**Weekly Update 3-25-22**

Dear Colleagues,
I had a chance to attend the Puente Mentor and Mentee Social Mixer on Wednesday where Puente students, their mentors and administrative leaders gathered to relax, mingle and enjoy Mexican hot chocolate and pan dulce on a Wednesday afternoon. This was the first in-person Puente Mentor and Mentee Social Mixer since the pandemic began.  The interaction was joyful, natural and much awaited.



**Joan Murphy Recognized as Cañada College Classified Employee of the Year**
At this Wednesday's Board Meeting, I had a pleasure to recognize Joan Murphy as Cañada College's Classified Employee of the Year! Joan has worked at Cañada College for more than 20 years and serves as the full-time Division Assistant in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division where colleagues have described her as a heart of the division.  Joan has supported other divisions when there were position vacancies and has also served as a mentor to other Division Assistants on campus.  During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, she worked hard to ensure that the course schedule was accurate, while also helping other Division Assistants with this process.

Joan is a true campus leader.  She is very involved at Cañada and has served on several committees, including Cañada College's Instructional Planning Council.  Her calm demeanor, wisdom and sound judgement contribute to the policy and actions that are taken by the Council. Joan is extremely gracious and unassuming as well as a powerhouse of information and work ethic.  She gives freely of her time and herself - all in service of Cañada College.  Her work is always timely, top-notch and is performed with grace and precision. She also exhibits kindness, compassion and a strong commitment to the College and Cañada is a better institution because of Joan Murphy.  Please join me in congratulating Joan!



**Presidential Finalist Forum Recordings & Feedback Forms**
If you missed any of the Presidential Finalist Forums this week or would like to revisit any of them, the recordings are now available. You can view all of the finalists' bios, forum recordings and feedback forms on the Presidential Search Finalists pages or use the direct links below. After watching the forums, please submit a feedback form for each candidate. The deadline to submit feedback forms is Wednesday, April 6 at 4 p.m. Thank you for your participation and input in this important process.

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| [Ms. Kim Lopez](#) | [Forum Recording](#) | [Feedback Form](#) |
| [Dr. Manuel Alejandro Pérez](#) | [Forum Recording](#) | [Feedback Form](#) |
| [Dr. Tammy](#) | [Forum Recording](#) | [Feedback Form](#) |
| [Dr. Lisa Cooper](#) | [Forum Recording](#) | [Feedback Form](#) |
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**Help Celebrate BIPOC & Minoritized Communities - Proposal for Financial Support**
To align with our College's commitment to antiracism and equity, our College would like to support end of the year recognition ceremonies for graduates and certificate recipients from Black, Indigenous, people of color, and minoritized communities. As a college, our goal with these ceremonies is to uplift stories of joy, excellence and completion. The College may commit up to $1,000 of support related to set-up and fees for facilities, custodial, instructional technology and audio-visual. [Submit your proposal here.](#) Deadline to submit application is before midnight on Wednesday, April 13. If you have questions, or are interested in learning more about this invitation prior to submitting a proposal, please email Student Life at [canstudentlife@my.smccd.edu](mailto:canstudentlife@my.smccd.edu).

**Free Lyft Rides for Cañada College Students!**
Cañada College is excited to announce the launch of our new pilot program offering free [Lyft rides for Cañada](#) students who reside in East Palo Alto, Menlo Park and North Fair Oaks. The program is intended to help make it easier and more affordable for our students to get to their in-person classes and support services at Cañada College. The program will begin after Spring Break on Monday, April 4. However, students can plan ahead and sign up for the program now! Visit the Cañada Lyft [webpage](#) for more information. For questions, please contact [CANStudentLife@my.smccd.edu](mailto:CANStudentLife@my.smccd.edu) or (650) 306-3364.

**Nominations for President's Student Leadership Award: Deadline is April 1**
Each year, the President's Student Leadership Award is presented to a graduating student for exemplary leadership and scholarship. The recipient is selected from nominations received from faculty, staff and students of the Cañada community and will be recognized at the Commencement Ceremony and program. The nomination process is now open through Friday, April 1, 2022 at 4 p.m.

