



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 10-28-22

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

COVID – 19 Vaccination Requirement Suspended

On October 26, 2022, the San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees suspended the COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement ([Board Policy 2.90](#)), effective immediately. The District no longer requires COVID-19 vaccination documentation or medical/religious exemptions for any individual.

Employees, students, and the broader community may now access district facilities and in-person services regardless of vaccination status. Please remove any COVID vaccination attestation or requirement messaging from email signatures, websites, and any other communication channels.

SMCCCD continues to recommend staying up to date with [COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters](#) regardless of risk factors. To schedule an appointment, visit myturn.ca.gov. For additional information, visit the [Return to Campus](#) site.

Fifth Annual President's Luncheon

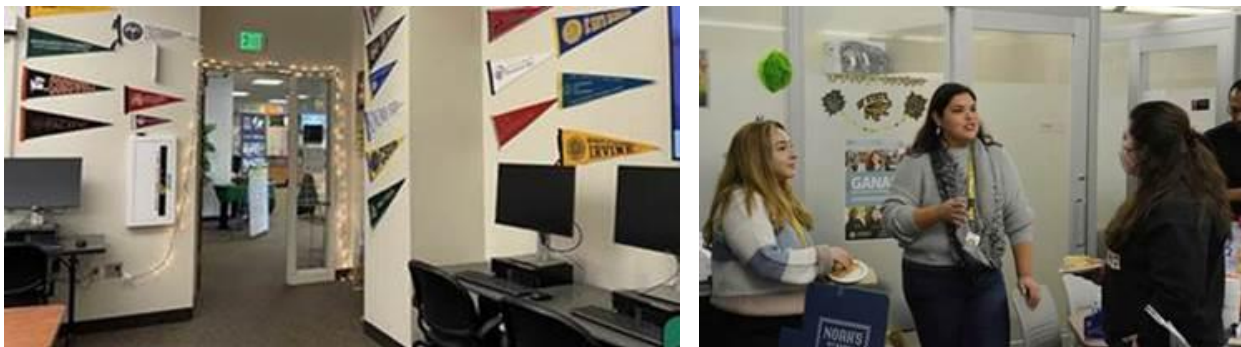
Thank you to the students, faculty and staff for their support of the [Fifth Annual President's Luncheon](#), which was held on October 25. This year, for the first time, the President's Luncheon was held both virtually and in-person on the Cañada campus. The luncheon provided a wonderful opportunity for our students, faculty and staff to meet our community members, who have been so generous with their time and support of Cañada College. Participants enjoyed a video prepared by students that detailed some of the challenges they face getting to and from the college. Through the generosity of our donors, students will be able to continue getting to campus with seamless and safe on-demand transportation. My thanks to the Cañada staff who have worked so hard to make the event possible: Megan Rodriguez Antone, Linda Bertellotti, Hannah-Joy Haw, Alessandro Riva, Michiko Kealoha, Jeannie Stalker, Chantal Sosa, John Winchester, Debbie Joy, Sarah Cortez, Jessica Marshall, Rachel Corrales, our Facilities team and the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation. A

recording of the virtual Luncheon can be found [here](#) and images from the in-person event can be found [here](#).



COLTS-U Transfer Station Open House

The COLTS-U Transfer Station had its official Open House on October 25 to introduce the Station to the Cañada community. Staff, faculty and students stopped by to learn about the programs, resources and services. The COLTS-U Transfer Station is located in Building 9, Room 106. In-person hours on Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and virtual hours are Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



The Puente Program is Back on Campus!

Puente students and their mentors gathered to relax, mingle, enjoy a warm meal, and create art on Wednesday, October 26.

This is Puente's first in-person Puente Mentor and Mentee Social Mixer since the pandemic began. The interaction was joyful and much awaited.



Fall Fun with the International Student Center

Our Student International Center hosted its first ever Pumpkin Carving Activity for students on Wednesday. About 20 students participated, in carving teams of two to three students. For 90 percent of the students, it was their first time ever carving a pumpkin! The International Student Center will have the pumpkins on display in their office until Halloween for students to vote for their favorites.



Program Review & Resource Requests Next Steps

Programs submitting comprehensive program reviews or annual updates this year: supervisor feedback will be available in Nuventive by the close of business today, October 28. Please be sure to address all feedback and submit your final documentation and any related assessments or resource request information in Nuventive no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, November 4.

PBC will be hosting presentations for any new positions requested on November 16 and 17 between 2:10 – 5 p.m., as needed. PBC Co-Chairs Eck and Young will be reaching out the week of November 7th to schedule presentations. For more information, please see the [Program Review website](#). The process used to prioritize resource requests can be found [here](#). Additional questions? Feel free to contact the Program Review Work Group: canprogramreview@smccd.edu.

Save the Date: Facilities Forum on December 2 from 1-2 p.m.

Please save the date for a Facilities Forum on Friday, December 2 from 1-2 p.m. The Capital Improvement team will provide an update on the various construction projects that are occurring at the College, including the modernization project of Building 13.



Star Party – Tonight!

Join the Cañada College Astronomy Club for a Star Party tonight from 6-9 p.m. in Lot 10, Building 24 Observatory. Enjoy telescope observations, free food and games. Friends and family are welcome!



Animation Show of Shows on November 1

The Digital Art & Animation department will be hosting a screening of the 22nd Animation Show of Shows on Tuesday, November 1 at 7 p.m. in the Main Theater. The Animation Show of Shows presents some of the best animated short films from around the world. This year's show includes films from the U.S., Canada, France, Germany, Iceland, Poland, Russia, and Switzerland. The films showcase different styles and techniques, and range from silly to serious. Show curator Ron Diamond, an animation producer with decades of experience, will be on hand to introduce the show and answer questions after the screening. Examples of production art from some of the films will be on display in the lobby before the show. The screening is free; a \$5 donation is suggested which will go toward funding the department scholarship. Donations are strictly voluntary.

Please see attached flyer for details.

Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim