

A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 5-13-22

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

On Friday, May 6, The Center for Student Life and Leadership Development hosted their 9th Annual Leadership Awards. This was the first in-person Leadership Awards Ceremony that Student Life has been able to host in numerous years, and there were more than 80 in attendance. The theme of the ceremony was Rising Phoenix to honor our campus leaders rising from the ashes during the pandemic. The ceremony honored club leaders, club activities and the Student Senate. The same evening, our Cañada PTK Chapter, Beta Zeta Nu, hosted a special HyFlex event that featured recordings from Woarani Environmental Activist Edenega "Huiya" Cahuiya Huiya. The event also

included an interview from Jaral "Fernando" Vaca, an ecotourism guide and naturalist who has worked with the Waorani people in the Amazon and in other environmentally threatened regions throughout Ecuador. Fernando joined in a Zoom webinar where students interviewed him about his environmental work and his ideas on how to get young people (both in Ecuador and the US) involved in the environmental movement. You can read more about the event here.





COVID-19 Update

This week, the District sent communication with updated health guidance for exposure procedures and isolation directives which have been modified to align with updated San Mateo County procedures. The entire message is attached.

Cañada Student Recognized with Select Scholarship

Congratulations to Cañadian Anny Gabrielly Moreira Da Silveira, who has been selected as one of only 10 students to receive Phi Theta Kappa's 2022 Hites Transfer Scholarship, the Society's most prestigious and largest scholarship offering at \$7,500. Hites Scholars are selected based on outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community activities. They were selected by a panel of independent judges from nearly 2,000 applicants. A press release is attached to be shared with your college's public relations department. The Hites Family Community College Scholarship Foundation was established by Robert Hites, an executive with Ralston-Purina in St. Louis, Missouri. The Hites Scholarship Program is made possible by the Hites Family Community College Scholarship Foundation and the Phi Theta Kappa Foundation.



Achievement and Award Recognition Ceremony Today at 3 p.m.

Please join us for the Student Achievement and Award Recognition Ceremony today 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. At the ceremony, 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. on the patio in front of the Main Theatre. The ceremony will begin at 3:30 p.m. and students' works and achievements will be acknowledged by faculty and staff and their peers. Afterwards, transfer students will 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 students' family and friends via Zoom at https://smccd.zoom.us/i/81613069592.

Connect to College Night – May 17

Our annual Connect to College Night will be held in The Grove this Tuesday, May 17 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This college-wide "Open House" event will host perspective students, parents and the greater community. Please see flyer below for additional information. For questions, and sign up to participate, please contact Olivia Cortez-Figueroa at (650) 306-3166 or cortezfigueroao@smccd.edu.



Mural Design Workshop - May 18

The entire campus community is invited to participate in the Spring 2022 Mural Design Workshop for Cañada College's first outdoor mural and permanent installation. The Mural Design Workshop will take place on Wednesday, May 18 in Building 3, Room 104 from 12:30 – 3 p.m. and virtually at tinyurl.com/CANMuralSpring. The workshop will be facilitated by our Precita Eves Muralist as we build concepts, ideas, and potential designs for our upcoming mural. This design workshop will ultimately culminate in a full mural installation and ribbon-cutting ceremony in Fall 2022. All supplies for in-person attendees will be provided. Virtual attendees will need access to pencil and paper. The first 50 in-person attendees will receive a free Boba beverage. Join us for this design workshop



and lend your imagination and creativity. You will forever be a part of Cañada's legacy in artful expression and social justice on campus.

Please Register Today: Employee End of Year Celebration, May 19
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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 today by 2 p.m.

Assistance Needed for Cañada Commencement: Saturday, May 28, 2022
Cañada's 54th 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.

Vice President of Administrative Services Finalist Forums

Cañada College is currently in the process of hiring a new Vice President of Administrative Services. As part of the College's hiring process, we will invite finalist candidates to participate in virtual forums where they will be able to present their vision for the College. The *tentative* dates/times for the forums are Friday, May 20 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. and 12:15 p.m.-1:15 p.m. and on Monday, May 23 from 2-3 p.m. and 3:15-4:15 p.m. Updated forum dates/times, as well as finalist bios and virtual forum log in information, will be sent next week.



Dr. Tammy Robinson's Farewell – May 23 from 1-2 p.m.

Please join us in bidding a fond farewell to our Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Tammy Robinson, on Monday, May 23 from 1-2 p.m. on the first floor of Building 8. The campus community is welcome to come in person, in masks, to celebrate Dr. Robinson before she begins her Presidency at Mesa Community College in Arizona. For those who plan to join in-person, please RSVP to <u>Alessandra Zanassi</u> by Thursday, May 19. For those who would like to join virtually, please Zoom in using this link: https://smccd.zoom.us/j/81570130697

Facilities/Construction Forum (Virtual) May 20 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Please join us for the College's Facilities/Construction Forum (via Zoom) on Friday, May 20 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. The purpose of the forum is to provide our college community with important construction/facility-related updates.

Zoom Log in: https://smccd.zoom.us/j/81437134158? pwd=N2hQWnBabWs1VmM1ODNFU21pQXZwdz09

Agenda:

Panel: Dr. Richard Storti, Executive Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services - DO; Kim Lopez, Interim President – Cañada; Marie Mejia, Interim Director of Capital Projects; Facilities Planning Department - DO; Kurt Scholler, Interim Director of Community Fitness – DO; Thomas Lo, Project Manager II, Facilities Planning Department

- Opening Remarks Kim Lopez
- Introduction Dr. Richard Storti
- Building 1 Kinesiology & Wellness Kurt Scholler
- The Grove Furniture Upgrade Marie Mejia
- Building 9 STEM Center Furniture Upgrade Marie Mejia
- Districtwide Facilities Master Plan- Marie Mejia
- Building 13 Modernization Thomas Lo
- Q&A

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

Sincerely, Kim