



## A Message from President Kim Lopez

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Welcome to the fall 2022 semester! I am honored to begin this fall semester as your permanent President. Since my last Weekly Update in May, we celebrated a number of “firsts” at Cañada College. This is my first permanent President position (and my last 😊). We also celebrated our first in-person Commencement in two years! We fully opened our beautiful new Kinesiology & Wellness Building, including the opening of the [Cañada Athletic Center](#) on August 1 and the Coffee Shop soon thereafter. This Thursday, we held our first hybrid Collegewide Leadership Retreat where members of the campus community joined together to begin operationalizing our newly adopted [Educational Master Plan](#) (EMP).

It is great to see students and employees returning to campus. Members of our Fashion Department recently hosted a sewing giveaway where many happily filled their bags with fabric and supplies. Several new friends and former students traveled a distance to see our campus and check out what was being provided from the kind donations given to the Fashion Department.



We have much to look forward to in the upcoming year, including our EMP and operationalizing the [six campus-wide strategic initiatives](#) discussed at the Leadership Retreat. We also look forward to the buildout of our community connections plan with our Kinesiology & Wellness Building, our MOU with [Sequoia Unified High School District](#) as well as welcoming new employees.

### **Staff Updates**

In June, we announced several new employees who joined Cañada (the June Hiring Update is attached). Please welcome our newest Cañadians to their new positions:

*Stephen Redmond, Middle College/College & Career Executive Director (Office: 5-229)*



Stephen Redmond is an experienced educator who strives to affect the lives of youth in the Bay Area. After graduating from Hampton University with a degree in Business Management, Stephen received his teaching credential from San Francisco State University and his Masters in Educational Leadership from University of California, Berkeley. Stephen has been in education for more than 25 years as a paraprofessional, math teacher, assistant principal, elementary principal, middle school principal, high school principal, district administrator and adult school administrator. Throughout his experience, he has always put students first and continues to find ways to support them as they transition into adulthood. In his spare time, he loves to spend quality time with his daughter, traveling, listening to live music, and learning how to play golf.

*Nikolas Stelmashenko/ACCEL Transition Coordinator (Detail)*



Nikolas joins us from College of San Mateo where he has been supporting the Aquatics program. He brings a range of complementary skills from previous positions, including providing educational, employment, and housing assistance support within a case management framework, in both transitional and residential youth programs. Nikolas will be detailing in this assignment until spring 2023.

### **Reminder: Flex Day August 15 & 16**

On *Monday, August 15*, the Districtwide Opening Day celebration will be hosted in-person at Skyline College's Building 12 Farallon Room and will include a Zoom option for remote participants. The theme for Day #1 is "Hope and Healing in Times of Change," and will feature the Chancellor's welcome address followed by a keynote and interactive session facilitated by special guest presenter [Charlotte Nguyen](#).

The program is scheduled for 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., with a continental breakfast to be served from 8:30 – 9 a.m.

The program will be followed by a luncheon from 12 – 1 p.m. at Skyline College, Building 6. All materials for the District's full Opening Day celebration, including an invitation from Chancellor Claire, can be found in the [agenda](#).

On *Tuesday, August 16*, Cañada College will kick off its celebration with breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by the President's welcome remarks and college updates from 8:30 – 9 a.m. in Rooms 6-101/102 and via Zoom. Flex sessions will include a New Faculty Welcome & Workshop, as well as sessions exploring Dual Enrollment and our Promise Scholars program and more. All are encouraged to join us in-person for lunch in The Grove from 12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Flex Day sessions will be presented in-person, via Zoom, or in a multimodal format (both in-person and synchronous online via Zoom).

Detailed agendas for both the District and College Flex Days are posted on the [Flex Day website](#). Please refer to this [site](#) for the most up-to-date details including session descriptions and Zoom links.

Don't forget to RSVP!

District Opening Day, Aug.15: [RSVP](#)

Cañada College Flex Day, Aug.16: [RSVP](#)

### **SMCCCD is Now Smoke & Tobacco Free**

Earlier this week, the District sent an email announcing that the SMCCCD has revised its smoking policy to promote a healthier campus community. As of August 17, 2022, all campuses and facilities of the SMCCCD (including Cañada College, College of San Mateo, Skyline College and the District Office) will be smoke- and tobacco-free. A copy of the message is attached.

### **Explore Cañada's Campus in New Virtual Tour**

As we get ready for the start of our fall semester, Cañada is excited to announce the launch of a new virtual tour of our campus! The Virtual Tour can be found [here](#) as well as on the Cañada College [homepage](#). Visitors to our website are now able to explore the College's buildings, both inside and out, and get familiar with navigating our beautiful campus.

### **The Coffee Shop in Building 1 is Now Open!**

The wait is over! Just in time for the Fall semester, the coffee shop in Building 1 (Kinesiology & Wellness Building) is now open!

At the coffee shop, the campus community can purchase cold and hot beverages along with bagels, muffins and assorted pastries.

Current hours are Monday-Thursday from 7:30 -11 a.m. This is a wonderful addition to our campus food and beverage offerings as the Pony Espresso will re-open once modernization of Building 13 is completed.



## Important Reminders from the Marketing Department

- Submit your in-person and virtual events into our new [event calendar](#) as early as possible so we can help share it with the campus community this fall semester.
- Submit project and/or assistance requests through the [Marketing Assistance Request form](#). Categories for requests include graphic design, web, communication, marketing assistance, event support, training and material proof and approval.
- Campus print services are now centralized through Skyline Graphic Arts & Production (SKYGAP). Please place print orders using this [form](#).
- The College now offers a centralized link to order newly-designed business cards. You can order new business cards [here](#).

## COVID-19 Information & Updates

### Face Coverings (Masks)

San Mateo County's current level is **HIGH**, and face masks are required indoors while in any SMCCCD facility. At levels where masking is required, the exemption of not wearing a mask while actively eating or drinking still applies.

The District's face masking requirement utilizes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID Community Level coding system.

The updated masking requirements, as outlined below, are effective until further notice, and apply to all students, employees, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status:

- CDC COVID Community Level is **LOW** - A face mask is recommended, but not required.
- CDC COVID Community Level is **MEDIUM** - A face mask is required while indoors in any District facility.
- CDC COVID Community Level is **HIGH** - A face mask is required while indoors in any District facility.

As the San Mateo County Community Level changes, students, employees, and visitors will be provided information. SMCCCD continues to make face coverings (masks) available to all students and employees. Masks are located at various locations throughout all buildings. To track the San Mateo County's COVID Community Level, visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) website.

**Shelf-Life Extension for the iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test**

On March 29, 2022, the FDA granted a [three-month shelf-life extension](#) for the iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test, which extended the shelf-life of all iHealth tests with expiration dates on or before September 9, 2022 from six months to nine months. For example, if the expiration date printed on your box says July 11, 2022, the updated expiration date is October 10, 2022.

I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the fall semester. Please stop by my office to say "hi" or contact me to schedule a time to chat.

Sincerely,  
Kim