



# A Message from President Kim Lopez

## Weekly Update: 4-21-23

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Hello from Columbus, Ohio! I am with our Cañada Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) students attending PTK Catalyst 2023, the Society's annual convention. This morning, I was very honored and humbled that our Cañada student chapter nominated me to receive the Paragon Award for New Presidents. This award recognizes new college presidents for their outstanding support of student success and for providing high-quality learning environments both inside and outside the classroom. I am proud to represent Cañada College as one of 28 College Presidents (including one of three College Presidents in the State of California) to receive this award.



While at the conference, PTK Advisor and Education and Human Development Professor, Patty Hall, was awarded the 2023 Faculty Emeritus Award. Congratulations, Patty, and thank you for your years of service and dedication to our students.



## 25-Year Service Awards Celebration

On Tuesday, I joined our colleagues across the District to celebrate SMCCCD employees who achieved 25 years of service this year. Congratulations to our Cañadians who were honored, including Professor Palmer (picture below) who was able to join in person:

- Lorraine Barrales-Ramirez, Counselor & Coordinator – EOPS/CARE/FYSI
- Paul Gaskins, Library Support Specialist
- Judith Jackson, Assistant Professor – Fashion Design
- Jan Lawrence, Assistant Professor – Education & Human Development
- Kathleen McCarney, Assistant Professor – Fashion Design
- Lisa Palmer, Professor – English



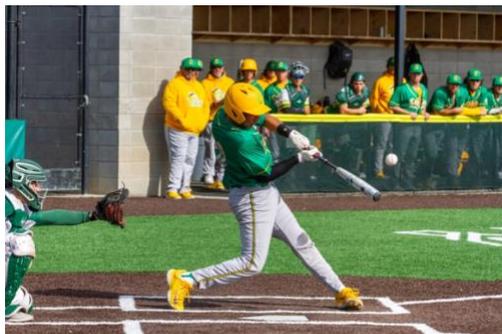
## Flex Day

I hope that everyone had an enriching and fun day! My thanks to Ellen Young, David Reed and Jacky Ip for their efforts in putting together a wonderful Flex Day. Also, thank you to our presenters and attendees for making Flex Day a success. All Flex Day materials and Zoom recordings will soon be available on the [Follow-Up Flex Day Resources](#) page of the Professional Development Planning Committee (PDPC) website. Please [provide feedback](#) on Flex Day to help our PDPC and Flex Day presenters better serve your needs. Also, if you are interested in presenting at our next Flex Day, please submit your [proposal here](#).



## Cañada Colts Sweep City College in Three-Game Baseball Series

Congratulations to the Cañada Colts men's baseball team who were victorious over City College of San Francisco last weekend, defeating the Rams 7-4 on April 15 and sweeping them in a three-game series. The *San Mateo Daily Journal* featured the Colts this week and you can read the article [here](#). Cheer on the Colts tomorrow at 1 p.m. when they play College of San Mateo at home.



## College Host Priority Engagement Events

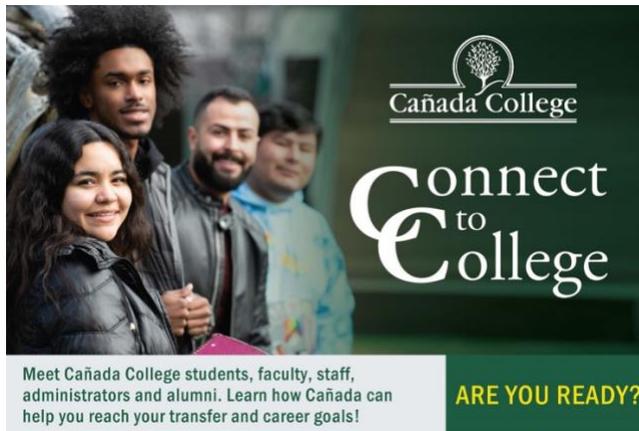
During the first two weeks of April, Cañada College hosted Priority Engagement Program (PEP) events for more than 100 high school seniors from local high schools who plan to attend Cañada College in the Fall 2023 semester. By attending a PEP event, students had the opportunity to complete orientation, meet with an academic counselor, create their first semester class schedule, learn about financial aid and the Promise Scholars Program. Students also took a tour of our beautiful campus and were provided lunch. A big thank you to the PEP Planning Committee, Team Leads, Welcome Team, Counseling Team, Financial Aid Team, Outreach Team and all who attended or provided support. Without you, this would not have been possible! If any students missed their high school PEP event, please invite them to attend our upcoming Super Friday Registration Event on May 12 at Cañada College. They can RSVP or see more information about Super Friday [here](#).



## Connect to College – April 27

Please save the date for Connect to College, Cañada's annual Open House, which will be held on Thursday, April 27 from 5-7:30 p.m. All are invited to a night of engagement where prospective students and their families will meet Cañada students, faculty, staff, administrators and alumni and learn how Cañada can help them reach their transfer and

career goals! To RSVP or for more information, please see the attached flyer or visit: <https://canadacollege.edu/connect/>. For questions or to sign up to participate, please contact [Olivia Cortez-Figueroa](#).



### **Please Let Us Know Your Opinion of Cañada’s Participatory Governance Processes**

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.

### **Faculty – Please Sign Up to Participate in Our Commencement Ceremony!**

Commencement, the Best Day of the year, will soon be here! You’ve worked alongside these degree candidates and certificate recipients as they achieved and reached this milestone. We hope you can join in celebrating our amazing students, by participating in the processional and Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 27. Please see the attached message with additional details from Academic Senate President David Eck. Please email [Linda Bertellotti](#) or [Debbie Joy](#) if you plan to participate and if you need to borrow a plain black gown. In addition, the Cañada Bookstore can also assist with regalia purchase. Please contact [Jai Kumar](#) as soon as possible to ensure your regalia will arrive before Commencement.



## Events Happening On Campus this Weekend:

Friday, April 21 and Saturday, April 22

### [Designer Garment Exhibit](#)

7-9 p.m.  
Building 3, Room 255

Saturday, April 22

### [Baseball vs College of San Mateo](#)

1-4 p.m.  
Colts Field

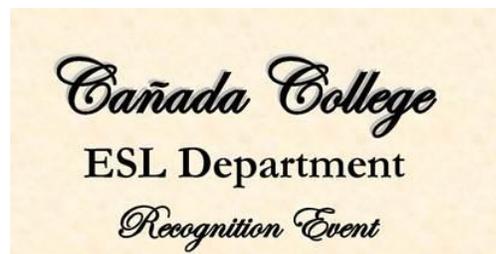
Sunday, April 23

### [Cañada College Athletic Center Showcase](#)

7 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Cañada College Athletic Center (Building 1)

## ESL Recognition Event - May 2

The ESL Department invites the campus community to attend its Recognition event on Tuesday, May 2 from 7-8 p.m. in Building 6, Room 101/102.



I hope you enjoy the weekend!

Sincerely,  
Kim