We look forward to your thoughtful nomination of an individual graduate you believe exemplifies the spirit and purpose of this Award and fulfills its criteria:
• has made meaningful contributions to the lives of students, his/her community, and/or Cañada College,
• develops, pursues, and achieves personal educational goals,
• demonstrates leadership qualities that represent the values and mission of the College,
• achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or higher,
• is a graduating student in Summer 2021, Fall 2021, or Spring 2022.

Any member of the Cañada community - faculty, staff, and students - may nominate for this award. The selection committee will consider all complete nominations received, so please make sure your submitted form includes an attachment supporting your nomination. Remember to submit complete nomination form with attachment by Friday, April 1, 2022 at 4 p.m. to the Office of the President.

**Cañada in the Community**
As part of an effort to integrate our Dual Enrollment students to our Cañada Campus, on March 17, a group of 18 Pescadero High School students and their High School Counselor, Margaret Sedillo, visited our college.  Interim President Kim Lopez and Vice President of Student Services, Manuel Pérez personally welcomed the students to campus when they arrived.  Pescadero High School students then learned about our Cañada College programs from Director of High School Transitions, Mayra Arellano and College Recruiter, Olivia Cortez-Figueroa.  Afterwards, Professor and Cañada College Counselor, Daryan Chan who teaches Dual Enrollment class CRER 137 got to meet and speak with the students in person.  Students also heard from Cañada College Student Ambassadors, Tivi and Joaquin, on why they each chose Cañada College. Students were then taken on a campus tour that started with a visit to the Education & Human Development and Digital Arts & Animation Departments.  There, students heard from Dean Hyla Lacefield, Professors Paul Naas and Jamie Hui. Afterwards, students were taken to visit the Welcome Center, Financial Aid Office, Dream Center and EOPS, where they heard from staff about Cañada College programs. To round out the campus tour, students visited our new Kinesiology & Wellness Building. Cañada College looks forward to making this an annual event for Pescadero High School.

In addition, our Educators Now student club recently held a book reading of the "Adventures of the Mighty-Five: Fighting Corvin and His Creeps," followed by a related activity, at the Redwood City Public Library!  The event was well attended and children received a copy of the book as well as a balloon.  The club is planning and hoping to publish printed copies of their accompanying workbook, as well as producing a Spanish version of the children's book.



**Last Day for Students to Complete the Survey!**
Please remind students about the importance of replying to this important survey before Spring Break!  Students are able to log in to the same spot in the survey they left off, so it doesn't have to be completed in one sitting. Thank you for making this opportunity to hear from our students about their experiences at Cañada a priority!

**Cesar Chavez Day Observed: Campus Closed March 31**
In honor of Cesar Chavez Day, the campus will be closed Thursday, March 31. Regular hours will resume on Friday, April 1. Our Marketing Department has created the attached sign to post in your offices, informing students that our offices will be closed on Thursday, March 31.

Thank you for your hard work this week and I wish you all a restful weekend. With Spring Break, our next Weekly Update will be sent on Friday, April 8.

Sincerely,
Kim

# Cañada College

## Happy Cesar Chavez Day

Campus will be

# CLOSED

on Thursday, March 31 in observance of the holiday

All student services will be unavailable for the day.

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# CAÑADA COLLEGE
## PRESIDENT'S STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD
### NOMINATION FORM

At this year's Commencement Ceremony, one student will be recognized for outstanding scholarship and leadership. We welcome your nomination of the student who you believe reflects the spirit of this award, embodies its positive attributes, and meets its criteria:

- has made meaningful contributions to the lives of students, his/her community, and/or Cañada College
- demonstrates outstanding academic achievement
- reflects a committed pursuit of educational goals
- demonstrates leadership qualities that represent the values and mission of the College
- achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or higher
- is a graduating student in Summer 2021, Fall 2021, or Spring 2022.

**Please attach a Word document** describing the nominee's involvement and accomplishments relevant to the award criteria. Please submit complete nomination form **with supporting page(s) attached,** to the Office of the President **by 4:00 pm, Friday, April 1, 2022.**

Name of nominee: _____

Phone: _____Email(1)_____Email(2)_____

Nominated by: _____

Campus affiliation (✓):          Student_____          Faculty_____          Staff_____

Phone: _____Email(1)_____Email(2)_____

Please note: **Faculty, Staff,** and **Students may nominate** individual students who meet the award criteria. The Selection Committee will review all nominations and determine the recipient.