



## A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

### Weekly Update 10-29-21

Hello Cañada Colleagues,

As we round out another October Transfer Month, this throwback photo was recently shared with me from Transfer Day 2012! I am so grateful to be back among friendly faces in our campus community.



### **Help Spread the Word: Priority Registration Begins Next Week!**

Priority Registration for the Spring 2022 semester opens next week. Please remind your students to check out Spring 2022 classes at [Webschedule](#) and register on their assigned date. Also, starting Wednesday, November 3, students will be asked to upload

their COVID-19 Vaccination information in WebSMART as part of the Spring 2022 Registration period.

Registration Dates:

November 3: Students who are part of EOPS, DRC, CalWorks, Foster Youth, Homeless Youth or a Veteran can register for classes

November 4: Promise Scholars, TRIO, Athletes, Honors , Student Government, Project Change and International students can register

November 5-8: Continuing Students who have a Student Education Plan (SEP) can register

November 9: Continuing Middle College Students

November 17: Registration opens for ALL new and returning students

### **25-Year Service Awards Reception**

On Monday, I had the honor of recognizing two special Cañadians who are celebrating 25 Years of Service with SMCCCD, Althea Kippes and Mario Peña.

*Althea Kippes, Associate Professor, Business, Design & Workforce Division*

Althea Kippes began as an adjunct faculty member at Cañada College teaching Environmental Law in Cañada's Paralegal Program. She later taught in the Paralegal Program at Skyline College. In August 2019, she became a full-time Business faculty member at Cañada College.

Althea's life was completely transformed by attending community college and then transferring to U.C. Berkeley's Haas School of Business. She knew as a community college student that she would someday return to teach at a community college as a way to give something back for all of the benefits she had received. She came to Cañada for the Paralegal Program and because the smaller campus allowed her to get to know everyone on a more personal basis.

Althea shares that her greatest accomplishments are when she sees her former students succeed in achieving their goals. While at Cañada, Althea has taught in the Paralegal Program, mentored students and helped them form professional alliances to further their careers. She also taught entrepreneurship courses at the downtown Redwood City location helping students with the legal aspects of forming a business. In 2018, she completely revised the Paralegal Program curriculum, making it more relevant to the needs of Silicon Valley employers. The Program was also moved online to increase accessibility and diversity. She has also created relationships with law libraries, law firms and corporate counsel to increase internship and employment opportunities for our students.

Althea's greatest discovery while at Cañada and SMCCCD is seeing how much everyone cares about helping the students succeed. She said it is also wonderful to work with people who bring so much knowledge and so many different experiences to Cañada College and the District. Althea greatly appreciates being part of this wonderful community!



*Mario Peña, Accounting Technician, Administrative Services Division*

Mario Peña came to Cañada College as a student and started working as a substitute Mail Clerk in 1993. He was hired into the permanent position in December of 1994. In addition to serving as Cañada's Mail Clerk, he has also served as Accounting Technician, a position he currently holds. Mario is known for being a friendly face on campus and you can find him supporting Cañada in the Cashier's Office.

When asked about his greatest memories and personal accomplishments at Cañada, Mario mentioned that he has loved serving the students as the Associated Students of Cañada College Bookkeeper for several years. A highlight while at Cañada was meeting Dr. Terrance Roberts, one of The Little Rock 9, and serving as a member of the team that brought him to Cañada as a guest speaker. Mario's greatest discovery while working at Cañada College and the District is the gratifying feeling of being able to serve this great community.

Mario's colleagues in the Administrative Services Division remark that he is the heart of the division. He is a valued and much-loved team member who keeps everyone motivated and on target. And they know that the feeling is mutual - Mario loves his team! Mario is a team player who is always going the extra mile to help our students. He has a good work ethic and his colleagues appreciate and respect Mario for being friendly and always having great attitude.

Mario is very thankful to SMCCCD and Cañada College for allowing him to be a part of the staff for these 25+ years. He would love to give a special thanks to Debbie Carrington and Jose Peña for being great mentors to him.



**Please provide input on the College Mission, Vision, and Values Statements**  
Last call! Please take a moment to provide your input on the College Mission, Vision and Values Statements. Provide your input [here](#).

### **Safety Committee Meeting**

Our college [Safety Committee](#) held its recent meeting on Thursday, October 28 where agenda items included: Safety Committee Purpose, Membership and Bylaws, upcoming meeting schedules and report and updates from Public Safety, Facilities, Emergency Preparedness Office and Recovery & Safety. Material from past Safety Committee Meetings can be found [here](#). Get the latest information about [COVID-19, vaccination requirements and returning to campus](#) by visiting the Return to Campus [website](#).

### **President's Luncheon: This Tuesday from 12-12:30 p.m.**

Our [Fourth Annual President's Luncheon](#) is this Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 12-12:30 p.m. Register [here](#) to attend. Support from the President's Luncheon will contribute to the Cañada College Scholarship Fund for students' daily basic needs such



as: groceries, food vouchers, Chromebooks and hot spots to name a few. For more information on the Presidents' Luncheon, please visit [canadacollege.edu/luncheon](https://canadacollege.edu/luncheon).

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

Sincerely,  
Kim