



## A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

### Weekly Update 5-6-22

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Welcome to May, one of the busiest but one of the best times of year! On Monday our Middle College High School hosted a Dean's List and College Signing Celebration where our seniors shared their post-secondary plans for Decision Day. On Wednesday, the College hosted the 18 members of the Chamber San Mateo County Education Committee where they held their first in-person meeting since 2020! Our ESL Department also held its Recognition Ceremony which was a special and festive event for our students and their families. Yesterday, Cañada College was represented, along with partners from San Francisco State University (SFSU), California State University East Bay (CSUEB) and Sequoia Union High School District (SUHSD) for an MOU Signing Day. The event celebrated the agreement that outlines the establishment of joint educational programs, efforts and collaboration to increase college preparation, access and success for SUHSD students and graduates.



### Assistance Needed for Cañada Commencement: Saturday, May 28, 2022

Cañada's 54<sup>th</sup> Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 28 at 10 a.m. There are a number of opportunities to participate and help make this event a memorable one for our graduates and their families. To assist with this special event, please click the [commencement job assignment link](#). Commencement assignments include: setup crew, graduate registration, getting grads ready, commencement usher, cleanup crew and more. Your support on this day means the world to all of us, and makes the graduation experience for students possible. Staff will have the option to choose exchange time or compensation for the hours worked at Commencement. Please inform your supervisor on your choice. I hope you will be a part of the Cañada Commencement team and appreciate your consideration.

### **Enhancing Dual Enrollment Efforts: Oxford Day Academy Visit**

As part of an effort to integrate our Dual Enrollment students to our Cañada College campus, a group of 70 Oxford Day Academy students, director and staff members visited Cañada College on April 22. Vice President of Student Services Dr. Manuel Alejandro Perez personally welcomed guests when they arrived. Oxford Day Academy students then learned about Cañada College programs from Director of Dual Enrollment & High School Transitions, Mayra Arellano and College Recruiter, Olivia Cortez-Figueroa. Students also heard from Cañada College Student Ambassadors, Tivi, Joaquin, Jules and Rami on why they each chose Cañada College and what they are studying at Cañada. Afterwards, Oxford Day Academy instructor Mike Noon taught an in-person Political Science class to a select group of students while the rest of the students were taken on a campus tour and experienced a scavenger hunt. Cañada College looks forward to making this an annual event for Oxford Day Academy.



### **Please Take Brief Survey to Improve Our Library Services**

The Cañada College Library ask for your participation in a four question survey about resource sharing between the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) libraries and the Peninsula Library System (PLS). The feedback received will help to improve Library services and get the entire campus community reconnected with resources from our public libraries. The deadline to complete the survey is May 16. Begin the survey [here](#).

## Updates from Community Fitness

At Wednesday's PBC meeting, President Lopez provided follow up information from the April 20 PBC Community Fitness Presentation. She shared [responses](#) from the questions asked at the April 20 meeting and encouraged campus community members to send future questions to Director of Community Relations & Marketing, [Megan Rodriguez Antone](#) who will provide responses in future campus communication. Director Rodriguez Antone shared that regular communication on Community Fitness will be shared with the campus community in the President's Weekly Update. She also shared a draft of the Community Fitness website which is slated to launch at the end of May. The website will include an Updates tab for the campus and greater community to learn the latest information from Community Fitness.

On the topic of latest updates, you may have seen some activity in front of Building 1 last week as fitness equipment began arriving at Cañada College Athletic Center! The deliveries on April 27 and 28 were supported by a 12-person work crew with two large trucks with a half million dollars' worth of fitness equipment. Leading up to this celebrated day, were 10 months of planning inclusive of the efforts and review of the Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance Department faculty in partnership with the Community Fitness Planning Committee. Be on the lookout for six additional equipment deliveries which will continue throughout the months of May and June. The final delivery and installation is scheduled for June 29 and timed for the approximated opening date of August 1, 2022! The equipment variety and selection is extensive and you can view exactly what is available and also where to find it by clicking the attached CAN LAYOUT. The name of each piece of equipment is easily identified to the corresponding number and placement on the layout.



## UndocuAPI & Undocumented + Black Virtual Wellness Support Groups

Our partners at Immigrants Rising are hosting two spaces for undocumented Asian & Pacific Islander (API) and undocumented Black individuals. The virtual support groups are designed to help undocumented people anywhere in the US feel less alone and more understood. The weekly virtual meetings are closed sessions; meaning that advance registration is required.



The Immigrants Rising Wellness Support Groups are facilitated by trained mental health providers:

- UndocuAPI (Asian & Pacific Islander) Support Group facilitated by Lina Hannigan, PhD, starting on Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 4:30 PT / 7:30 ET
- Undocumented & Black Support Group facilitated by Akiah Selwa, LMFT, starting on Thursday May 12, 2022 at 12:30 PT / 3:30 ET

You can find more information about each group [HERE](#). Slots are limited. Interested individuals should fill out the respective questionnaire and our Mental Health Team will follow up with you to provide you with a registration link or to inform those placed on the waitlist.



### **Student Achievement Ceremony: May 13**

This year the Student Achievement Award Reception will be on Friday, May 13 from 3-5:30 p.m. in the Main Theatre. This is the first time in two years that we are holding the event in-person. On this day, we will recognize the achievement of our students within the Honors Transfer Program, Transfer, STEM, Peer Mentors and Tutorial programs and services as well as scholarship recipients. Students have the opportunity to meet with scholarship donors, faculty and staff from 3-3:30 p.m. in the patio front of the Main Theatre. The ceremony will begin at 3:30 p.m. acknowledging students' works and their achievements by faculty and staff and their peers. Afterwards, transfer students also have the opportunity to meet with faculty and their peers from 5:30-6 p.m. to connect and network. We will also stream the event for student's family and friends via Zoom at <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/81613069592>. Please save the date to join us celebrating our students and their achievements!

### **Please Register: Employee End of Year Celebration, May 19**

Please join your colleagues for our Employee End of Year Celebration! The event will be held at the Cañada Vista Clubhouse on Thursday, May 19 from 12-1:30 p.m. All college employees are invited to celebrate the end of the year together and in person! The event flyer is attached. Please RSVP to [canpresident@smccd.edu](mailto:canpresident@smccd.edu) by May 13.

### **Bay Area Pathways Academy Registration is Open**

Community, Continuing and Corporate Education (CCCE) at SMCCCD is pleased to announce that registration is open for the 2022 Bay Area Pathways Academy (BAPA). BAPA is a comprehensive academic, enrichment and fitness summer program at College of San Mateo for students entering grades 6-9. The camp will run "live" in-person this year! Students can view classes and sign up

at [www.BayAreaPathwaysAcademy.org](http://www.BayAreaPathwaysAcademy.org). For questions, please email [CommunityEd@smccd.edu](mailto:CommunityEd@smccd.edu) or call (650) 574-6149.

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

Sincerely,  
Kim