



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 4-14-23

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Dr. Chialin Hsieh – Vice President of Instruction

I am pleased to share that, pending board approval on April 26, Dr. Chialin Hsieh will serve Cañada College as our Vice President of Instruction. She will begin her permanent position on May 1, 2023.

Dr. Hsieh is an accomplished leader with more than 20 years of experience in various administrative roles across different educational systems. She has served as a director, dean, senior dean, and interim vice president at a research university in Michigan, liberal arts university, K-12 School District Systems in Missouri, and community colleges in California. In these roles, she has been responsible for budget development and management, organizational development, curriculum development, personnel selection and evaluation, federal regulations, Title 5/Ed Code, and accreditation standards.

Dr. Hsieh is committed to promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging in all aspects of her work and understands the critical role an inclusive and welcoming environment plays in student success and the overall health of an educational institution. She is a goal-oriented, solution-focused, and people-oriented leader who has made significant contributions to academic programs, strategic planning, assessments, and ensuring adherence to students' needs, college mission, and accreditation standards.

Dr. Hsieh holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership with a specialization in research, evaluation, and assessment, a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, and a Master's in Music Therapy. She also has a Bachelor's degree in Music Therapy and a Bachelor's in Music from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Chinese Culture University, Taipei, Taiwan, respectively. She was a registered music therapist.



Outside of her work at Cañada College, Dr. Hsieh is an active member of the local community, serving as the Board President of the South San Francisco Unified School District, as well as a board member of the Research and Planning Group (RP Group). Dr. Hsieh's visionary leadership and passion for education, innovation, and collaboration make her an invaluable asset to Cañada College.

Spring Job Fair

On Wednesday, our Career Center hosted its Spring Job Fair in The Grove. The goal of the Job Fair is to provide students with an opportunity to speak with employers who are hiring and find out more about their company. Students had the opportunity to connect with more than 60 employers who were hiring at the event.



We Heart Social Sciences

Our Social Sciences faculty hosted its annual “We Heart Social Sciences” two-day spring event on April 12 and 13. On Wednesday, students enjoyed lunch and an informal meet and greet with Social Science faculty. On Thursday, the virtual event featured faculty stories on how they got started in the field of Social Sciences. Many of our faculty were community college students too!



Disability Awareness Panel

On Wednesday, our Associated Students hosted a panel discussion on Disability Awareness where students Louis Tang, Phil Roidmaier, Diana Ruiz Leon and Emily DeWolfe led the discussion and shared inspiring stories of resources available to our students.



April 20 Flex Day

The Professional Development Planning Committee invites you to participate in the April 20 Flex Day. In an effort to include staff and faculty from across the campus in Flex Day activities, *campus will be closed* to students. We have created the attached sign for you to post in your offices to remind students that campus is closed for Flex Day. Please review the schedule for the day's events on the [Flex Day Website](#), and [RSVP](#) for sessions you plan to attend. Most sessions are offered both in-person and online. The modality of each session is indicated on the Flex Day website and the RSVP form. Lastly, we would like to thank our wonderful team of Flex Day presenters. If you have any questions regarding Flex Day, please contact [Ellen Young](#), Faculty Flex Day Coordinator.

Cañada College Mural is Nearly Complete!

Thank you to the campus community members who painted Cañada College's historic first mural! The mural is anticipated to be complete in the next few weeks and we look forward to hosting a celebration to commemorate this special piece of Cañada College history.



Please take a quick survey to share your opinion about how well Cañada's Participatory Governance processes are working

Please take a few minutes (about seven) to complete [this survey](#) to provide your perspective on how well the College's participatory governance Councils, Senates, Committees, program review, budgeting and related processes are working.

PTK Chapter Brings Home Honors

Our Cañada Phi Theta Kappa Chapter Beta Zeta Nu attended the Nevada/California Regional Conference in Pomona last month where our students received honors including:

- Five Star Chapter
- First Place College Project for student work recording welcome/recruitment videos in English and Spanish for Admissions and Records
- Second and Third Place Honors in Action Project for student research into the science of play and work with administrators to bring a child care center to Cañada
- Top Distinguished Chapter out of all the Chapters in the Nevada/California Region



Equity and Antiracism Planning Council (EAPC) Pilot Update

The Equity and Antiracism Planning Council (EAPC) pilot is launched! Our new college council had its inaugural meeting on February 28. The focus of our first meetings will be team-building and orientation for new members. Do you want to learn more about the EAPC? Come to our EAPC Open House at Spring Flex Day, 1-2 p.m. on April 20. EAPC meets every fourth Tuesday of the month. Meeting announcements and agendas will be posted on the [EAPC website](#) and sent out campus wide via email 72 hours in advance. All are welcome! Your EAPC tri-chairs are Wissem Bennani, Alison Field, and Krystal Martinez.

SMCCCD Antiracism Lecture Series

The SMCCCD Antiracism Council and the Equity Institute at Skyline College are hosting an Antiracism Lecture Series featuring an Introduction to Black Studies with Dr. Melina Abdullah on April 26 and a Book Talk with Dr. Dayo Gore on April 27. Event and registration details can be found on the attached flyer.



Dining Update – After-Hours Options and Sushi and Cold Poke Bowls

Our Auxiliary Services team has shared that Pacific Dining will debut Sushi and Cold Poke Bowls to the Cañada community in The Grove Cafe starting on Monday, April 17! After 5 p.m., there will be Vending Microwavable Meals in The Grove. Meals that will be available via vending include:

- Turkey & Dressing
- Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Kung Pao Noodle Bowls
- Tuna Salad

Additional menu items will be added to the Vending selection. We hope the vending options will provide our campus community with meals when dining services have closed. Beginning in fall 2023, the Grove and the COLTS Café will offer evening dining services.

April Library Newsletter

Therapy dogs (and maybe a peacock) are back May 18 from 12- 1 p.m. in the Library. Need a relaxing and creative activity before then? Make your own comic on April 18. The Library will provide the materials including booklets, colored pencils, and markers and more. Participants can enter to win a prize package including a Sailor Moon shirt, manga buttons, and more! Read the April newsletter [here](#).

First Annual Bay Area Environmental Justice Assembly

The City of Hayward and Chabot College are hosting the First Annual Bay Area Environmental Justice Assembly on Friday, April 28. The Cañada community has been invited to attend the event that brings together three key sectors- community colleges, municipalities and nonprofits--to foster greater collaboration, improve our collective capacity to receive funding, and increase the effectiveness of our response to this crisis. Event details are below and on the attached flyer.

Chabot College, Building 700 Event Center, 25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward
Friday, April 28, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., lunch will be provided
Event registration: forms.gle/qXqPb9rpGssMx95N6

I hope you enjoy the beautiful spring weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim