



## A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

### Weekly Update 9-17-21

Hello Cañada Colleagues,

I'm excited to share with you that I've been nominated to serve as a board member for [JobTrain](#). I believe this will be a great opportunity for Cañada to continue to strengthen our relationship with an important partner. Next week we will be in Menlo Park on September 22 for [JobTrain's Job Fair](#). Please encourage our students to attend. I also attended my first Executive Team Member meeting with [Redwood City Together](#). This organization facilitates our community efforts to support wellness, education and equity in North Fair Oaks and Redwood City. Community partnerships are critically important to Cañada College and I will share with you each week all that we are doing throughout the college to strengthen and expand our community outreach.

### Cañada in Our Community

Our College Recruiter, Olivia Cortez-Figueroa, attended a community event called, "La Mesa" in Half Moon Bay on September 14 with our partner, Ayudando Latinos a Soñar ([ALAS](#)). Olivia shared that the event included a delightful dinner where she had an opportunity to meet and break bread (or tamales and champurrado, in this case) with farmworkers from the Half Moon Bay community as well as with the ALAS Executive Director/Founder, Dr. Belinda Hernandez-Arriaga, Half-Moon Bay Council member, Joaquin Jimenez, ALAS staff and volunteers. Olivia has been working with ALAS to help connect students in the Half Moon Bay community who have expressed interest in continuing their educational journeys with Cañada College.

Last night I joined Cañadians Jessica Boyle, Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Ariela Villalpando, Margarita Baez and Olivia Cortez-Figueroa for Friends of Redwood's Food Forest Fundraiser. The event supported the development of [Redwood High School's](#) (RHS) environmental center, focusing on education, sustainability and equitable access to food resources for our community. We had an opportunity to meet members of the Foundation, teachers and students that support RHS and toured the phases of growth that help support RHS' green initiative.



### **Latinx Heritage Month**

Please save the date for Latinx Heritage Month! Join us in a series of events, starting on September 21, to commemorate and celebrate Latinx heritage. View events on the attached flyer and visit [www.canadacollege.edu/lhm](http://www.canadacollege.edu/lhm) for the latest updates.

### **Campus Tours are Back!**

As Cañada College staff, faculty and students transition back to campus this Fall 2021 semester, the Outreach Program Office is excited to offer in-person campus tours. The tours have been updated to incorporate the newest buildings and enhancements to the campus, including a sneak peek of our brand new, state-of-the-art Kinesiology and Wellness Building. Tours will be offered beginning the week of September 28, 2021 and scheduled for Tuesdays at 3 p.m., Thursdays at 12 p.m. and Fridays at 10 a.m. Sign up for a tour [here](#). These tours are intended for our Cañada College community. Tours for the public will be scheduled in the coming months.

### **Meet Our Newest Colt!**

Matt Lee, our Interim Dean of Kinesiology, Athletics & Dance, is proud to introduce the next member of the Colts family, Santana Noel Lee. Born on September 14, 2021 at 4:43 a.m., Santana arrived at 7.4 pounds and 19 inches. Mommy, Daddy and Big Brother Leon are doing great. Congratulations to the Lee Family!



## Updates from our Planning & Budget Council

Our Planning & Budget Council (PBC) meeting, the group discussed several items including: review of the adopted final 2021-22 budget, presentation of the Transfer Services Plan, Antiracism Task Force recommendations, EMP update and a call for items for the Oct. 15 Town Hall. For more information, visit the [PBC website](#).

## College to Close for October Flex Day

In an effort to allow for all employees to participate in our important EMP discussions on our Mission, Vision and Values, the campus will close for our October 13 Flex Day. Stay tuned for updates on October Flex Day in the coming weeks.

## 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. Youth ages 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](https://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**  
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**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT!**

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- Face covering required

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OR USE THE QR CODE:  
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 **VACUNACIÓN GRATUITA CONTRA EL COVID-19: SERVICIO EN SU AUTOMÓVIL**



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- Para estudiantes y miembros de la comunidad
- Se recomienda hacer reservaciones, pero no se rechazará a nadie
- Habrá disponibilidad de vacunas Pfizer y Johnson & Johnson contra el COVID-19
- 12-17 años de edad: se exige un permiso de los padres durante el proceso de registro
- Se exige el uso de mascarilla

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**Save the Date: Sept. 22 - Vaccination Policy Implementation**

The District is hosting an employee-wide meeting on vaccination policy implementation this Wednesday, September 22, at 2:30 p.m. The meeting will be recorded for those who are not able to attend live. A reminder with Zoom link will be sent early next week.

**Cañada Town Hall- Oct. 15**

Please save the date for our Cañada Town Hall, which will held on Friday, October 15 from 2:15-3:30 p.m. 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. If you have suggested topics or questions, please send them to me at [lopezk@smccd.edu](mailto:lopezk@smccd.edu).

**Weekly Office Hours**

I've enjoyed seeing the campus community at my in-person and virtual office hours! If you haven't had a chance to pop in, I invite you to visit my Weekly Office Hours:

President's In-Person Office Hour  
 In the President's Office, Room 8-207  
 Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m.

President's Virtual Office Hour  
Thursdays from 3-4 p.m.

Zoom Link:

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/86265480890?pwd=NVIjWnhML1FzeGpIU2pDZFI5aVFxUT09>

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

Sincerely,  
Kim