



Weekly Update 5-7-21

Dear Campus Community,

2021 President's Student Leadership Award Recipient

Congratulations to Nigel Hawkins who has been selected as the 2021 President's Leadership Award recipient! Nigel Hawkins is an East Palo Alto native and started at Cañada College in 2019. He will be earning his Sociology, Psychology and Interdisciplinary Studies Degrees this semester and will transfer to a four-year university in the Fall. His goals are to earn his Bachelor's in Sociology and go onto graduate school for his Master's Degree. During his time at Cañada College, Nigel Hawkins has been involved in a number of organizations, programs, and learning communities. As the President of Cañada's Black Student Union (BSU), he presented their list of demands to the Board of Trustees and the District, which was then approved. Nigel also organized a BSU Black Student Excellence: Past & Present which featured a student panel of current and former Black Cañadians that shared their experiences.

Nigel has a passion for social justice, equity and creating culturally diverse communities for all people regardless of their backgrounds or identities. He recently spoke on bringing light to social issues on campus in regards to racism. He has kept his dreams and ideas at the forefront in hopes to not only ensure that there is a safe community base at Cañada for Black people and people of color; but to raise awareness that Black history is an important subject and should be an integral part of our curriculum. For without Black history, there is no history.

In addition, Nigel is a Phi Theta Kappa member, in the Transfer Honors Program and has been on the Dean's List five times. In Spring 2021, he was selected to present his paper "They'd Rather Us Dead," an analysis of the works of James Baldwin and the impact of the 1950's Heroin Epidemic, at the Berkeley Honors Symposium. That same semester it was published as an article in ThinkU.



Latino Thought Makers Featuring Alex Meneses

Thank you to the college community members who joined for our last Latino Thought Makers event of the year. The featured guest was actress, model and philanthropist Alex Meneses. The event was recorded and can be found on our college [YouTube page](#).

Cultural Center Focus Group Summary Available

Many thanks again to the 38 students, faculty and staff who participated in focus groups this spring to discuss and inform the goals, activities, aesthetic and values of the new cultural center at Cañada. Career Ladders Project – the non-profit group that helped shape and lead the focus group discussions – has prepared a summary of those discussions as well as their recommendations. [Click here to see the CLP Summary Report and Recommendations](#). To ask questions or provide additional input or perspectives, [please see this feedback form online](#). During our College Flex Day on August 17, 2021, the Career Ladders Project team will be available to discuss their report and the college community will have an opportunity to discuss how CLP's recommendations relate to all of our campus initiatives and what next steps should be prioritized.

Survey Results Are In

The results of PBC's annual evaluation of Cañada's participatory governance processes are now available [here](#). All college councils, senates and committees are encouraged to review these results and address any areas of concern.

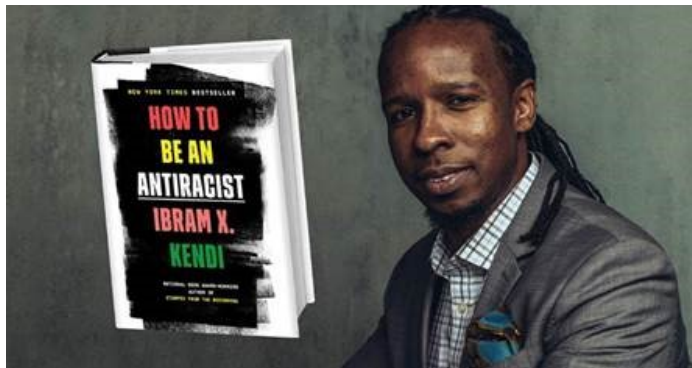
Rescheduled: Critical Conversation: Community Read

Friday, May 14 from 1:30-3 p.m.

Log in [here](#).

We will be reviewing and discussing Ch. 16-18. Topics: failure, success, survival.

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.



Virtual Cañada College Student Achievement and Awards

All faculty and staff are invited to come support our outstanding students at two events:

1) Virtual Cañada College Student Achievement and Awards Reception in which students will be recognized for their personal achievements and contributions to the college and 2) After Party Transfer Mixer in which transferring students will have a chance to mingle in breakout rooms with fellow students, faculty, staff and alumni who attend/attended the university that they will be attending in the fall.

Come honor your students and rep your alma mater!

Date: Friday, May 14, 2021

Time: 4-5 p.m. (Student Award Ceremony)

5:30-6:30 p.m. (After Party Transfer Mixer)

Links: Student Award Ceremony = https://smccd.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yFI_rU4ETbe-21O9NulPuA

After Party Transfer Mixer = <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/84391389732#success>

Learning Center Tutors and Peer Mentors Needed

The Learning Center is looking to hire tutors and peer mentors for the next academic year! Please see attached fliers for additional information. If you have a student to recommend as a tutor, please submit their information [here](#). Peer Mentors can apply [here](#).

Stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong.

Sincerely,
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.
President