



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 4-28-23

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Can you believe that we are about to enter the month of May?! We all know this month brings many opportunities for us to engage in end-of-year-celebrations, and recognition and registration activities. Please visit our [College Events Calendar](#) for an updated listing of campus events. The campus community is also encouraged to add to the college calendar and can do so [here](#). I look forward to seeing many of you throughout this busy and joyful time.

K-14 Equity Leadership Training

Today and yesterday, members of the Cañada leadership team joined members of the Sequoia Union High School District (SUHSD) leadership team for the second annual two-day Equity Leadership Training, led by the Skyline College Equity Institute. The K-14 Equity Leadership Training with SUHSD and Cañada College is a component of the Living the Promise MOU that we established last year with Ravenswood City School District, SUHSD, San Francisco State and Cal State East Bay. It has been wonderful connecting with our educational partners to discover ways we can collectively support our communities.



ASCC Spirit Day

On Wednesday, our Associated Students of Cañada College (ASCC) hosted their first Spirit Day since the pandemic. More than 100 attendees enjoyed a fun-filled day of Disney-themed Karaoke, trivia and snacks.



Designer Garment Exhibit

Last weekend, our Fashion Department hosted a two-day event where campus and greater community members viewed around 100 designer garments on display in our Fashion Department classrooms. Former student Wendy Jade Hernandez loaned her collection that featured several exquisite designer garments. Thank you to the Fashion Department for hosting special events that bring new students to campus while inviting former students back to enroll in a class that they may not have taken previously.



Baseball Alumni Day

Once a Colt, always a Colt! Last Saturday the Cañada Athletics Department welcomed Colt Baseball Alumni back home for a special day to reminisce about the glory days and catch up with past teammates. Our alums were given a tour of Building 1, took in a Colts baseball game and celebrated off site at The Canyon Inn. A special thank you to our Colt Baseball Alumni, Cañada Athletics Department, SMCCCD Alumni Association, 2023 Cañada Colts coaching staff, team and many others who contributed to the special day which will now become an annual tradition. Go Colts!



CWA Open House

This week the College for Working Adults (CWA) program welcomed students to enjoy light refreshments and check in with the CWA team. The mission of CWA is to create equitable access for our evening students and adult learners. CWA not only offers evening, weekend and online classes - but have a dedicated Team to support student success throughout their Cañada journey. During the Open House, students expressed their excitement about starting or returning to college, or nearing graduation.



Employee End of Year Celebration: May 18

Please join us for our Employee End of Year Celebration! The event will be held at the Cañada Vista Clubhouse on Thursday, May 18 from 12-1:30 p.m. All college employees are invited to celebrate the end of the year together. During the celebration, we will be honoring our retiring faculty and staff, faculty who have achieved tenure and our Classified Employee of the Year. The event flyer is attached. Please RSVP to canpresident@smccd.edu by May 12.



Save the Date: Mural Ribbon Cutting on May 15

Our mural is nearly complete and the day to celebrate a special piece of Cañada history is almost here! The campus community is invited to the Cañada Mural Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Monday, May 15 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Enjoy refreshments and performances on the Upper Lawn as we officially debut our mural to the Cañada Community! For questions, contact Dr. Michiko Kealoha at 650-306-3373 or kealoham@smccd.edu.



Staff Support Needed for Commencement

Cañada's 55th Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 27 at 10 a.m. and there are a number of opportunities for staff to participate and help make this event a memorable one for our graduates and their families. To assist with this special event, please click the [commencement job assignment link](#). Commencement assignments include: setup crew, graduate registration, getting grads ready, commencement usher, cleanup crew and more. Staff support on this day makes the graduation experience for students possible. Important: CSEA employees are entitled to overtime in the form of pay or comp-time – this is the employee's choice. Please inform your supervisor of your choice. We hope staff will be a part of the Cañada Commencement team and appreciate your consideration.



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.

I hope you enjoy the warm weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim