



A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Dear Cañada Community,

As the College prepares for the 2022-2023 academic year, I'm pleased to announce hiring updates of several important campus-wide positions. These assignments are pending approval by the San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees at the June 22 Board Meeting.

Please join me in congratulating the following Cañadians and their selection into their positions:

Dr. Chialin Hsieh, Interim Vice President of Instruction



Pending Board approval, Dr. Chialin Hsieh will be joining Cañada College as our Interim Vice President of Instruction on July 11. Chialin joins us from Los Medanos College, where she served as Senior Dean of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness since 2017. During her time at Los Medanos College, she also served as an Interim Instructional Dean of Arts, Humanities, Music, and Recording Art. Prior to that, she worked at Cañada College, where she served for four years as Dean of Planning, Research & Institutional Effectiveness as well as at College of Marin as Director of Planning, Research & Institutional Effectiveness. In addition, she has worked at four-year institutions and K-12 districts in such roles as Coordinator for Student Academic Assessment, Administrator of Program Evaluation, Director of Institutional Research & Assessment, and Research Associate. Chialin has extensive experience in the areas of institutional planning and effectiveness, as well as strategic enrollment management. She has served as Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) and provided leadership for strategic planning and educational master planning initiatives, coordinated integrated planning efforts, collaborated with departments on SLO assessment, facilitated the use and understanding of data across the organization and promoted a culture of inquiry aimed at increasing engagement, dialogue, innovation, and equitable outcomes.

Dr. Hsieh also serves on the Board of Trustees for the South San Francisco Unified School District.

Chialin holds two Bachelor's degrees, in Music and Music Therapy, from Chinese Culture University in Taiwan. She went on to attend Western Michigan University

(WMU), where she earned Master's degrees in both Music Therapy and Educational Leadership. She also earned a Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Research, Assessment & Evaluation) from WMU.

Dean of Enrollment Services & Support Programs & Dean of Kinesiology, Athletics & Dance

This Spring, we conducted the search for the permanent Dean of Enrollment Services & Support Programs and Dean of Kinesiology, Athletics & Dance positions. Both resulted in failed searches and we will go out again for the positions in the Fall. Dr. Wissem Bennani and Matt Lee have agreed to continue in their interim roles through December 2022.

Levalasi Loi-On, Full-time Tenure-Track Faculty Member, Ethnic Studies, Humanities & Social Sciences



Levalasi Loi-On is a mixed Sāmoan educator who received her Bachelor's degree in History and Race & Resistance Studies and Master's degree in Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University (SFSU). In 2018, she received the Graduate Distinguished Achievement Award for her research focusing on Pacific Islanders in higher education, which has informed her academic interests to include the history of Sāmoans in the U.S, culturally-responsive pedagogy, and Ethnic Studies curriculum. In praxis and alongside her communities, her work has helped to push for Pacific Islander lessons in the California K-12 Ethnic Studies Model

Curriculum, build Asian American and Pacific Islander Student Services as an AANAPISI program, and continue the work of students to establish the Critical Pacific Islands and Oceania Studies minor program with courses and tenure positions at SFSU.

She has taught at the high school, community college and university levels - most recently teaching Ethnic Studies courses at the City College of San Francisco and SFSU. Personally, as a new mom, she is grateful for the spaces that have helped her to nurture her love for her family and communities in the diaspora. She is excited to continue to learn and grow at Cañada College starting in the Fall.

Kristina Brower, Full-time Tenure-Track Faculty Member, Education & Human Development, Business, Design & Workforce



Kristina Brower has been with the San Mateo County Community College District for 22 years. She began her career at the District as a Master Teacher at Skyline College's Child Development Lab Center, then transitioned into Program Services Coordinator and eventually Adjunct Faculty Member for Skyline's Education and Child Development Program.

During her career, Kristina has participated in many college committees including Curriculum Committee, the Online Learning Community of Practice, Equity Scholars and the Early Childhood Apprenticeship Program. She is also active in county and state committees that work to advocate for young children, their families and caregivers.

Kristina is an alumna of Cañada College with an Associate's degree in Early Childhood Education, a Bachelor's degree from San Francisco State University in Child and Adolescent Development, a Master's degree in Education Leadership from Cal State East Bay and a Designated Subject Credential from UC Berkeley.

Emanuela Quaglia, Full-time Tenure-Track Faculty Member, Digital Art & Animation, Business, Design & Workforce



Emanuela Quaglia is a passionate, enthusiastic, equity-minded and compassionate educator. Her mission as an educator is to close equity gaps and engage in equitable practices. She has worked in the digital art and photography industry and has taught a full range of digital art courses to students with various backgrounds and learning styles. With 15+ years of successfully working in the digital art industry, she was an instructor at CSU East Bay for Project Impact, and while she served students with special needs, she also supported a racially and socioeconomically diverse student population. In 2015, Emanuela started working for the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD). She

successfully led face-to-face and online art classes, camps, workshops and special community events for various programs such as Community, Continuing & Corporate Education (CCCE) and Bay Area Pathways Academy (BAPA).

In 2020, Emanuela started as an Assistant Professor for the Digital Art & Animation program at Cañada College. During the challenging time of the pandemic, she strongly supported students and colleagues in transitioning from face-to-face instruction to online and facilitated faculty training like Quality Online Teaching and Learning (QOTL) and Advanced Techniques Online Methods (ATOM). She supported students and colleagues with private tutoring sessions when needed. Emanuela completed course reviews based on the OEI rubric and created online courses that met CVC-OEI requirements. During the last six months, she also worked as project manager and student assistant coordinator for Menlo Studio, a successful internship program offered to students at Cañada College.

Emanuela earned her Master's degree in Education with a concentration in Online Teaching and Learning at Cal State East Bay in 2021. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Multimedia, Photography and Traditional Fine Art from Cal State East Bay and three Associate's degrees in Web Design, Digital Video and Broadcasting & Electronic Media - TV Production from College of San Mateo.

Danny Lynch, Full-time Tenure-Track Faculty Member, Promise Scholars Program, Counseling



Danny Lynch values kindness, compassion, cultural humility, creativity and a good sense of humor. He grew up in Santa Cruz where he attended Santa Cruz High and Cabrillo Community College. He credits Cabrillo's comprehensive, student support programs for not only giving him the opportunity to participate in higher education but to succeed. Before transferring to a four-year university, Danny spent time living and working on a friend's cattle ranch and farm in Teotitlan del Valle, Oaxaca. Living and working with his friend's family and the indigenous population of Teotitlan

expanded his appreciation and understanding of different cultures and the importance of their preservation in our society. After graduating with Bachelor's degree from Cal Poly, he returned to Latin America to work with the United Nations Development Program teaching English in public schools. It was this experience that solidified his decision to pursue a career in the field of social justice.

In graduate school, Danny continued to advocate for social and educational justice by pursuing internships in gender-based violence prevention and education at the Cal Poly Disability Resource Center and Allan Hancock Community College. To this day, Danny's impact is still felt in these programs through his creations that are still being used, including the annual art exhibit "Manifest" at Cal Poly, Disability and gender-based violence awareness mini magazines "zines" and Career/Resume Guides for ESL and community college students.

Since 2016, Danny has worked at Cuesta Community College. In his time at Cuesta, he has served as an EOPS, Pre-Health/Nursing and Dream Center Counselor. His counseling philosophy is firmly rooted in social justice and always student centered. He feels that counselors and educators are in a unique position to dismantle historical and sociopolitical structures that create and sustain educational inequities. Danny is excited to be part of the Cañada family and to go above and beyond to serve all students! Danny's position is pending Board approval at the July 27 Board of Trustees meeting.

