



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 9-23-22

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Happy Friday! We had an action-packed week filled with incredible activities and events! On Monday, members of the College participated in the SMCCC Foundation's 10th Annual Golf Tournament, which raised funds for the Promise Scholars Program. On Wednesday, Student Senate hosted their bi-annual Club Rush event where 20 clubs and programs hosted tables. The campus was able to meet with clubs and departments on campus, learning how they could get involved at Cañada. Virtual Reality Club set up a huge interactive play booth, and many clubs had interactive and fun activities for all participants. Student Senate gave out 100 free t-shirts that featured their vision for this year that focused on solidarity and growing towards the light, and also gave out 100 customized charcuterie boards. Thank you to the 200+ participants who attended Club Rush. Yesterday, we had an amazing districtwide turnout in support of SB 893! You can read more about the event below.



Community Gathering in Support of SB 893

Thank you to the Cañada students, faculty and staff who joined our District Office, Skyline and CSM colleagues yesterday in support of Free Community College in San Mateo County, through Senate Bill 893. The event drew more than 150 people, including several elected officials and community partners who are supporting the bill. SB 893, authored by Sen. Josh Becker and co-authored by Assemblymembers Kevin Mullin and Marc Berman, has been passed by both chambers of the California Legislature and awaits the Governor's signature. SB 893 will allow the San Mateo County Community College District to use its existing local funds to pay for enrollment fees, books, educational materials and supplies, and basic needs costs such as transportation, food and housing for students most in need. Current law restricts the use of general fund dollars for such items, and SB 893 will make college more accessible and affordable in San Mateo County. You can view images from the event on our [Flickr page](#). To date, yesterday's community gathering has garnered a wide range of media coverage in news outlets such as: KTVU Fox 2, KTSF Channel 26 News, [Telemundo](#), [RWC Pulse](#) and [San Mateo Daily Journal](#).



Participatory Governance Orientation: TODAY!

Ever wonder what participatory governance is? New to a Planning Council, Senate or Committee? All are welcome to join PBC's Participatory Governance Orientation today, September 23, from 1-2 p.m. via [this Zoom link](#). Planning and Budget Council members are required to attend. Questions? Please contact [Dean Engel](#).

Cañada College Celebrates Latinx Heritage Month

September 21-October 14 marks [Latinx Heritage Month \(LHM\)](#) and Cañada College is celebrating by creating a space of inclusion that transcends diversity and explores our intersectional identities. The LHM Planning Team has created a month filled with workshops and events for our students, campus community and the broader Redwood City community to amplify Latinx voices and identities, as well as creating space to come together. You can see the list of events on our [LHM website](#) and on the attached flyer. In addition, campus community members are invited to celebrate Latinx Heritage Month by downloading custom LHM Zoom background designs [here](#). We look forward to collaborating and celebrating Latinx Heritage Month!



The Grove Cafe Extended Hours Trial – Begins on Monday, Sept. 26

Starting on Monday, September 26, The Grove Cafe will be extending hours until 5 p.m. on a trial basis to measure need and sustainability. The new hours will be Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Fall Fashion Department Meetups

The Cañada Fashion Department is hosting upcoming events for the campus and greater community. All meetups will be held in in the Fashion program - Building 3, Room 255.

- September 24 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - "Meet and Make Pillowcases" for children in the hospital with cancer. Students will make pillowcases and socialize afterward.
- October 8 from 7-9 p.m. and Oct. 9 from 9-11 a.m. - "Designer Garment Exhibit" where the campus and greater community is invited to a view 40 top designer garments loaned by a student - museum style showing.
- November 5 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – "Trunk Show"- The campus and greater community is invited to a trunk show by a local fashion artist.

Online Equity Academy

Registration is open (and free for SMCCCD employees) for the [Equity Academy Level 1: Fundamentals of Equity](#) course presented by Skyline College's Equity Institute, which launches on Monday, October 17. This is a fully-online, four-week professional development opportunity for individuals and teams to learn baseline concepts, interrogate data and map implementation strategy to advance the equity-centered work

at their respective institutions. The course is informed by anti-racist and anti-sexist pedagogies and practices rooted in social justice frameworks providing participants the opportunity to engage in facilitated activities and discussions.

Launch Date: Monday, October 17, 2022

Register Online: <http://equityinstitute.com/equityacademy/>

What you can expect: The Equity Academy course is designed to be completed asynchronously, providing flexibility for working professionals to complete the training at their own convenience and pace. Each week, participants will spend two to three hours reviewing, exploring, and engaging the online learning activities, videos and readings for the week. They will also get the chance to come together virtually twice a week for a one-hour facilitated dialogue that will build social support and ensure meaningful connection and interaction.



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.

Raffle/Fundraising Update from SMCCC Foundation

The SMCCC Foundation reminds the campus community that any raffles at the three colleges (or the District), must go through the SMCCC Foundation. In order to comply with California law and the state constitution, the Foundation needs to know the costs associated with putting on the raffle, how much is collected in proceeds, and an assurance that at least 90 percent of the proceeds are used for charitable purposes (for example, if \$100 is collected in ticket sales, \$90 has to go to the charitable purpose, and \$10 can go to raffle expenses). Raffles may only be for charitable purposes.

The SMCCC Foundation has created a [fundraising activities notification worksheet](#), so campus groups can provide advance notice of any fundraising activity they are conducting, including raffles. SMCCC Foundation has asked for two months' notice for raffles. Once the raffle is over, there is a [collaboration raffle form](#) that needs to be filled out within a week of completion of the raffle.

COVID Prevention Program Plan Updates

Earlier this week, the District sent communication about its [COVID-19 Prevention Program Plan](#) that has been modified to reflect the most up-to-date COVID-19 procedures and policies.

Key updates include:

- Face Coverings and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) SOP
- Investigating / Responding to COVID-19 Cases in the Workplace and Reporting, Recordkeeping, and Access SOPs
- COVID-19 Testing for Unvaccinated Medical and Sincerely Held Religious Beliefs Exempt Individuals SOP

A copy of the message is attached.

I really enjoyed seeing so many of you throughout the many events this past week. Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim