

A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 3-10-23

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Open Education Week

This week we celebrated Open Education Week 2023. A highlight included a Coffee Talk with Board President Dr. Lisa Petrides where she spoke about the past, present and future of Open Educational Resources (OER) in the San Mateo County Community College District. The event was recorded and you can watch it here.



Mural Documentary TOWN DESTROYER Screening and Q&A

On Tuesday, members of the campus community had the opportunity to view a screening of <u>TOWN DESTROYER</u> - a new documentary about the furor over Victor Arnautoff's WPA murals at George Washington High School. Filmmakers Alan Snitow and Deborah Kaufman were present and facilitated a talk after the viewing about their experiences making the film.



Cañada College Mural

Preparation has begun for Cañada College's historic first mural and it is ready to be painted by you! Come be a part of this milestone and join in on community paint days. Everyone is welcome. You can learn more about our mural's history and sign up for community paint days here. We also acknowledge that weather is always changing, so to consider everyone's safety, health, time and commute, our Mural Committee will announce at 4 p.m. the night before a Community Paint Day if a paint session is canceled due to inclement weather conditions.



Save the Dates and Submit Questions for VPI Finalist Forums

Please save the dates for the upcoming Campus Forums (held both in-person and over Zoom) to meet the finalist candidates for our Vice President of Instruction at Cañada College. The forums will be held the on Monday, March 20 and Tuesday, March 21 and the times of the Forums will be announced soon. For our campus community members who are unable to attend the live forums, recordings will be available for viewing after the forums conclude. We are also collecting questions to ask the finalist candidates at the Forums and invite the campus community to submit questions for consideration here by 3 p.m. on Monday, March 13. All feedback will remain confidential.

President's Student Leadership Award – Nominations Due March 24

At this year's Commencement Ceremony, one student will be recognized for outstanding scholarship and leadership. We welcome your nomination of the student who you believe reflects the spirit of this award, embodies its positive attributes, and meets its criteria:

- has made meaningful contributions to the lives of students, his/her community, and/or Cañada College
- demonstrates outstanding academic achievement
- reflects a committed pursuit of educational goals
- demonstrates leadership qualities that represent the values and mission of the College
- achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or higher

is a graduating student in Summer 2022, Fall 2022, or Spring 2023.

Please attach a Word document describing the nominee's involvement and accomplishments relevant to the award criteria. Please submit your completed nomination form with supporting page(s) attached, to the <u>Office of the President</u> by <u>4</u> p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023.

College Accreditation Report (Midterm) Draft Available for Review and Feedback
The Accreditation Steering Committee and Writing Team have posted a draft of the
Midterm Report being prepared for the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior
Colleges (ACCJC) on the College's Accreditation Website. Please feel free to review it
and provide Feedback via this Form by April 12. The team will address all feedback and
produce a final draft by the end of April. Please contact Dean Engel, the College's
Accreditation Liaison Officer, with any questions.

Photographer on Campus

You may have seen members of the Cañada Marketing team around campus with a photographer on Wednesday. This was part of a collegewide photo shoot to refresh images for future Cañada promotional material, including an upcoming Free College enrollment marketing campaign. Thank you to the students, faculty and staff who participated in the photo shoot, including faculty members who allowed the photographer to capture images in their classes.



Starting tomorrow and through next week, Vice President Prisecar will serve as Acting President while I am out of the office, attending a family reunion. I hope you enjoy your weekend and stay safe!

Sincerely, Kim