “Thank You!” to our classified staff, particularly our Admissions and Records, Cashiers Office, Division Assistants, Executive Assistants, Financial Aid Office, Instructional Aides, Library and Learning Center staff, Outreach, Program Service Coordinators, Retention Specialists, and Welcome Center, as they have all contributed in assisting our students. We recognize that you are finding ways to continue providing exceptional support and services, despite the many challenges we face. Thank you!

Online Tutoring Services Available to Students

The Learning and STEM Centers are continuing online tutoring and have made changes to make tutoring easier to access! To receive tutoring, students can visit the [Learning Center](#) or [STEM Center](#) Tutoring pages. Tutoring can also be accessed by using the Cañada Tutors or NetTutor link from the left navigation bar in Canvas.

On the websites, students will find simplified instructions to access tutoring and scheduled hours of operation. In addition, outside of the scheduled hours, students will also be able to use NetTutor which is an external online tutoring platform that provides a wide range of professional tutoring support. The Learning and STEM Centers are also excited to share that the Writing Center is back for Spring 2021 and will provide online support from English Department faculty, professional tutors, and workshops to assist students from any discipline with their writing support needs.



Free Public COVID-19 Testing Site Now Open Sundays-Thursdays at CSM

The San Mateo County Community College District, in partnership with San Mateo County Health, has launched a drive-through COVID-19 testing site at the College of San Mateo campus. Located in Upper Hillside Lot 1 at CSM, the site is open to the public and replaces the previous testing location at the San Mateo County Event Center.

Testing hours:

Sundays–Thursdays, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. through January 31, 2022

Testing location:

Upper Hillsdale Lot 1 at College of San Mateo, 1700 West Hillsdale Drive, San Mateo CA 94402

The test is free but an appointment is required.

The tests are conducted with a nasal swab and results provided within 24–72 hours. The site has the capacity to test 1,000 people per day. Testing services are provided by OptumServe, the federal health business of Optum and UnitedHealth Group.

Special Hours for SMCCCD Employees and Students

Special time blocks have been reserved exclusively for San Mateo County Community College District students, staff, and faculty on Sundays–Thursdays from 10–11 am and 3–4 pm. These blocks will allow 96 District employees and students to be tested daily.

Additional Details:

- San Mateo County community members must remain in their vehicles at all times.
- Portable restrooms will be available for community members.
- SMCCCD employees and students who are working at CSM or the District Office, or attending a class at CSM, may walk to testing site from their work/study locations.
- SMCCCD employees and students must access testing site through Campus Access Point or Community Testing Access Point.

To make an appointment:

Online:

1. Visit the [Logistics Health COVID-19 Testing website](#)
2. Select “California” from the dropdown menu
3. Select “Get Started”
4. Follow registration steps to create an account
5. Log in to your account
6. Choose a testing location
7. Schedule an appointment

Note: Appointments for children under 13 cannot be made online and must be made by calling the LHI Call Center.

By Phone

Call the LHI Call Center at (888) 634-1123 to make an appointment by phone.

Getting Your COVID-19 Test

1. Attend your scheduled testing appointment
2. On-location staff will check you in
3. Staff will conduct nasal swab test and send sample to the lab
4. Notification will be provided when your results are ready and available on LHI.Care within 24-72 hours.

This information is also available on the [District COVID-19 website](#).

Next Critical Conversation on Race: Community Read

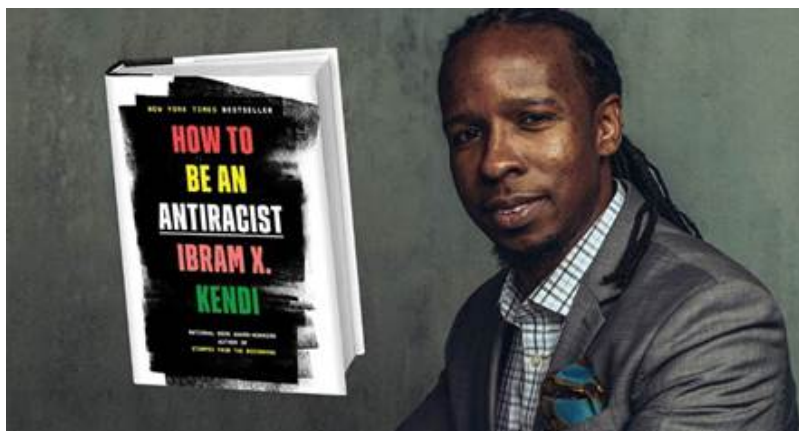
Please join us for our [Critical Conversations on Race: Community Read](#) on Friday, February 5 from 1:30-3 p.m.

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Log in [here](#).

We will be reviewing and discussing Ch. 12 – Ch. 15 Topics: class, space, gender, sexuality.

The Cañada College campus community is invited to engage in a community read of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's *How to Be an Antiracist*. The sections of the book have been distributed throughout the 2020 – 2021 academic year and will be paired with a critical conversation Zoom session. The dialogue will center on race with Dr. Kendi's book as a springboard for the conversation. The dialogue may, and is encouraged, to explore the deeper impacts of race for each of us on campus, in our communities, and in the world. Please mark your calendars and review [this website](#) for additional details, including how to access the readings.



CRM Town Hall: Feb. 4 from 1-2:30 p.m.

Please join us for the District-wide CRM Town Hall! After successfully launching Phase 2, the CRM team is now moving through Phases 3 and 4 of the project. You are invited to learn more about the work that has been completed and what to expect in future phases.

Zoom Log in:

[https://smccd.zoom.us/j/83086794450?
pwd=c3ZVaGFnbDk3eG1JOWlvTVE5MTNndz09](https://smccd.zoom.us/j/83086794450?pwd=c3ZVaGFnbDk3eG1JOWlvTVE5MTNndz09)

Passcode: 475116

Or Telephone:+1 669 900 9128

Webinar ID: 830 8679 4450

Free Conference for Students

Please share this opportunity with your colleagues and students. The National Council on Black American Affairs (NCBAA) is hosting its regional conference on Feb. 5 & 6: Black Lives, Black Minds, Black Scholars: Creating Sustainable Change Together. The conference will have speakers from both Hulu and Facebook with the goal of helping to increase the number of Black students who see themselves in the Tech Industry. In addition, several community college leaders will assist with imparting their wisdom regarding the challenges we face as we are moving forward through an historic pandemic. This conference is FREE to students and \$125 to everyone else. For more information and to register visit: <http://wrcbaa-ncbaa.org/regional-conference/>



Stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong.

Sincerely,
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President