



## A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

### **Weekly Update 4-15-22**

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Thank you very much for your celebratory words of support this past week. I am honored to serve as your President and grateful to work with such an outstanding community of students, staff, faculty, supervisors and administrative team. I want to recognize my fellow presidential finalists – Dr. Tammy Robinson and Dr. Manuel Alejandro Pérez. Both Tammy and Manuel have been wonderful colleagues to me and we have supported each other throughout this process. I see our candidacies as a testament to the talent we have at Cañada College. I am excited for this opportunity to continue to serve our students and San Mateo County communities.

### **Cañada College, SUHSD, SFSU & Cal State East Bay MOU**

Since August, 2021 discussions have occurred between the leadership of, Cañada College, San Francisco State University (SFSU), California State University East Bay (CSUEB) and Sequoia Union High School District (SUHSD). These discussions have resulted in a draft Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) that outlines the establishment of joint educational programs, efforts, and collaboration to increase college preparation, access and success for SUHSD students and graduates. This past week I attended the SUHSD Board of Trustees meeting with Superintendent Dr. Williams, Chancellor Claire and Dr. Jamillah Moore. We shared the purpose and goals of the draft MOU (see attached) and I will present this draft for final adoption at our upcoming Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, April 27.

In addition, Cañada College Welcome and Acceptance Letters (see attached) were emailed to over 2,500 graduating seniors from the SUHSD. The Letters will be mailed again with final grades in June.

### **News from the Library**

This month's Library newsletter includes updates on how to checkout and access library materials, free materials on immigration and how to become a U.S. Citizen, eBooks and videos on understanding Ukraine, resources on Arab American Heritage Month, and a five-legged frog from the Cañada College Newspaper archives. View the newsletter [here](#).

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# CAÑADA COLLEGE LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

## Citizenship Corner

The library now offers a Citizenship Corner featuring free materials in several languages as well as books for checkout on the naturalization test, immigration, and other topics. Some of the books are:

- [Pass the Citizenship Test! Everything You Need for Success!](#)
- [U.S. Immigration Made Easy](#)
- [Becoming a U.S. Citizen: A Guide to the Law, Exam & Interview](#)
- [Becoming a Citizen: Incorporating Immigrants and Refugees in the United States and Canada](#)

Please let us know if you have any questions.



## **Public Library card no longer needed to access Cañada Library resources?**

That's right! As of 2020 you no longer need a Peninsula Public Library Card to check out material like textbooks, Chromebooks, or WiFi hotspots, or to access online library databases. To check out material all you need is your G# and a photo ID. To access online library databases all you need is your OneLogin user name and password, the same ones you use to get into Canvas.



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### **Assistance Needed for Cañada Commencement: Saturday, May 28, 2022**

Cañada's 54<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 28 at 10 a.m. There are a number of opportunities to participate and help make this event a memorable one for our graduates and their families. To assist with this special event, please click the [commencement job assignment link](#). Commencement assignments include: setup crew, graduate registration, getting grads ready, commencement usher, cleanup crew and more. Your support in this day means the world to all of us, and makes the graduation experience for students possible. Staff will have the option to choose exchange time or compensation for the hours worked at Commencement. Please inform your supervisor on your choice. I hope you will be a part of the Cañada Commencement team and appreciate your consideration.

### **Meet Robbie the Robot!**

Come meet Disability Resource Center (DRC)'s new addition: Robbie the Robot! This new robot will change the way students can attend in-person classes at our college. It is created by Ohmni lab and it is a telepresence robot for distance learning and will allow students with physical disabilities to attend classes on campus. Under the direction of their human controllers, Robbie allows remote students to roam across campus, "sit" in classrooms, participate in group discussions in the classroom, and so much more. Come by and meet Robbie in person at 11 a.m. on April 18 in The Grove.



### **Soft Rollout of Cañada Athletic Center Pools Begin on April 19**

Beginning April 19, 2022 the Cañada College – Athletic Center, in partnership and through SMCCCD, will begin offering *limited* opportunities to College of San Mateo – Athletic Center members to “beta-test” the new Cañada site pools. This is meant to be a limited use and “testing” of Front Desk check-in, Locker Room and Pool Facilities. Note: this is not a Cañada Membership.

It is however an opportunity for SMCCCD Community Fitness to gauge efforts to provide best service practices at the new location. All NON-AQUATICS areas of the facility will remain closed. Access will be very limited and is offered by reservation only, Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 4 – 7 p.m. Reservations must be made in advance and can only be made with a CSM-Athletic Center Membership Number via the [membership website](#). Reservations open April 17. We hope that you will join us for this thrilling journey by experiencing ALL of the SMCCCD Athletic Center pools.

### **Thank you for your support!**

Thank you to all who helped support our students to participate in the national Community College Survey of Student Engagement last month! More than 550 students responded – a 12% response rate! The data will be sent to Cañada in July and the PRIE Office will share the results in August and September.

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

Sincerely,  
Kim