



A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 3-4-22

Dear Colleagues,

Hello from San Diego! I am proud to represent Cañada College at the CEO Symposium along with my SMCCCD colleagues Chancellor Claire, Dr. Moreno and Dr. Taylor-Mendoza. The CEO Symposium is the annual convening for California Community College chancellors, superintendent/presidents and presidents from across the state.



Services Available for Cañada Students & Employees Impacted By the War in Ukraine

The world has watched the Russian government launch a full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Like many of you, I am heartbroken to see, read, and hear the deeply troubling reports of families and communities being torn apart, suffering and dying. If any member of the community finds they need support during this difficult time, we would like to offer our support. For students, the PCC is

available for virtual drop-in sessions at the following times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday: 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Please reach out to the PCC via email to request a virtual drop-in appointment by emailing canadapcc@smccd.edu or by sending a text to [650-308-9401](tel:650-308-9401). For employees, services are available through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). You can find out more about these services through their website [here](#). As a community, we must continue to offer compassion and support for one another, including all of our students and employees who are impacted.

Help for Ukraine

There are also many in our community who would like to support those in need. This week, the State Chancellor's Office shared a list of organizations vetted by several reputable U.S. news organizations providing humanitarian aid to people in Ukraine and to the growing diaspora. You can find the list [here](#). Please share this information and/or give as you feel comfortable.

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

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. In addition, 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 the [COVID-19 Testing webpage](#) for more details.

Mask Requirement Remains in Effect

Governor Gavin Newsom recently signed an executive order that aligns Cal/OSHA with the CDPH guidance in lifting the mask mandate for unvaccinated workers indoors. However, the San Mateo County Community College District maintains its masking requirement for all employees, students, and visitors regardless of their vaccination status until further notice. As such, all employees, students, and visitors entering any District facility are required to wear a face mask in all indoor settings unless actively eating or drinking in designated areas. Signage to this effect is posted in all buildings throughout the District. Surgical masks and N95 respirator masks are available at the entrances of every occupied building throughout the District. To learn more about different types of effective masks, [click here](#).

Cañada Shuttle Expands Service to Menlo Park

Starting on Monday, March 7, the Cañada College shuttle will expand its service to the Belle Haven Branch Library in Menlo Park! The shuttle offers students free shuttle service directly to campus from East Palo Alto and Menlo Park. The shuttle operates from 7 a.m.-12:15 p.m. and 3:15-7:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday through May 27, 2022. Visit canadacollege.edu/shuttle for the latest schedule updates.

CATCH A *FREE RIDE* TO COLLEGE!

Cañada College is offering a **FREE** shuttle service to campus from East Palo Alto and Menlo Park.

Updated Schedule:
Monday - Thursday
 7 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
 3:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
 994 Beech Street,
 East Palo Alto and
 413 Ivy Dr, Menlo Park
 (Schedule subject to change)



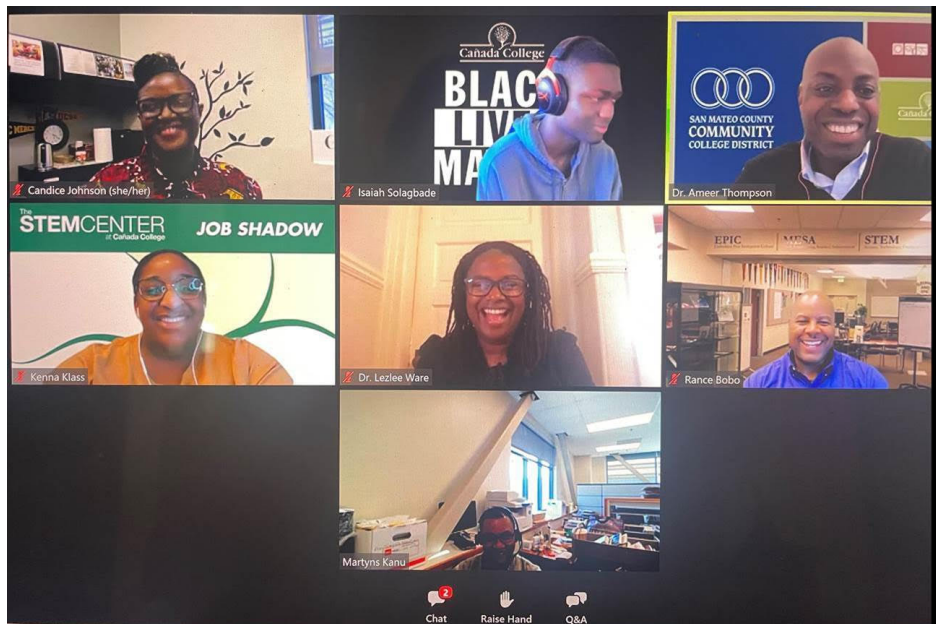

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Shuttle pick-up/drop-off near Building 9