Kassie Phillips, Full-time Tenure-Track Faculty Member, Promise Scholars Program, Counseling



Kassie was born and raised in Oakland. She began her college experience at Chabot College's Daraja (now Umoja) Program as a first generation, low income student parent where she earned her Associates of Liberal Arts with a Social and Behavioral Science Emphasis. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and a Master's degree in Social Work with an emphasis in Mental Health from Cal State East Bay.

Kassie will soon hold her Doctorate in International and Multicultural Education with a concentration in Human Rights and a minor in Organizational and Leadership from the University of San Francisco.

Kassie's previous roles have included working for General Counseling, First Year Experience and Middle College, but she has spent the majority of her community college career working as an Umoja Counselor and Program Coordinator. She works with the Umoja practice, Ethic of Love, as her philosophy which allows her to constantly build on her student relationships and practice humanizing approaches in every student encounter.

Kassie has dedicated her career to supporting first generation, low income, students of color and looks forward to bringing her hard work and dedication to student success at Cañada College. Kassie's position is pending Board approval at the July 27 Board of Trustees meeting.

Samantha Vargas, Program Services Coordinator, Promise Scholars Program



Samantha Vargas comes to Cañada College with 10 years of experience in higher education. Her experience includes working in Academic Counseling and the Child Development Center as a student assistant while attending College of San Mateo (CSM). She returned to CSM in 2016 as the Program Services Coordinator for Strong Workforce and in 2020 for Project Change. Samantha was born and raised in San Mateo, has built many strong relationships within San Mateo County and is very knowledgeable about County resources. She loves serving students on campus and has gained a passion for working with high school students and system-impacted youth. Her experience working with the courts and community schools has led to great community partnerships.

She currently serves on an advisory board that serves and represents current and formerly incarcerated students.

Samantha obtained a Bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management from San Francisco State University and is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Educational Counseling at San Jose State University. In her free time, she enjoys watching TV and movies, hiking, going to Giants games and spending time with her two sons. Samantha is very excited to begin her new role at Cañada College and continuing to work closely with students. She feels that community college programs gave her a sense of belonging and provided all the resources and support she needed to succeed in her education. She is happy to be able to give back and provide the same support to our current and future students at Cañada College. Samantha's position was approved at the March 23 Board of Trustees meeting.

Hannah-Joy Haw, Visual Communications Coordinator, Marketing/President's Office

Hannah-Joy Haw joins Cañada College full-time after working for the College Marketing



Department as a Student Assistant Graphic Designer for the past 2.5 years. In her position, she created a dynamic range of digital and print marketing material for the College. She also brings her experience from working as a Student Teacher's Assistant at College of San Mateo for the Design Department. It was here that she gained a passion for helping students learn and understand the necessary skills to use Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign to achieve their design goals while sharing her knowledge of graphic design fundamentals. When not working for Cañada College, she

enjoys volunteering her design skills to the American Begonia Society and creating animations for a non-profit organization called BraveMaker.

Hannah-Joy obtained her Bachelor's degree in Graphic Design from Curtin University in Perth, Western Australia, and brings five years of professional experience working as a Graphic Designer at "It's A Sign Company" in Australia, producing marketing materials for posters and social media ads for a variety of clients. She has lived in the San Mateo area since 2017 with her California-born-and-raised husband, Nicholas. Hannah-Joy is excited to work closely with Cañada College and its community in her new role and hopes to return the same support and sense of belonging that she was exposed to while being a part of the student community at Cañada College.

Autumn McMahon, Retention Specialist, College for Working Adults, Humanities & Social Sciences

Autumn McMahon is a former Cañada Colt and Honors Transfer Program Student. She is a graduate of UC Berkeley, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. You can find Autumn on campus working with students as the retention specialist for College for Working Adults and the Human Behavior and Culture Interest Area. Or, you might find her advising the Honors Society Phi Theta Kappa during weekly meetings.



As she explains, "Cañada College is where I discovered my passion for higher education, and I look forward to sharing this passion with all of our Cañada College students!"

I hope you are enjoying your summer and I look forward to seeing everyone on Opening Day in August.

Sincerely,
Kim