



A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 2-4-22

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to February! This month begins Lunar New Year and Black History Month. Our campus community has planned several events to celebrate Black History Month, many of which can be found below. Also, earlier this week, I had the opportunity to participate in ASCC's Club Rush where students connected with 15 different clubs and learned how to get engaged on our campus. Students also received a free Cañada Loteria shirt, personal pizza and sunglasses.



Presidential Search Survey & Town Hall – Survey Submissions Due Today at 3 p.m.

As we begin our search for our next College President, the Cañada College Presidential Search Committee welcomes your feedback through a brief survey. Your comments/suggestions will be reviewed by the Screening Committee and will be utilized to assist in developing interview questions and any other types of assessments for the first round.

Your comments/suggestions will be confidential and will not be shared with the public.

Please [complete the survey](#) by 3 p.m. on Friday, February 4. A summary of the feedback received will be provided at the Collegewide Town Hall meeting, which will be

held, virtually, on Tuesday, February 8 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Zoom link: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/87611021027>

Internal Equity Report – Full Report Released

Áse Power Consult (APC), the consulting team Cañada engaged to help determine how the College could effectively incorporate diversity, equity, inclusion and antiracism in its Educational Master Plan for 2022-27 and beyond, shared its full [Internal Equity Report](#) and recommendations this week. The [EMP Task Force](#), [PBC](#), [ACES](#) and the Academic, Classified and Student Senates will be discussing APC's recommendations and next steps.

Community Forum Next Friday

We are in the midst of an important five-year planning process! Come help provide insights into the priorities for the College over the next five years. Join the Educational Master Planning Task Force next Friday, February 11, from 1-3 p.m. in discussing how to address challenges and opportunities. Community Forum Zoom Link: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/88130932060>

Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, our Black Student Union (BSU) is hosting upcoming events for the entire campus community to participate in and connect. We encourage you to visit the [college event calendar](#) for the latest event updates.

Friday, February 4

District BSU Mix & Mingle, hosted by Skyline College BSU (virtual event)
3-4 p.m.

Connect with students and staff of all three of our district's Black Student Unions and Umoja Programs! Event link to join: bit.ly/skybsu22

Friday Movie Trivia (virtual event)

4-5 p.m.

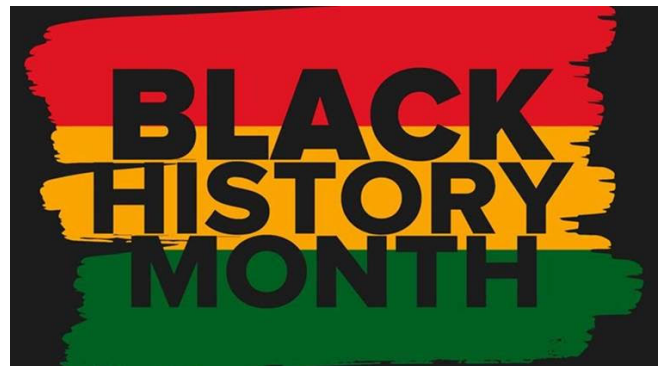
Join us for a Kahoot! game featuring trivia from the cultural classic, *Friday*! Event link to join: bit.ly/skybsu22

Monday, February 28

AfriCañadians: Black Excellence Panel (virtual event)

3 p.m.

Hear from Black higher education professionals about their experiences and lessons working in the industry. Register for the event: <https://tinyurl.com/CanBHMPanel>



STEM Speaker Series Kicks Off

The Spring STEM Speaker Series kicked off this week and will host weekly talks from professionals and alumni in the STEM fields. These speakers generously volunteer their time to help advise and guide students on their academic journeys. The Spring Speakers lineup is attached and the entire campus community is invited to join the virtual event Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. during February and March.

IDEAL Leadership Program

The month of February brings the start of the long-awaited IDEAL Program to the San Mateo County Community College District. The IDEAL (Initiative in Diversity, Equity, Antiracism and Leadership) Program is an equity-advancing professional development program aimed at preparing participants to engage in equity and social justice work. A team of executive leaders from our District office, cabinet members from each college and the Chancellor's cabinet members will comprise the first cohort of IDEAL. The IDEAL cohort will meet two times per week, for four weeks, totaling eight sessions. The IDEAL Core Team comprising of Diva Ward, Dr. Jeremiah Sims and Dr. Oyame KenZoe Selassie-Okpe, worked collaboratively with the IDEAL Curriculum Developers, Jeramy Wallace, Marisol Quevedo and Mariella Thaning, to prepare for the opportunity to work with our IDEAL cohort. We hope this program becomes an integral part of our employee training and advances the development of equitable leadership in our district as an institutionally transformative experience. For questions about IDEAL, please contact [Diva Ward](#).

Black & Brown Career Excellence Summit – Feb. 24 & 25

Please share this opportunity with your students. The Black & Brown Career Excellence Summit will be held virtually Feb. 24 & 25. The summit is a free event that will feature special guests and great activities for students. The summit will assist students in understanding the vast opportunities that are available to them through Workforce Development programs and college offerings.



The graphic is a promotional poster for the Black & Brown Career Excellence Summit. It features a dark background with a gold and white wave-like design at the top and bottom. On the left, the Canada College logo is displayed. The main text in the center reads "Black & Brown Career Excellence Summit" in white. Above this, it says "ONLINE EVENT REGISTER TODAY: blackbrownsummit.eventbrite.com" with a red camera icon. Below the title, there is a photo of a diverse group of young adults. To the left of the photo, the dates and times are listed: "Thursday, February 24, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m." and "Friday, February 25, 2022 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m." Below the dates is a small icon of a computer monitor showing a video call. At the bottom left, a text box says "We are excited to invite our community partners to the first Black and Brown Career Excellence Summit!". At the bottom right, another text box says "Participants will engage with employers, learn about pathways to internships, and be introduced to jobs that are available now."

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

Sincerely,

Kim