



## A Message from President Kim Lopez

### Weekly Update 10-7-22

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Last Friday, Governor Newsom signed SB 893, the bill which allows San Mateo County residents to attend community college for free! The San Mateo County Community College District's Free College initiative will allow students, who demonstrate financial need, to be exempt from paying enrollment and other fees associated with college enrollment. You can read more about it [here](#). As Chancellor Claire shared in a districtwide employee message, this bill is monumental for SMCCCD as it will allow our district to use local funds to further our commitment to students of underrepresented and marginalized communities to access free college. Details on qualifications are coming soon!



### Important Message from Our DREAM Center – Webinar Today at 10 a.m.

For those who have heard about yesterday's Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling on DACA, we hope to have more information and send out resources early next week. For those interested, the Immigrant Legal Defense will be holding a Zoom webinar and Q&A session today, October 7, 2022, at 10 a.m. in light of the decision. No registration is needed, all are encouraged to attend, and identifying information about those in attendance will not be shared.

For further confidentiality, the session will also not be recorded, so it is highly recommended that those who are able to, do attend. To join, use the link below:

[Join Zoom Meeting Here](#)

In the meantime, if a student has questions or would like to identify resources for legal support, please refer them to connect with the [DREAM Center](#). Students are able to schedule appointments with me via the following link:

<https://calendly.com/garcian/30min>.

## Cañada in the Community

Many Cañadians were busy in the community last weekend promoting programs and student support services that are available at our college! Our Financial Aid team represented Cañada College at a collaborative Cash for College event at Police Athletic League (PAL) in Redwood City. Financial Aid Director David Vera presented important information for families and helped them with their financial aid applications. Our Outreach team attended Copita Telemundo 48 Redwood City Soccer Festival, a wonderful community event where the team connected with many families.



## Latinx Heritage Month

This week, we continued our Latinx Heritage Month celebration in the community and on campus. On Wednesday, Cañadians were at the [Fair Oaks Library](#) for [Cañada en la Comunidad: Narratives from Latinx Staff/ Narrativos del personal Latinx](#). Employees met with community members, shared stories and resources that Cañada College offers our community! Latinx Heritage month continues through October 21.

Visit the Latinx Heritage Month [website](#) to learn about workshops and events for our students, campus community and the broader Redwood City community.



### **Cañada Awarded \$2.6 Million Grant**

I'm proud to share that Cañada College was recently awarded a grant from the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (DHSI) Program, where Cañada will receive \$2,669,824 over five years! The [Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions \(DHSI\) Program](#) provides grants to assist HSIs to expand educational opportunities for and improve the attainment of Hispanic students. These grants also enable HSIs to expand and enhance their academic offerings, program quality, and institutional stability. My gratitude to the amazing team who submitted the grant: Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Karen Engel, Wissem Bennani, Ron Andrade, David Reed, Ludmila Prisecar, Mary Ho, Georganne Morin and Milena Angelova, as well as Diva Ward and Jim Butterfield of the District Office.

### **Next Steps for our College Mural Project**

Thank you for your feedback on the mural design. We heard you! The Mural Taskforce has used the feedback to alter the mural process. We are returning to the original intent of the mural as seen in this [student video](#). Accordingly, we will hold new design workshops on October 19 and 26 from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Interested in joining a committed group of students who will design the mural? [Sign up here](#). Separate learning events are also being planned to address how we honor and represent our local Ramaytush Ohlone community. Have questions? Email [canvpss@smccd.edu](mailto:canvpss@smccd.edu).

### **SparkPoint Updates**

In partnership with Second Harvest Food Bank, Cañada College will be launching a FREE Grocery Distribution on campus in Lot 6 on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

This event will be open to students and the community and will provide clients with the opportunity to select the food they want. This weekly distribution will serve 200-250 families to start. Additional information can be found on the attached flyer. The SparkPoint team is looking for community volunteers to join the event; please visit [this link](#) to sign up as a community volunteer. In addition, the Food Pantry has been serving a record number of clients. Currently, the Pantry is serving more than 180 families per week (unduplicated) and is serving around 300 families a week (duplicated) monthly. Our Pantry serves students, their families, staff and faculty (basically everyone) by providing healthy and nutritious food at a time of rising food and living costs (This past year, the Consumer Price Index has increased by 9.1 % - the highest increase since 1981). Thank you to the SparkPoint team for identifying new ways to serve our community and support with basic daily needs, such as food.

