



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 4-7-23

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Puente Mural Tour

On March 24, our Puente students from Cañada College enjoyed a 90-minute walking mural tour in the Mission District of San Francisco. Patricia Rose, one of the muralists who works with Precita Eyes, led the Puente students through her beautiful sunny neighborhood and shared the history of the community and its murals. Patricia told the community's stories with grace and love and honored all of the muralists with her in-depth interpretations of their work. It was a privilege to see the rich history of muralismo in the Mission District and to learn from an incredibly knowledgeable resident and muralist.



Cañada College Hosted 11th Annual OYE Latinx Youth Conference

On March 25, Cañada College hosted the 11th Annual OYE Latinx Youth Conference: Honoring Our Roots & Launching Into the Future! More than 550 community members joined in person, with additional live-streaming viewers and virtual participants, for a day to explore and express Latinx culture and identity and engage in finding tools to overcome challenges, pathways to the future and strategies to strengthen our communities. The morning keynote speaker, A'ric Jackson, spoke about unapologetically being our true selves and not letting others limit our potential. The afternoon keynote speaker, Flor Martinez Zaragoza, discussed leadership and making your voice heard to support our greater community. It was such an inspiring time, hearing how our community can connect and learn in this ever-growing online world.

This year, the OYE Conference offered 26 workshops for young people (ages 12-22) and families to explore their community strength through the workshops they attended. The information from the workshops helped our community learn about their rights, explore traditional dance, create art as a healing practice and find educational opportunities, including attending Cañada College. Participants also had the opportunity to connect with 30 resource partners and enjoy various performances from local musicians and dancers. You can watch the livestream recording [here](#).

I'd like to give a special thank you to the Cañada students, alumni and employees who collaborated with the OYE Planning Committee to build a memorable and inspiring event for our community. Maria Huning has been the co-convenor of the OYE Conference for the past two years, leading Logistics and Planning Committees in partnership with our community partners on behalf of Cañada College. This year, Nicki Dulmage-Bekker joined in the Fundraising and Outreach Subcommittees, Nimsi Garcia was on the T-shirt and Livestream Subcommittees and led the Workshop Subcommittee. Thank you to: John Winchester, Olivia Cortez-Figueroa, Melissa Maldonado, Adolfo Leiva, Officer Zorie Gomez, Officer Mike Kuchac, Jose Soliman, Yolanda Valenzuela, Sandra Mendez and all of the Outreach Ambassadors who worked that day in a variety of capacities. There were people who worked behind the scenes, such as Cañada alumna Paloma Felix Esparza as the Main Theater Tech, TRIO Ambassadors Alexis Arevalo Murillo and Cristina Moreno working as Tech Support for workshops and ESL Conversation Club Presidents Jose "Lalo" Hernandez and Luis Romero who served as workshop monitors. Some of our grads and current students (Cristina Moreno, Chris Valdez, Precious Sunday, Alberto Mora and Jules Thomas) were also featured in the panel called, "I'm First," where they shared how they were the first in their families to obtain a degree, come to this country on their own or become business owners and entrepreneurs. Thank you to all who attended and supported the conference making it a truly special event for our college, community and partners.



Enhanced Food and Beverage Options Coming this Summer and Fall

Our Auxiliary Services team is excited to share some food and beverage updates that the campus community can look forward to this Summer and Fall.

The Grove Café (Building 5)

In an effort to further support the campus community, beginning in the Fall semester, The Grove Café will extend its dining hours to 7 p.m. Monday – Thursday! The Grove Café is in the midst of a facility refresh which includes: painted walls, updated display menus, Scan Code signage placement to review Grove hours and to order on-line and new lighting. The Café will also have a refreshed soda fountain and coffee station, a repositioned salad bar and new Grab & Go refrigerators. New exciting menu items such as fresh made pizzas, fresh rolled sushi, cold poke bowls and fresh fruit are now available. Diners can also consider one of the Chef's specials or create their own salad! Skip the line and order online! Scan the bar code at the door, and order and pay on-line while relaxing in the newly furnished Grove Dining area. You can also visit the Grove Café menu and online ordering portal [website](#).

Colts Café (Building 1)

Starting in September, the Colts Café will expand its operating hours to 8 p.m. Monday – Thursday. Menu options will also expand to offer continued coffee, light sandwich options and a Smoothie “Fuel Bar,” featuring meal replacement smoothies, where campus community members can order in-person and/or online.

Pony Espresso (Building 13)

Coffee lovers rejoice – the Pony Espresso is reopening August 17, 2023 and will operate from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.! Hours will be under review based upon demand and may change accordingly.

New! Vending Machines Location and Choice

Starting in August, an additional meal prep vending machine will be added to the Grove next to the microwave for quick on-the-go options after the close of The Grove in the evenings. In addition, new healthy vending machine choices will include: pistachios, trail mix, Kind Bars, Cliff Bars and Frito-Lay Smartfood Selects. Also look for new vending machines, which are now more location friendly, and placed per student requests, taking place for Fall 2023!

The Grove Gets a Makeover

If you visited Building 5 this week, you will notice beautiful new furniture that was installed over Spring Break! The refreshed furniture includes new: communal tables and chairs, benches, sofas, private study and meeting spaces, including booth seating.



Cañada College Begins Mural Community Paint Days

We paused our painting plans as we encountered stormy weather the last couple weeks. The rain clouds have vanished for now and Cañada College's historic first mural is ready to be painted by the campus and greater community. The Mural Project Committee invites the campus and greater community to be a part of this special milestone and participate in community paint days (April 10 – 13). Everyone is welcome! To sign up for community paint days, click [here](#).

The Cañada College mural is a visual story, a story of our college, grounded in social justice and informed by the campus community. More than 35 students, faculty, staff and administrators participated in the campus-wide mural design process. This process included three multi-hour workshops with art partner, Precita Eyes, and lead by muralist Francisco Franco. The collage of images has been created to represent Cañada's core values: social justice, liberation, cultural empathy and academic success. The intent of this student-led project was to create a welcoming environment rooted in social justice.

Earlier this year, the Mural Project Committee received a draft of the college mural. The draft design was reviewed by participants of the design workshops that were hosted earlier this semester, in addition to a core group of campus leaders with expertise in art. Cañada's collaborative partner, Precita Eyes Muralists, incorporated the suggestions that emerged from the preliminary review related to Cañada's college core values. The campus was invited to provide feedback on a second draft of the mural design in March and painting has now begun!



Cañada Student Secures International Scholarship

Cañadian Anthony Leon Chumptazi has been selected as a Fall 2022 Oberndorf Lifeline to Completion Scholar and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. This scholarship is designed to assist Phi Theta Kappa members in overcoming unanticipated financial barriers preventing the completion of the college credential, an associate degree or certificate while enrolled in college. Anthony is one of seven students selected internationally to receive the award.



Students Invited to Present at Honors Research Symposium

Congratulations to the Cañada Honors Transfer Program students whose five proposals were selected for presentations at the 2023 Bay Honors Consortium (BHC) Honors Research Symposium at Stanford University! The BHC Honors Research Symposium is a state-wide honors conference that has not been held since 2019 due to COVID. Thank you to honors faculty mentors for their time and expertise, especially Sarah Harmon who hosted a proposal workshop that helped students and faculty mentors understand how to craft a successful proposal.

The students who will present their proposal at the May 6 Bay Honors Consortium Honors Research Symposium include:

- Shaun Harless
- Anthony Leon Chumptazi, Giovanna Mancinelli, and Mark Trujillo
- Harishankar Raghunath
- Arya Shadan
- Samuel Trumble

Faculty and students who would like to attend this event and/or learn more about the Cañada College Honors Transfer Program (HTP), should contact the HTP coordinator, [Susan Mahoney](#). Additionally, plan to attend our own in-house Cañada College Honors Research Showcase on the afternoon of Thursday, April 27.

Maribel Zarate, Retention Specialist - Dual Enrollment

Please give a warm Cañada welcome to Maribel Zarate, Retention Specialist for Dual Enrollment! Maribel comes to Cañada College with more than 15 years of experience working with community-based organizations that serve under-resourced populations, specializing in youth development. Her communication skills and compassion allow her to connect with individuals and provide them with needed support and services.

For the past nine years, Maribel has worked advising high school and post-secondary students as the College Liaison at Opportunity Youth Academy (OYA) and the High School Group Director at East Palo Alto Tennis and Tutoring (EPATT).

Maribel moved to the USA with her family when she was eight years old. Growing up, she experienced many challenges: attending low-performing schools, learning a new language, dealing with the social and emotional impact of being “different,” and navigating the US education system. As a female immigrant, the oldest child in the family, and a first-generation college graduate, Maribel had to learn many lessons early on that have ultimately shaped her into who she is. Maribel has dedicated her career to helping youth reach their academic and personal goals.

Maribel graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a BS in Earth Science. In her free time, Maribel enjoys hiking in the woods with her dog, Chewbacca, or being covered in paint while painting and drawing at home.



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.

How Well are Cañada's Participatory Governance Processes 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. Thank you!

Cañada in Our Community

Our Cañada Outreach team began hand-delivering Cañada College pennants to our community-based organizations, including: Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula, College Track, Foundation for a College Education and Police Athletic League (PAL). The intent behind the visits is to increase Cañada's local brand awareness and personally invite partners to our annual open house, Connect to College.

Please Save the Date for our annual Connect to College on April 27 from 5-7:30 p.m.
For more information, visit: <https://canadacollege.edu/connect>



SMCCCD Athletic Center Showcase

All SMCCCD students, faculty, and staff are cordially invited to the first-ever Athletic Center Showcase: Saturday, April 22 at College of San Mateo Athletic Center and Sunday, April 23 at Cañada Athletic Center. This is a two-day event highlighting the very best of what the SMCCCD Athletic Centers have to offer. Complimentary snacks and beverages will also be provided. For additional information, please view the attached flyer and register at [this link](#).

Representation Matters: Creating Inclusive Campus Environments for Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Student Success

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, from 12 -1:30 p.m. (virtual event)

Register: <https://representationmatters.pro-av.com/>

Join for a virtual event entitled “Representation Matters: Creating Inclusive Campus Environments for Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Student Success,” a webinar co-sponsored by the Chancellor’s Office and Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education (APAHE). This webinar will feature system leaders discussing the imperative of workforce diversity and the impact of AANHPI representation among faculty, staff, and administrators on student success and equity. The audience will learn about effective institutional practices and resources that connect equal employment opportunities to the actions needed to address systemic inequities around hiring, retention, and support for faculty and staff of color. It is our hope that the webinar will expand knowledge, inspire and motivate campus leaders to be courageous and lead change in equity-focused hiring and retention practices to support the cultivation of anti-racist teaching and learning environments.

I hope you enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim