



A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 3-18-22

Dear Colleagues,

Cañada Included in Top 10 List of Best California Community Colleges

Cañada College was recently named #8 in the [Top 10 Best Community Colleges in California](#) and #61 in the country using [rankings](#) from Niche, an organization that focuses on higher-education marketing. The community colleges that were recognized all offer a great reason to consider a two-year education before moving on to a four-year school. You can read more [here](#).

OYE Conference Brings Latinx Youth to Cañada College!

Tomorrow, Cañada College will serve as the host location for the 2022 OYE Conference, a Latinx Youth Conference, based in North Fair Oaks, Redwood City, East Palo Alto and surrounding areas. The OYE Conference is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year and Cañada College has collaborated/participated since the first conference. The conference provides an opportunity for Latinx youth (ages ~12-22), parents and allies to explore how they can support their community, pathways to their future, their culture and identity, as well as personal development. The event will be held from 9 a.m.-3:15 p.m. and include plenary sessions, workshops, free lunch, lots of swag giveaways and tons more. The event is free to attend for all but registration is required. Please register at www.tinyurl.com/OYE2022. Please view the attached event flyer for additional information.



**Photo from 2018 OYE Conference*

Cañada Commencement: Saturday, May 28, 2022

Cañada's Commencement Committee is excited to announce the return of the College's in-person Commencement ceremony for the Class of 2022. The ceremony will be held

outdoors on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 10 a.m. More information will be available soon, but please be sure to mark your calendars so you can join us in celebrating the Class of 2022. Employees and students can help make the day memorable for our grads and work at Commencement! Please contact [Michiko Kealoha](mailto:Michiko.Kealoha@smccd.edu) for more information on how you can assist the day of Commencement. General questions regarding Commencement may be directed to canstudentlife@my.smccd.edu.

Deadline Extension of April 8 for Students to Apply for Spring 2022 Degree and Certificate

Please share with students that the last day to apply for their Spring 2022 Degree and Certificate and be included in the Commencement program is now Friday, April 8, 2022. Counseling appointments are available for students to get assistance in submitting their application. They can make an appointment through the Student Success Link portal or by contacting the [Welcome Center](mailto:Welcome.Center@smccd.edu) at (650) 306-3452 or canadawelcomecenter@smccd.edu. We recommend that students make their appointments as soon as possible.



Parking Permit Machine Update: Cash Option

The new parking permit system that started at the beginning of the semester is in full swing. The grace period has ended, and permits are now required to park on campus. There are currently two cash parking machines in each college that are working, tested and accepting payment. At Cañada, the machines are located at Lot 3 (Tennis Court Parking Lot) – Easy access immediately after entry to college (Bills and coin) and Lot 6B (Middle of Lot 6 – largest parking lot at Cañada. (Bills and coin). Any questions about parking can be directed to the Public Safety main line at 650-738-7000.

Please Remind Students to Complete the CCSSE Survey!

For one more week, Cañada will be participating in the [Community College Survey of Student Engagement \(CCSSE\)](#). We are respectfully requesting that faculty provide time in class for students to complete the survey, or assign it as homework. The survey closes on March 26, 2022. Questions or concerns, please contact [Dean Engel](#).

Educational Master Planning Retreat

A big thanks to the more than 45 faculty, staff, students and administrators who participated in the Educational Master Planning Retreat last Friday. The day was a critical part of our process to update the College's 5-year strategic plan. All of the draft goals, strategies and mission, vision values developed for the new EMP can be found on [the EMP website here](#). Please provide your input to [David Eck](#), [Roz Young](#), or [Karen Engel](#), the Tri-Chairs of the PBC EMP Task Force. Thank you!



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

Sincerely,
Kim

THE 10TH ANNUAL LATINX YOUTH CONFERENCE!

Construyendo Juntos/Building Together!

Saturday, March 19, 2022
9:00AM-3:15PM

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Yosimar Reyes
and a
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Register at www.tinyurl.com/OYE2022

In-Person and Virtual Options Available

Participants will be required to follow COVID safety protocols



OYE Conference