



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 8-26-22

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

I hope everyone has had a positive first few weeks of the Fall semester! Our Associated Students of Cañada College (ASCC) did a wonderful job planning and hosting several fun events for Welcome Week which was August 17-22. The events were a great way for new and returning students to connect with each other as well as with employees. Our Puente Project team welcomed its newest cohort of students and showed support with a Back-to-School Selfie Station. In addition, last Friday the College held its annual COLTS-CON, which is an interactive event and a part of Cañada's First Year Experience, that prepares students for success in college. This year's program was hosted in-person with workshops, resources, insights and guidance from faculty, staff and students to help students thrive in a collegiate setting.



Senate Bill 893, Supporting SMCCCD, Sent to Governor

You may have read in yesterday's San Mateo Daily Journal that SB 893, a bill authored by state Sen. Josh Becker, D-San Mateo, is on its way to be signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom. If signed, SMCCCD would be allowed to offer fee waivers to more students in need by using existing local revenue and without incurring further costs to the state. The bill, which allows SMCCCD to expand its Free College initiatives, will also provide aid to underrepresented and marginalized community members using unrestricted local funds. You can read the article [here](#). We look forward to holding a community celebration in September. More details to come!

Chancellor Search - Town Hall Meeting: Aug. 31 from 1-1:45 p.m.

The campus and greater community are invited to attend a virtual Town Hall to provide input as we begin the search for our next Chancellor.

Weds., Aug, 31 from 1-1:45 p.m.

Zoom Link: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/85833022480>

The Town Hall meeting will provide the college community with an opportunity to share input into the hiring of the next Chancellor. Your feedback is important in developing the position announcement. If you are not able to attend the Town Hall meeting, you have the opportunity to provide input by completing the [Chancellor Search Feedback Form](#). This form is anonymous. Thank you for your participation as we search for our next Chancellor.

B13 Modernization Update

As campus community members have observed, progress is occurring on the modernization project of Building 13. However, there have been severe supply chain delays and labor shortages due to COVID. With this, we felt it was important to share an updated, tentative timeline from our District Facilities team for the Building 13 modernization project:

- Contractor Completion – November 2022
- Furniture Installation – December 2022/January 2023
- ITS Equipment – tentative delivery March/April 2023
- ITS Installation/Testing – March - May 2023
- Staff Move-in - tentatively set for Summer 2023
- **Classrooms Available for Classes – Summer or Fall 2023**

In addition, please save the date for a campus-wide Facilities Forum scheduled for Friday, Dec. 2 from 1-2 p.m. At the Facilities Forum, the Capital Improvement team will provide an update on the various construction projects that are occurring at the College.



Include Your Events on the College Calendar for Extra Publicity

As the college community plans activities for the fall semester, please remember to include all of your events, workshops, info sessions and anything else of interest to students on our [public events calendar](#). The online calendar allows people to more easily list activities for students and the public to see and find. We encourage you to [submit your events!](#)

Call for Presentations: October 12 Flex Day

The October 12 Flex Day is right around the corner. The Professional Development Planning Committee is requesting proposals for Flex Day presentations. Please [submit your proposals](#) by September 9 for priority consideration. Flex Day sessions can be presented in-person, via Zoom, or in a multimodal format (both in-person and synchronous online via Zoom). Please specify in your proposal if you are interested in presenting in a multi-modal format. All sessions will be accessible via Zoom, regardless of whether they are in-person or not. On behalf of the Professional Development Planning Committee, we look forward to supporting you through engaging and informative Flex Days. Please feel free to email [Ellen Young](#), your Flex Day Coordinator, with feedback or workshop suggestions for future flex days.

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