



A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 2-17-22

Dear Colleagues,

Last week I had a chance to meet our new Campus Ambassadors during their training and welcome them as a part of our Outreach team! I enjoyed learning about each one of our Ambassadors and was so impressed with their passion and enthusiasm for our College. Next week, I will be attending the Chamber San Mateo County's 124th Annual Awards & Recognition Luncheon! The Chamber has been a long-standing advocate and supporter of Cañada College and SMCCCD and we greatly appreciate their partnership. if you're interested in attending, information can be found [here](#).



COVID-19 At-Home Antigen and Onsite Tests

This week, the District sent communication that we have received our first shipment of limited at-home antigen (rapid) testing kits. At this time, employees can request one test kit that contains two tests via their division office. Information will be provided about subsequent employee availability as supplies are received by the District. Information about student at-home testing kits will be provided soon. You can read the full message in the attached update. In addition, on February 22, employees, students and the broader community with or without symptoms can test via our partnership with COVID Clinic. Free PCR testing will be available Monday – Thursday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Friday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. You can visit our [COVID-19 Testing webpage](#) for more details.

Educational Master Planning Community Forum

Dozens of campus community stakeholders joined the EMP Task Force last Friday, February 11, to discuss and provide input on the most pressing challenges facing the College over the next five years and how to address them. Please provide your input! Notes from the Community Forum can be found [here](#) and are open for your suggestions and reflections until February 28, 2022. Please save the date for our Educational Master Planning Retreat which will be held both in-person and virtually on Friday, March 11 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The entire campus community is invited to participate. Additional information to come.

Nominations Requested for Cañada College Classified Employee of the Year

Each year, the Board of Governors along with the State Chancellor's Office seeks nominations from each community college district for their Classified Employee of the Year Award. In our district, the three colleges and the District Office *each* nominate one classified employee. The Board of Trustees reviews the resulting four nominations received and makes the final selection of the nominee to be forwarded to the State. Considerations for the award include a commitment to high standards of job performance and professionalism, demonstrated leadership, collaboration, knowledge, and other criteria. I encourage and invite all members of the Cañada Community (students, faculty members, and classified staff) to nominate a classified employee for our college's award. Please submit your completed nomination form (attached) to the Office of the President at CANPresident@smccd.edu by Friday, February 25 at 4:30 p.m. The College Cabinet will then review the nominations and make a final selection by March 2 to ensure that we meet the deadline for submitting our nominee to the District.

Director of Student Support, Ron Andrade

Please welcome our new Director of Student Support, Ron Andrade. Ron comes to us from CSM where he has provided equity-focused, student-centered leadership for a wide range of support programs, including tutoring and learning assistance, Guided Pathways, and learning communities. Ron is a California native who has split his time pretty evenly between living in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas. He attended the University of Southern California for his Bachelor's (Business) and Master's (Education) degrees and received his Doctor of Education from San Francisco State University. Ron has been in the District since 2007 where he has contributed to several initiatives including learning communities, First Year Experience, Guided Pathways and accreditation. Since 2014, he has been managing CSM's Learning Center where he supervised learning assistance and tutoring programs across disciplines. Outside of campus, Ron enjoys playing recreational league softball and often can be found on the diamond in his usual #37. When vacationing, you can find him enjoying warm weather and warm water while SCUBA diving in places like the Virgin Islands, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Hawaii, Fiji and Tonga. Ron has been



instrumental in finding new ways to provide support for marginalized student populations and we look forward to having him join our team!

Safety Committee Meeting Today

The [Safety Committee](#) will hold its next [meeting](#) today via Zoom at 2:30-4 p.m. Log in: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/87138585879>. All are welcome to attend.

Campus Closed February 18-21

In observance of Lincoln's Birthday and President's Day, campus will be closed February 18-21 and will re-open on Tuesday, February 22.

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

Sincerely,
Kim