



A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 9-10-21

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Please give a warm Cañada welcome to our new Interim Vice President of Administrative Services, Ludmila Prisecar! Ludmila will start her new position (pending Board approval) on September 27 through June 30, 2022. Ludmila has been permanently employed with SMCCCD for the last 14 years; first as a Financial Analyst/Capital Projects Operations Manager in the Facilities Department and currently the College Business Officer in the Administrative Services Department at College of San Mateo. Prior to her employment at SMCCCD, Ludmila was employed as an Audit Associate at KPMG, LLC. In this role, she wrote and prepared audit reports and programs and participated in special investigations and reviews, including fraud, bankruptcy, and employee and vendor misconduct.

Ludmila's formal education consists of a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Santa Clara University and an Executive Master of Business Administration degree from San Francisco State University. She takes great pride in her work and truly enjoys working for a public education institution committed to achieving educational equity for all students. Ludmila is highly respected by faculty, staff and administrators at CSM and I believe she will be a wonderful addition to our team for this year.



Employee and Student Vaccination Mandate Update

As a reminder, the District has enacted a vaccine mandate for all employees and students accessing our campus. For employees, you have three options: (1) you must attest and upload proof of vaccination; (2) You can request a medical accommodation, or (3) You can request an accommodation based on a seriously held religious belief. In order to be granted an accommodation, you must complete a form (more information will be sent out next week) and be approved through Human Resources. [Please click here for more information about employee vaccination requirements.](#)

We are still building the student vaccine portal and students will be subject to a very similar process as employees, including all three options stated above. We are hoping to be ready to open the student portal and begin the attestation/proof/accommodation process for students by October. Students are going to need a lot of support and encouragement to get a vaccine and complete the process. We are working on building the infrastructure to support our students. [Please click here for more information on student vaccine requirements.](#) In the meantime, the mask mandate remains in effect and we will continue to have Pop-Up vaccine clinics throughout Fall on our campuses; please see information below.

Free Drive-Thru COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at Cañada – Sept. 21

Please help spread the word to our students and community members who need to get their COVID-19 vaccination. SMCCCD is hosting free COVID-19 vaccination pop-up clinics every month through 2021 at each of our college campuses. The next clinic at Cañada is September 21 from 12-4 p.m. in Parking Lot 7. Free COVID-19 vaccines are available to students, employees and community members. Reservations are preferred but no one will be turned down. Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines will be available. 12-17 Years Old: parental permission is required through the registration process. Learn more on the flyer attached and pasted below. Visit bit.ly/freevac21 to make reservations.

Cañada College | FREE DRIVE-THRU COVID-19 VACCINATION POP-UP CLINICS

CAÑADA COLLEGE
LOT 7 12 PM - 4 PM

TUESDAYS:

September	21
October	12
November	2
November	29
December	20

REGISTER AT
myturn.ca.gov

MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!

- 1 Visit myturn.ca.gov
- 2 Click on "Make an Appointment"
- 3 When asked for address, enter Cañada College, Skyline College or College of San Mateo

- Open to students, employees, and community members
- Reservation preferred but no one turned down
- Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines will be available
- 12-17 Years Old: parental permission required through registration process
- Face covering required

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OR USE THE QR CODE:
bit.ly/freevac21

Cañada Town Hall- New Date/Time

Please save the date for our Cañada Town Hall, which will be held on Friday, October 15 from 2:15-3:30 p.m. Note: this event was previously listed as the Facilities Forum on September 23 but the program has been expanded to include additional updates. The purpose of the forum is to provide our college community with important updates on items including: Construction/Facilities, Presidential Search Committee and Timeline, HR, Health & Safety, Instruction and Student Services. The forum will be held virtually- log in detail to come.

Safety Committee Meeting

Our Safety Committee held its most recent meeting on Monday, August 30. The group welcomed new members and held a discussion regarding the need to review and finalize committee membership during fall 2021. Minutes and information on the upcoming Safety Committee meeting can be found [here](#).

Welcome Alessandro Riva, Web Programmer Analyst

Please give a warm Cañada welcome to our new Web Programmer Analyst, Alessandro Riva! Alessandro is a recent Cañada College graduate and a former student assistant in the Cañada Marketing Department. He believes that optimizing and improving the user experience for students who navigate the Cañada College website is extremely important in order to ensure that everyone in the campus community can easily access the services they need. Alessandro is also pursuing a BS degree in Information Science and Data Analytics at San Jose State University. He is excited about using technology to support the Cañada College community and help other students accomplish their goals. Outside of work, Alessandro enjoys playing volleyball and hiking. He also loves traveling and spending time with family and looks forward to continuing working in the Marketing Team!



Update Your Website at Weekly Training Sessions

Do you need assistance in updating your website? Join our Web Programmer Analyst, Alessandro Riva, for a virtual one-hour training and drop-in session to maintain your web content with Omni CMS. You will also receive hands-on practice during the session, as well as take-away resources to use for future reference. For those who have extra time in their schedule, we will allocate 30 minutes after the training for a drop-in session to answer questions and provide brief consultation for existing sites and pages. Sessions are offered every Thursday at 2 p.m. [Sign up for a session here!](#)

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

Sincerely,
Kim