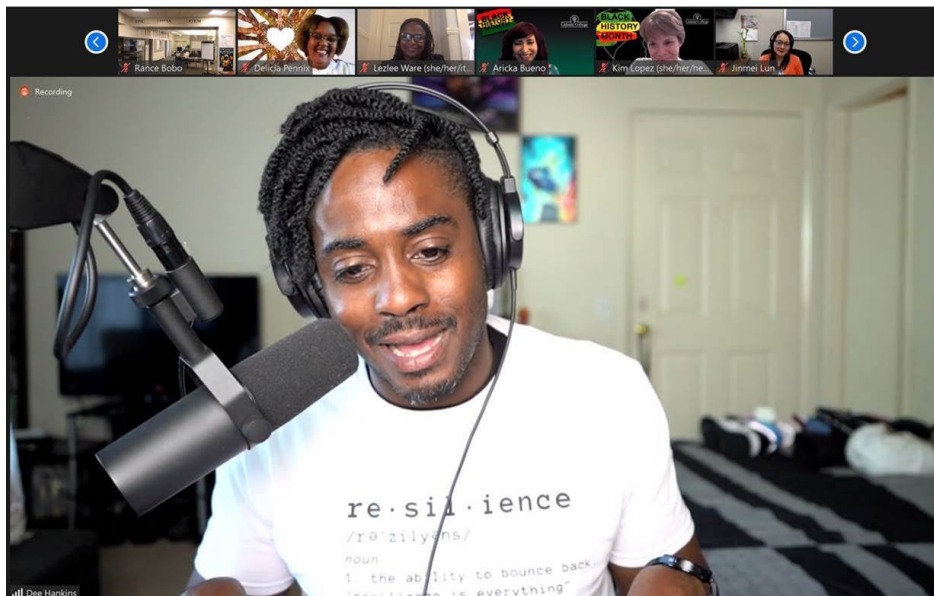


Black History Month Recap

Thank you to everyone who participated in our events celebrating Black History Month. The Cañada College Black Student Union (BSU) ended Black History Month with the [AfriCañadians: Black Professional Excellence Panel](#) on February 28, featuring five Black professionals from our campus. The dynamic panel consisted of an administrator, a tenured faculty member and three classified professionals from IT and STEM. Panelists answered a variety of questions about their experiences as Black people in general and as Black professionals in higher education.



Held on March 1, the Black Students Matter (BSM) Black Speaker Series was a powerful and emotional event. The amazing panelists spoke their truth, shared their experiences of what has helped them be successful in college and discussed different ways to cultivate resilience and bounce back from adversity. Tim Dupre shared his experience working at Skyline College as the Umoja-ASTEP Counselor and the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) tour he organized, and emphasized the importance of unity, collaboration, and cultural awareness in higher education. You can access the recording at https://smccd.zoom.us/rec/share/NHOBbfD9C3fU1LM-rqMvAPfAn0mL3DFIEQJvDGsMcHoxVjZmt7jsGIJEYrDWJGcu.GzLks0_IMPeoijjHB Pascode: b?6Q#ou5



Student Survey Launching Next Week

All students enrolled at Cañada this term will receive an invitation to participate in the [Community College Survey of Student Engagement](#) – a national survey that provides Cañada with powerful insights about how our students are doing. Please consider finding class time or other opportunities to encourage students to respond to the survey. They will be receiving links to the 20-minute survey via email and Canvas. Students who complete the entire survey will be entered into a raffle to win cash prizes.

Educational Master Planning Retreat on March 11

The Educational Master Planning process is nearing the last phase during which the College's new five-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 will be held both in-person in room 6-101/102 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.

Kinesiology and Wellness Building Featured in the San Mateo Daily Journal

The [San Mateo Daily Journal](#) recently featured an update on our new Cañada College Kinesiology and Wellness Building and Cañada College Athletic Center. The article is attached.



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

Sincerely,
Kim