



A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 9-16-22

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

In support of Instructional Program Review, programs that are up for comprehensive program review this fall met to start drafting their reviews in a collaborative, supportive environment. Our Faculty Teaching and Learning Co-Coordinator, Jessica Kaven and Lezlee Ware, hosted the working session in the Faculty Teaching and Learning Center and Lounge (formerly CIETL), 9-154 this past Friday on September 9 at 12 p.m. Thank you to Dean Carranza for providing the in-person lunch, and to Dean Engel, Allison Hughes (Instructional Technologist), Alex Claxton (Planning and Research Analyst) and Joan Murphy (HSS Division Assistant) for their support during the session.



Cañada Mural: Community Input Closes Today!

Our Cañada community has worked for many years to paint our campus mural together and the time is finally here. We welcome your feedback on the mural as we begin this next part of our mural journey! The community is invited to provide input [here](#) by 12 p.m. today.

Join Us for a Community Gathering in Support of SB 893 held at Cañada College: Thursday, Sept. 22 at 11 a.m.

Cañada students, faculty and staff are invited to join our colleagues from the SMCCCD, Skyline and CSM to a celebration in support of Free Community College in San Mateo County, through Senate Bill 893, which is authored by Sen. Josh Becker and co-authored by Assemblymembers Kevin Mullin and Marc Berman. This bill has been passed by both chambers of the California Legislature and awaits the Governor's signature. SB 893 will allow the San Mateo County Community College District to use its existing local funds to pay for enrollment fees, books, educational materials and

supplies, and basic needs costs such as transportation, food and housing for students most in need. Current law restricts the use of general fund dollars for such items, and SB 893 will make college more accessible and affordable in San Mateo County. Faculty, we invite you to bring your classes to the event!

Thursday, Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Cañada College Outdoor Amphitheatre (Between Buildings. 3, 9 and 13)

Please RSVP at [this link](#) or by emailing Candice Bell at bellc@smccd.edu.

Employees & Students Needed to Assist with Our President's Luncheon

We are looking for employees and students to assist in the planning of our [Fifth Annual President's Luncheon](#) which will be held at Cañada on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Please contact [Megan Rodriguez Antone](#) if you would like to get involved. The President's Luncheon will bring the community together to raise funds which will support students with [on-demand transportation](#). Register [here](#) to attend. For more information on the Presidents' Luncheon, please visit canadacollege.edu/luncheon.



Colts Soccer Update

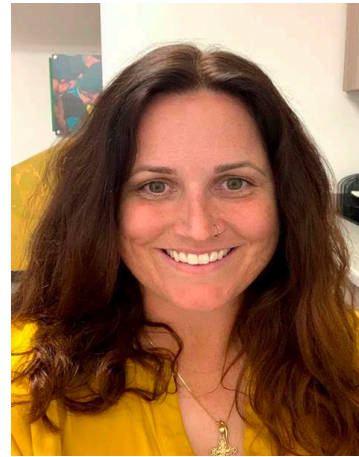
The Cañada College Women's Soccer team grasped a win this past Tuesday against Las Positas putting the Colts on a four-game winning streak. The Colts have started strong with 11 goals scored in four games and three shutouts. The Women's Soccer team will be traveling to take on the Modesto Pirates, kick off today at 4 p.m. In addition, come cheer on the Men's Soccer team at home today at 2 p.m. as they take on Fresno City College. GO COLTS!



Christina Gilbert, Division Assistant, Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance

Please give a warm Cañada welcome to Christina Gilbert, the new Division Assistant for the Kinesiology, Athletics and Dance (KAD) Division! Christina is currently an Assistant Coach for the Cañada Women's Soccer team and has enjoyed working with the students, staff and faculty over the past year. She is excited for the opportunity to become more involved with the College and the entire KAD Division. Christina previously worked as a Director of Pre-Competitive Programs at Red Star Soccer Academy as well as an Executive Manager of Operations and Logistics at Target.

Additionally, she has been a coach of youth players for more than 10 years. Christina played soccer at Fresno State University and graduated with a BA in Mass Communications and Journalism. Working with students and student-athletes is her passion and Christina looks forward to meeting and working with the faculty, staff and students at Cañada College.



Suspension of Mandatory COVID-19 Weekly Testing for Unvaccinated Individuals

Yesterday, District shared that the most recent changes in [State](#) and Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) workplace regulations require organizations to assess whether mandatory COVID-19 testing can be justified and warranted. A variety of factors must be considered including the level of community transmission and the vaccination status of employees. To comply with the most recent changes, SMCCCD has assessed these factors, concluding that the District can no longer justify mandatory testing of unvaccinated individuals. Therefore, continued mandatory COVID-19 testing of unvaccinated employees will not comply with [State](#) and Federal EEOC guidelines.

There has been clear direction from the San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees that there be consistent application of COVID policies for both employees and students. As a result, **weekly mandatory COVID-19 testing will cease for unvaccinated employees and students beginning Monday, September 19, 2022.**

District masking policies continue to be applied consistently to all employees, students, and community members 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.

Participatory Governance Orientation: September 23

Ever wonder what participatory governance is? New to a Planning Council, Senate or Committee? All are welcome to join PBC's Participatory Governance Orientation on September 23, from 1 – 2 p.m. via [this Zoom link](#). Planning and Budgeting Council members are required to attend. Questions? Please contact [Dean Engel](#).

Enjoy your weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you at the numerous events on campus next week.

Sincerely,
Kim