



A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 2-25-22

Dear Colleagues,

Onsite COVID-19 Testing & At-Home Antigen Tests Now Available Districtwide

As of 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. As of February 24, students can pick-up a FREE at-home antigen (rapid) testing kit. Testing kits are readily available at the entrance of every Bookstore. Please visit our [COVID-19 Testing webpage](#) for more details. The message from District Communications is also attached.

Cañada in the Community

Our Outreach team has been very busy these past few weeks connecting with our community. On February 9, they presented virtually (alongside CSM and Skyline) to Mills High School on academic and student support offerings at all three colleges. Also on February 9, the Cañada Outreach team presented and tabled at Woodside High School's Community College Night where about 25 students and their families were present. The next evening, they presented at Sequoia Union High School's Community College Night



where they connected with around 45 students and their families. The team has several more meetings and presentations planned in the community throughout the month! You can find photos from the events throughout this Weekly Update.

DUE TODAY: 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.

Educational Master Planning Retreat on March 11

The Educational Master Planning process is nearing the last phase during which the College's new 5-year strategic goals and initiatives will be refined. The EMP Task Force is hosting an all-day strategic planning retreat during which it will prioritize many of the most pressing challenges facing the College over the next five years. The retreat which will be held both in-person and virtually on Friday, March 11 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Please be sure to [RSVP here](#) if you would like to attend.



Black History Month Events

The entire campus community is invited to attend these upcoming events in celebration of Black History Month:

February 28 - AfriCañadians: Black Professional Excellence Panel

3 – 4 p.m.

Registration Link: <https://tinyurl.com/CanBSUPanel>

The Black Student Union (BSU) and Student Senate is hosting a panel of Black professionals in honor of Black History Month. Hear from Black higher education professionals about their experiences and lessons working in the industry.

March 1- BSM (Black Students Matter) Presents: Black Speaker Series

3 p.m.

Zoom Meeting ID: 885 0599 8113, Passcode: 306210

You are invited to listen to Cañada/SMCCCD students and employees on how we can better support our underserved population. The Black Speaker Series is an opportunity to hear our students and faculty voices and highlight what we can do to support Black students on their academic journey at Cañada College and in our SMCCCD District and beyond. The speaker lineup includes students Delicia Pennix and Tamarik Rabb, ASTEP Counselor Tim Dupre and Inspirational Speaker Dee Hankins!

Scholarship Reviewers Needed

The Financial Aid Office is seeking Cañada faculty, staff and administrators who would like to serve as scholarship reviewers for the 2022-23 Cañada Scholarship Program. Each reviewer will be assigned 30-40 scholarship applications to review between March 5 – 21 in AcademicWorks, the online scholarship application platform used by the three SMCCCD colleges. The time commitment should not exceed 8 hours and is one of the most rewarding ways to get to know our students. Reviewers will be provided with comprehensive instructions, a scoring rubric and a few Zoom drop-in training opportunities and one-on-one assistance as needed. Please reply to [David Vera](#) by March 1 if you are able to serve as a scholarship reviewer.



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

Sincerely,
Kim