



A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 11-19-21

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

SMCCCD Return to Campus Website Updates

The District Return to Campus website for [employees](#) and [students](#) was recently updated to include the latest information on [face covering requirements](#), [public access](#), [Sincerely-held Religious Belief Exemption for students](#) and more. Please use this website as a resource for yourselves as well as students if you receive questions as we prepare for our return to campus.

College Shuttle Re-Launches in January 2022

The Cañada College shuttle will be back in rotation for the Spring semester! The shuttle will run direct service Monday-Thursday to/from Cañada and East Palo Alto beginning January 18, 2022 thru May 27, 2022. The service, which was temporarily suspended due to COVID, will provide convenient connections for several students and employees residing in the East Palo Alto, Menlo Park and Belle Haven communities. More important, the shuttle service aims to make a college education more accessible to our underserved communities. To promote this service, the College will be distributing postcard mailers (in English and Spanish) to more than 50,000 residences in East Palo Alto, Belle Haven neighborhood, Menlo Park and Palo Alto the first week of December. Visit canadacollege.edu/shuttle for the latest schedule updates.

**CATCH A
FREE RIDE TO COLLEGE!**

Cañada College is offering **FREE** hourly shuttle service directly to campus from East Palo Alto.

Monday - Thursday
7 a.m. - 1 p.m.
5 - 10 p.m.

994 Beech Street
East Palo Alto, CA

canadacollege.edu/shuttle

Spring registration is now open! Visit:
canadacollege.edu/admissions

Cañada Hosts High School & Community Partners Forum

This morning, Cañada College hosted its third annual High School Counselor & Partner Forum, held virtually. The event kicked off with a warm welcome from Interim College President, Kim Lopez, and Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Manuel Alejandro Perez. Attendees received updates on Vaccination Requirements, the Recovery with Equity Plan and Department & Program Updates, including the Umoja program at Cañada College, set to launch in the Spring semester. The Personal Counseling Center and Disability Resource Centers spoke about the services offered to students and the Early College Credit Programs (Middle College, Dual Enrollment & Concurrent Enrollment) shared offerings available to high school students. Based on survey feedback from last year's event, attendees engaged in breakout groups where the high school counselors received important information on Cañada's Concurrent Enrollment program such as important deadlines and the benefits of earning college credit while still in high school. The breakout session with our community partners discussed ideas on how to best collaborate to better serve students and community. Feedback from the attendees was very positive and some great ideas were discovered from the breakout rooms - stay tuned for more! The Forum was recorded and can be found [here](#) using passcode: &47QB*r?

The image shows a virtual meeting interface. On the left, a presentation slide titled "Recovery with Equity" is displayed. The slide features the San Mateo County Community College District logo and navigation links for Board of Trustees, Departments, Employment, Foundation, About, and Contact. The main content area is titled "Return Information for Students" and includes buttons for "COVID-19 Vaccination Plans", "Verifying Your Vaccination Status", "Risk Coverage Policy", "Investigating, Reporting, & Responding to COVID-19 Cases", "Isolation & Quarantine", and "Public Access". A URL <https://smccd.edu/return-to-campus/students.php> is visible at the bottom of the slide. On the right side of the meeting, a grid of video feeds shows various participants, including individuals like Mahitha Rao, Olivia Cañada, Kim Lopez, Arnela Villalpando, Mayra Arellano, Manuel Alejandro Perez, Andrea Garcia-Ritzgers, Laurie Tezak, Nadya Sigona, Katrina Rubenstein, Jason Kubo, Layla Kiani, Irene Gil, Mai Lien Nguyen, Chloé Kim, and Leslie Ward.

Help Spread the Word: Spring Registration is OPEN to ALL New & Returning Students!

As of November 17, registration for the Spring 2022 semester is now open to all new and returning students! Please remind your students to check out Spring 2022 classes (offered in-person and virtually) at [Webschedule](#) and register.

Upload Student's Vaccination Status - All students are required to be vaccinated in order to take in-person classes. Students must provide proof of vaccination by using the following instructions to complete the vaccination documentation process and upload their information:

1. [Log into Websmart](#) and select the Student Services tab
2. Click on the "COVID-19 Vaccination" link at the top of the page and select one of the options below:
3. Select "Fully vaccinated"

Enter requested vaccine information AND upload a digital copy (jpeg, tiff, or pdf) of vaccination card or California digital vaccination record. International students should provide documentation that is translated into English. For more information, students can visit <https://smccd.edu/return-to-campus/students.php>.

Cañada College Pathway Partnership with Notre Dame de Namur University

Earlier this week, SMCCCD and Notre Dame de Namur (NDNU) announced a new pathway program that enables students to complete a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from NDNU in two years, with classes toward that degree offered on the Cañada College campus. Special recognition goes to the College and District team (including Cañada's Director of Post-Secondary Success and the University Center, Mary Ho) for their collaboration with NDNU to launch this special program. You can read about the program [here](#).

Cañada Faculty Member Quoted in National Article

Cañada College Chemistry Faculty Nick DeMello was quoted in a recent Chronicles of Higher Education article on "how to become a better teacher." The article speaks about the increasingly urgent and fundamental challenges of higher education not just recruiting discipline experts—but developing great teachers. The article is attached.

SMCCCD Outreach in Action

Our Cañada Outreach team has engaged in a number of collaborative outreach efforts with CSM and Skyline and the response has been very well received by our community partners! The three colleges recently hosted General Information and Financial Aid workshops at Carlmont High School and Half Moon Bay High School. Students and staff at the high schools shared how excited they were to see all three SMCCCD colleges together at the same visit.



Community Q&A on COVID-19 Vaccine

Our partners at Redwood City Together are hosting an in-person community conversation tonight from 5-7 p.m. to answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine from Dr. Susan Thorne, a family medical doctor. Details about the event are below.

HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE COVID- 19 VACCINE?

Get your questions and concerns
answered by a doctor!



**Friday, November 19, 5-7pm
at Casa Círculo Cultural**

3090 Middlefield Rd., Redwood City, CA 94063



Who?

Dr. Susan Thorne, MD is a family medicine doctor in Redwood City. She will be answering questions in Spanish.

What else?

Snacks and drinks, Lotería, community resources, and a chance to win gift cards! Childcare will be available.



Thank you for your hard work this week and I wish you all a restful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,
Kim