



Weekly Update 5-21-21

Dear Campus Community,

2020 & 2021 Virtual Commencement Ceremonies

Friday, May 28, 2021

2020 Virtual Commencement at 5:30 p.m.

2021 Virtual Commencement at 7 p.m.

canadacollege.edu/commencement

Due to the emergence of COVID-19 early last year, Cañada College did not hold a 2020 commencement ceremony but promised our 2019–2020 graduates one at a future date. On Friday, May 28, 2021, Cañada College will follow through on that promise by premiering the 2020 Virtual Commencement ceremony at 5:30 p.m. The event will be followed by the 2021 Virtual Commencement at 7 p.m. Both ceremonies will be available to watch any time after the premiere and will be featured on canadacollege.edu/commencement.

Beta Zeta Nu's 2021 Outstanding Phi Theta Kappa Hallmark Achievements

Congratulations to Beta Zeta Nu (BZN), Cañada College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), that was recently recognized at the honor society's international convention as one of the organization's most esteemed chapters. Cañada's BZN chapter of the PTK society once again brought home awards from the 2021 PTK International Catalyst event. The chapter's engagement over the year earned them four-star chapter status. The chapter's status can be attributed to members' participation in a successful college project, numerous community service activities, and individual hallmarks. While there are several awards for individual achievement, the award that the chapter is most proud of receiving is the Distinguished Officer Team Award which is given to the chapter officer teams who overcome great difficulties to guarantee participation in the activities of the PTK Hallmarks: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Fellowship. Read more about BZN's accolades [here](#).



Student Survey Results re Returning to Campus – Summary Available

Districtwide PRIE Offices have been collaborating on reaching out to our currently enrolled students to gauge their interest in and comfort level with returning to campus in the fall and post-pandemic. Please see a summary of those results [here](#).

Planning & Budgeting Council Updates

At its meeting this week, the Planning & Budgeting Council (PBC):

- Heard an [update](#) from VPAS Graciano Mendoza on the state and college budget and approved and funded personnel for 2021-22
- Approved and recommended to the President that the College [adopt a revised process](#) for non-personnel resource request prioritization (now done at the Division level).
- Approved and recommended to the President that the College adopt the Distance Education Advisory Committee's (DEAC) [updated college plan for distance education](#) at Cañada.
- Approved and recommended to the President that the College adopt [the recommendations of the College's Antiracism Task Force](#).
- Approved and an update to the [bylaws](#) for the Academic Committee for Equity and Success (ACES) as well as an update to the bylaws of the Student Services Planning Council.
- Heard a [progress report on the College's Annual Plan](#) for 2020-21.
- Heard presentations and brief Q&A's with two consultant teams being considered to assist the College in its Educational Master Planning and Antiracism efforts in 2021-22. The Scope of Work to which the consultants responded as well as their proposals can be found on the PBC website [here](#).

FCC Launches Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Federal Communications Commission has launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Broadband Benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. Eligible households can enroll through a [participating broadband provider](#) or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) using an [online](#) or mail in application. You can learn more about the benefit, including eligibility and enrollment information, by visiting fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit, or by calling 833-511-0311

Getting Ready for Program Review!

On behalf of PBC, SSPC, IPC and Academic Senate, the [Program Review Work Group](#) has been meeting regularly throughout the Spring semester in preparation for the 2021-2022 Program Review Cycle, which begins in the Fall. The purpose of our Work Group is to help coordinate and support an effective program review process each year across instructional, administrative, and student services programs. We wanted to share with you a few updates before we all leave for the summer, so that you can be prepared for submitting program review in the Fall.

Timeline Updates

A few small changes have been made to the [Program Review timeline](#), making *program review data and resources available in mid-June* and clarifying the role of the Dean's/VP's feedback in the process.

2021-2022 Due Dates

- Submit your complete Comprehensive Program Review or Annual Update, and resources requests if needed, before October 15, 2021.
- Deans and VPs complete feedback of all program review materials and send out before October 29, 2021.
- Review your Dean's/VP's feedback and incorporate it into your program review before November 5, 2021.

New Cycle (*Are you up for program review this Fall?*) & Guides

There have been changes to our program review cycle, so be sure to double check the [Administrative](#), [Instructional](#), or [Student Services](#) Program Review Schedules to see if your program is up for comprehensive program review in the 2021-2022 cycle. Note that if you're not up for comprehensive program review in the 2021-2022 cycle and would like to request resources, you will need to submit an Annual Update.

Remember to refer to our [program review guides](#) if you have questions about accessing Improve (TracDat) or submitting program review.

Other Updates

- [Extension & Deferral Process](#)

If you have any questions, or need any help getting ready for program review, please email the Program Review Work Group at canprogramreview@smccd.edu

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong.

Sincerely,
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President