### **October 12 Flex Day**

The Professional Development Planning Committee invites you to participate in the October 12 Flex Day. In an effort to include staff and faculty from across the campus in Flex Day activities, *campus will be closed* to students. We have created the attached sign for you to post in your offices to remind students that campus is closed for Flex Day. Please review the schedule for the day's event on the [Flex Day Website](#), and [RSVP](#) for sessions you plan to attend. Most sessions are offered both in-person and online. The modality of each session is indicated on the Flex Day website and the RSVP form. Lastly, we would like to thank our wonderful team of Flex Day presenters. If you have any questions regarding Flex Day, please contact [Ellen Young](#), Faculty Flex Day Coordinator.

### **Updates from the Cañada Athletics Department**

*Colts Women's Soccer* opened their Coast Conference season this past Tuesday with a 3-2 win against Evergreen Valley. The winning goal was scored off the foot of Rachel Hull for the victory in the final minute of the match. Congratulations to Coach Katie Perkins and the team! Come down to watch the Women's Soccer team take on Cabrillo College at 4 p.m. today.

*Colts Men's Soccer* played a hard-fought match on Tuesday against Hartnell and fell just short 1-0. The team plays against West Valley College in Saratoga today at 1 p.m. Good luck to Coach Erik Gaspar and the Colts!

The *Colts Men's Basketball team* opens their 2022-23 season with a scrimmage vs. Merritt College on Friday, October 28, in Colts Gymnasium under Head Coach Eddy Harris. For more information on the schedule, please click [here](#).




## Undocumented Student Action Week

Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW) is a week-long series of events from October 17 to October 21, 2022 that aims to celebrate and provide resources for undocumented students. The events being hosted at Cañada College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College are open to all students and community members and will be a mix of virtual, hybrid, and in-person events. USAW is part of a statewide effort led by the California Community College Chancellor's Office to advocate for undocumented students and create systems that will lead to their success. All event information will be found at: <https://www.canadacollege.edu/dreamers/usaw.php>

**Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW)**

Monday, October 17	Tuesday, October 18	Wednesday, October 19	Thursday, October 20	Friday, October 21
Kick off 9-10am - Webinar	Skyline Led Events 9-10am - Webinar	CSM Led Events 9-10am - Webinar	Cañada Led Events * Community of Practice Platica * Open House (day & evening) * Series Screening & Discussion	District Wide Event 9-10am - Webinar

More information can be found here:  
<https://www.canadacollege.edu/dreamers/usaw.php>


## Vaccination Clinic Appointments Are Full but Walk-ins Are Welcome!

The October 12 Vaccination Clinic appointments are now full. The clinic will accept walk-ins and provide boosters until their supply runs out. The District will host another vaccination clinic by mid-November.

The [CDC](#) recommends everyone stay up to date with COVID-19 boosters:

1. 18 years and older are recommended to receive one updated Pfizer or Moderna (bivalent) booster. This includes people who have received all primary series doses and people who have previously received one or more original (monovalent) boosters.
2. 12 years to 17 years can only receive the updated Pfizer bivalent booster.
3. 5 years to 11 years are currently recommended to get the original (monovalent) booster.
4. 6 months through 4 years should get all COVID-19 primary series doses.

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine after you recover from COVID-19 infection provides added protection against COVID-19.

### **Free Flu Vaccines in the Health Center**

Students and employees can receive free flu vaccines at the Cañada Health Center, located in Building 5, Room 303. Please book an appointment [canhealth@smccd.edu](mailto:canhealth@smccd.edu), call (650) 306-3309 or walk in Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

### **Reminder: Program Review and Resource Request Deadlines!**

Any program requesting additional resources for the 2022-23 budget, must submit an Annual Update via [Improve/Nuventive](#) by October 14, 2022. Revised submittals, addressing any Division Dean or VP feedback, must be completed by November 4, 2022. 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](mailto:canprogramreview@smccd.edu).

Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,  
Kim