



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 11-4-22

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Business Interest Area Speaker: Tom Leung

The Business Interest Area hosted a Guest Speaker series on October 26. Rance Bobo, Program Services Coordinator, facilitated the conversation with Tom Leung, Director of Google Health's provider product development. The event had a great turnout with 70 people, including students and their families, faculty and staff.



Star Party!

Last Friday, I had a chance to join the Cañada College Astronomy Club for a Star Party! Students, employees and community members enjoyed telescope observations, free food and games.



Halloween and Dia de Los Muertos

Thank you to our Office of Student Life & Leadership Development for hosting two special events this week. On Monday, students and staff wore costumes and joined the ASCC for their Alice in Wonderland themed event. The celebration included a high tea party, photobooth, performance from the dance team and games.



On Tuesday, we recognized Dia de Los Muertos in The Grove with Loteria and prizes, tamales and pan de muerto, plus workshops on sugar skull making and mini ofrendas.



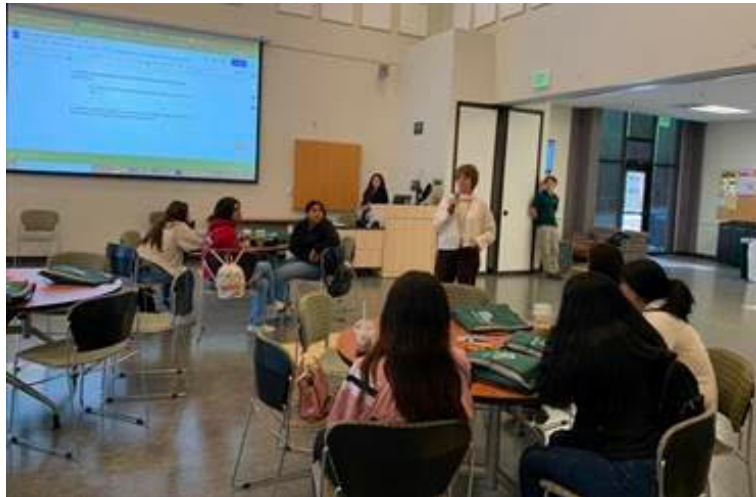
Animation Show of Shows

Also on Tuesday, the Digital Art & Animation Department hosted its annual Animation Show of Shows which featured some of the best animated short films from around the world. This year's show included films from the U.S., Canada, France, Germany, Iceland, Poland, Russia and Switzerland. The films showcased different styles and techniques and ranged from silly to serious. Show curator Ron Diamond, an animation producer with decades of experience, introduced the show and answered questions after the screening.



Pescadero High School Visits Cañada

As part of an effort to integrate our Dual Enrollment students to our Cañada College Campus, a group of 17 Pescadero High School Seniors, a few staff and parents visited the college on Wednesday, November 2. I had a chance to personally welcome the students to campus along with Chialin Hsieh, Interim Vice President of Instruction and James Carranza, Dean of Humanities and Social Science. Pescadero students then learned about our Cañada College programs from College Recruiter Olivia Cortez-Figueroa. Students also heard from a panel of current Cañada College students who are taking ETHN 105- African American History and Culture. They talked about why they chose Cañada College, what they are studying and their community college experience. Afterwards, our Outreach team took the students on a campus tour where they visited the Welcome Center and the Financial Aid department. Mary Hale, Menlo Studio Professional Expert, showed the students our 3D animation, Digital Media and traditional animation labs in Building 22. Once the tour was complete, students enjoyed lunch and a tour of the Kinesiology & Wellness Building before heading back to Pescadero.



Phat (Frank) Nguyen Le, Curriculum and Instructional Systems Specialist

Phat (Frank) Nguyen Le Frank joins Cañada as our new Curriculum and Instructional Systems Specialist. Frank is replacing Jose Peña, who is embarking on a well-deserved retirement. Frank joins Cañada College with many years of experience in the California Community College System. As the only child from an immigrant family, he values education as his priority. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Statistics from the University of California, Berkeley. His professional experiences span years at the Las Positas College and the College of Alameda. During the years at Las Positas College, he was initially working with the Hispanic Serving Institution Grant, and later on was involved in preparation of the 320 report, DegreeWorks and degree evaluations, among other functions within the Student Enrollment Services. While working at the College of Alameda, he served as the Curriculum and Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment Specialist. He was responsible for managing the college curriculum for all courses and all programs in CurriCunet Meta,

and the Chancellor's Office Curriculum Inventory System. He was the point-of-contact person for the college catalog, and lead person for the online catalog transition. He also served as the back up to the Sr. Academic Support Specialist where he was responsible for scheduling classes for the college. Moreover, he developed a plan, tracking the college SLOs and assessments to align with the ACCJC standards.

Additionally, he worked with the Department of Research and Planning on program reviews and annual program updates. Most recently, he served as the Project Manager for MESA Connect where he was the point person in the execution of all of the required grant activities. With his educational foundation in statistics and finance, and professional experiences on numerous fronts, Frank is highly analytical and methodical. Please welcome Frank to the Cañada Community.



Program Review and Resource Requests FINAL Submissions – Due Today at 5 p.m.

For programs submitting comprehensive program reviews or annual updates this year, please be sure to address your supervisor's feedback in [Nuventive](#) by the close of business (5:00 p.m.) **today**, November 4. Thank you!

PBC will be hosting presentations for any new positions requested on November 16 and 17 between 2:10 – 5 p.m., as needed. PBC Co-Chairs David Eck and Roslind Young will be reaching out the week of November 7th to schedule presentations. For more information, please see the [Program Review website](#). The process used to prioritize resource requests can be found [here](#). Additional questions? Feel free to contact the Program Review Work Group: canprogramreview@smccd.edu.

Updates from Cañada Athletics

Women's Soccer is coming off a great 3-0 win Tuesday over West Valley College in Saratoga. The Colts play their next home game on Tuesday, November 8 at 3 p.m. vs City College of San Francisco.

Men's Soccer is coming off a tough 2-0 loss to City College and will go up against De Anza College on Friday. Go COLTS!

Mark your calendar for November 16 as our Colts Men's Basketball hosts Hartnell for a 6 p.m. tip off!



Veteran's Day - November 11

While campus will be closed on Friday, November 11 for Veterans Day, please take a moment to remember the efforts and sacrifices made by veterans of all eras. This day is especially meaningful to our students, colleagues and neighbors who have served our nation. Educating veterans is an important part of our mission at Cañada College. I would like to say thank you to all of our faculty and staff members, students and alumni who have served our country, as well as those who have supported them in service.

Save the Date: Facilities Forum on December 2 from 1-2 p.m.

Please save the date for a Facilities Forum on Friday, December 2 from 1-2 p.m. The Capital Improvement team will provide an update on the various construction projects that are occurring at the College, including the modernization project of Building 13.



Save the Date: Holiday Gathering - December 17

The entire college community is invited to the Campus Holiday Gathering! Mix and mingle over light refreshments and merriment.

Friday, December 17 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Building 8 Lobby

Please RSVP [here](#) by December 6.



Faculty, Staff and Administrators – IPC Needs You!

Please join us for our Instructional Planning Council (IPC) Meeting on Friday, November 18, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. via Zoom as we review comprehensive Instructional Program Reviews! We encourage all Deans, Faculty (especially program review authors and faculty coordinators) and staff to attend and help provide Program Review Feedback. Thank you to the Curriculum Committee for meeting later in the day in order to allow faculty the ability to attend and participate at IPC. This is a great opportunity to learn about the different instructional programs on campus.

Friday, November 18, 2022 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/85077041535>

Meeting ID: 850 7704 1535

During this meeting, IPC members and guests will break out into groups and provide peer review feedback for the following instructional programs:

[Anthropology](#)

<u>Career Courses</u>
<u>Communication Studies</u>
<u>Economics</u>
<u>Ethnic Studies</u>
<u>History</u>
<u>Philosophy</u>
<u>Political Science</u>
<u>Psychology</u>
<u>Sociology</u>
<u>Human Services</u>
<u>Computer Business Office Technology</u>
<u>Paralegal</u>

COVID – 19 Vaccination Requirement Suspended

On October 26, 2022, the San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees suspended the COVID-19 Vaccination Requirement ([Board Policy 2.90](#)), effective immediately. The District no longer requires COVID-19 vaccination documentation or medical/religious exemptions for any individual. **Employees, students, and the broader community may now access district facilities and in-person services regardless of vaccination status.** Please remove any COVID vaccination attestation or requirement messaging from email signatures, websites, and any other communication channels.

SMCCCD continues to recommend staying up to date with [COVID-19 vaccines, including boosters](#) regardless of risk factors. To schedule an appointment, visit myturn.ca.gov. For additional information, visit the [Return to Campus](#) site.

Finding Peace Within Workshop

The Personal Counseling Center & Active Minds will also be presenting a workshop on November 15th. The workshops will discuss how to design self-care routines and techniques to manage our stress to support our overall wellbeing.

Date: November 15th 3:15pm- 4:30pm

Zoom link Registration:

<https://smccd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErdEgtqj0vHNe-HjukgJS36xYP4kmo8zsm>

Enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim