



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 5-12-23

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Good morning and Happy Friday! If you are on campus, I invite you to stop by Building 9 and say hello to our future Cañadians at our Super Friday Registration event, happening now! The Outreach team partnered with multiple members of the campus community to host Super Friday, a single-stop registration event for high school seniors. We have over 130 SUHSD students attending our event today! The goal of this event is to help anyone who attends to complete enrollment steps and leave the campus that day fully registered with their Summer and/or Fall 2023 class schedule in hand.



Men of Color Celebration

The Men of Color (MOC) Community hosted an End-of-Year Celebration on Tuesday to acknowledge our male-identified students of color completing the spring 2023 semester. Whether they had a successful or challenging semester, we celebrated together at the Cañada Vista Clubhouse with supportive conversation, engaging activities and food.



Education and Human Development (EHD) Celebrates 2023 Graduates: Making the World a Better Place One Child at a Time

Also on Tuesday, the College came together to congratulate the 2023 EHD graduates who completed certificates and degrees in Early Childhood and Inclusion Support. I joined VPI Hsieh, Dean Lacefield, EHD faculty/staff and family members to celebrate graduates and wish them well as they journey onward. The celebration highlighted two students, both future educators, Spencer Graham and Lilian Sugata, who shared their personal journeys. Professor Patty Hall, an integral member of Cañada College for more than 20 years, also announced her transition into retirement. It was a bittersweet moment as Professor Hall shared her wisdom and offered valuable advice to all.



Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Celebration

On Wednesday, the Associated Students of Cañada College hosted their first district-wide collaborative Asian American Awareness and Celebration Event. Throughout the month of April, the Student Senate advertised across the district and on social media to any student, faculty, or staff member who would like to share their culture with Cañada. Their hard work came together when over 100 attendees learned from and engaged in dialogue with 12+ cultural ambassadors about their family history and cultural traditions and practices. Student Chair, Cailey Murad, also put together a timeline for a mini-museum, which will be featured in The Center for Student Life and Leadership Development, Building 5, Room 354 throughout the rest of the month.



Colts Baseball Advance to Super Regionals!

Our Colts made it to the Super Regionals! Out of the seven colleges from the Coast Conference that qualified for playoffs (including CSM and Skyline), Cañada College was one of two colleges remaining. Please see the article that was written in the [San Mateo Daily Journal](#) earlier this week. Yesterday at the Super Regionals and Cañada's season came to an end in a 7-5 loss to Santa Rosa Junior College. Our Colts played hard from start to finish and we couldn't be more proud of the team and our student athletes. Congratulations and thank you to our Head Coach Tony Lucca, his staff and our Colts for a great season. Go Colts!



More Transfer Success from Men's Soccer

Our Men's Soccer program continues to add to its group of student-athletes headed to the next level with two more signees this past week. Head Coach Erik Gaspar's club now has six transfers off of this year's team. Starting midfielder and captain Nico Flores is transferring to Dominican University in San Rafael, to continue his career. Flores played in 38 career games with three goals and 23 assists. He had 19 of those assists as a freshman in 2021. This past season, the Kinesiology major was a second-team All-West Region selection and a first-team Academic All-American by the U.S. Coaches Association. He was also named first-team All-Coast Conference. Sophomore center midfielder Gabriel Hernandez is continuing his soccer career and transferring to Antelope Valley College in Lancaster, California. Hernandez, who attended Sequoia High School and is from Palo Alto, has been with the program for the previous two seasons. The Colts reached the second round of the CCCAA Playoffs this past season.



Bay Honors Consortium Honors Research Symposium

On Saturday, May 6, seven Cañada College honors students presented their research at the Bay Honors Consortium (BHC) Honors Research Symposium, held at Stanford University. Twenty Cañada faculty and students were among the nearly 400 attendees at the conference. The BHC Symposium is in its 13th year, and has grown into the most prestigious research conference exclusively for California community college honors students. Nearly 200 student proposals were submitted from community colleges statewide, and approximately 90 proposals were selected to present at the conference. Cañada was well-represented with five presentations, involving a total of seven students. Presentations included:

- Samuel Trumble on "The Trickster Archetype in North American Folklore." Mentored by Michael Stanford.
- Arya Shadan on "The Protest of Literature: The Diasporic Voices of the Iranian Revolution as Representative of Comparative Literary Analysis." Mentored by Salumeh Eslamieh.
- Shaun Harless on "Attention Spotlight Under Stress: A Focal Light on Helping PTSD Patients and Improving Safety Protocols During Stressful Situations." Mentored by Julie Luu.
- Harishankar Raghunath on "Boom or Bust: COVID-19 Impact on Bay Area Business." Mentored by Gampi Shankar and Rebekah Taveau.
- Anthony Leon Chumpitazi, Giovanna Mancinelli and Mark Trujillo on "Sesame Street: Panacea for School Readiness or Fun Enrichment." Mentored by Autumn McMahon and Gampi Shankar.

Not only did Cañada College have strong representation in the number of presentations, but Cañada student Arya Shadan won the symposium's grand prize, the Heslet Scholar Award! The Heslet Scholar Award is given to the student whose research was intensely impressive and whose presentation was of the highest quality. Arya's presentation clearly showed his passion for research and for amplifying the voices of the Women, Life, Freedom Movement in Iran. Arya's proposal was also a finalist for the symposium's second award, the Katharine Award, which commends students whose abstracts showed outstanding written flair and expressiveness.



Cañada in the Community

The Cañada College team partnered with the Sequoia Union High School District on a workshop for English Language Development (ELD) students and their parents on May 3. The Cañada College team presented at the Sequoia Union High School District Office, in Spanish, about the College's Promise Scholars Program, Financial Aid for Undocumented students, ESL Pathway, Counseling Support, SparkPoint services and Matriculation Process. Both parents and students were very engaged and had many questions for the team. The Outreach Team hopes to continue to collaborate with the Sequoia Union High School District and host the workshop every semester as a way to better support Cañada's Spanish speaking families. In addition, yesterday, members of the Cañada team, joined by Interim Chancellor Melissa Moreno and SMCCCD Trustee Wayne Lee attended JobTrain's Breakfast of Champions. At the fundraiser, the community had a chance to celebrate JobTrain's student successes and get a glimpse into JobTrain's future plans to support our community.



PTK Celebrates End-of-Year Accomplishments

The Beta Zeta Nu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa celebrated the 2022-23 academic year last week. Here are some of their accomplishments for the year:

- ASCC's Student Club of the Year
- Five Star Chapter by the national organization
- First place award from PTK for a college project on a recruitment video in English/Spanish
- Top Distinguished PTK Chapter in Nevada/California
- Members presented at the 13th Community College Honors Symposium at Stanford University
- Two members received PTK-related scholarships

Please take a moment and congratulate our PTK Chapter!



Upcoming Events

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](#). Upcoming events include:

Dance Motion XVI

May 12 at 7:30 p.m.
Building 3, Main Theatre

Join the Dance Department as they host Dance Motion XVI, a combination of performances choreographed by our students.

Mural Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

May 15 from 12:30-1:30 p.m.
Upper Lawn

The campus community is invited to the Cañada Mural Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to enjoy refreshments and performances as we officially debut our mural to the Cañada Community!

Latinx Graduation Recognition Ceremony

May 17 at 6 p.m.
The Grove (Building 5)

The campus celebrates our Latinx community with an graduation recognition.

*Employee End-of-Year Celebration – **RSVP by Today!***

May 18 from 12-1:30 p.m.
Cañada Vista Clubhouse

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.

EOPS End of the Year Celebration

May 18 at 4:30 p.m.
Building 6, Rooms 101/102

EOPS celebrates its students on Thursday, May 18 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Building 6, Rooms 101/102.

Umoja Graduation Ceremony (District-Wide)

May 18 at 5:30 p.m.
Skyline College, Building 12, The Farallon Room

The Umoja communities across the District will celebrate their students. at Skyline College in Building 12 and its Farallon Room.

Student Recognition and Achievement Ceremony

May 19 at 2:30 p.m.
Building 3, Main Theatre

The campus will celebrate its scholarship recipients, transfer students, Honors Transfer Program scholars, Tutors and more!

9th Annual Student Show

May 19 at 7 p.m.
Building 3, Main Theatre

Cañada College's Digital Art & Animation program presents its 9th annual Student Show, a compilation of work by students in Digital Art & Animation over the last academic year and features photography, digital painting, illustration, design, and 2D and 3D animation. Admission is free; a suggested donation of \$5 goes toward the Digital Art & Animation scholarship fund.



End-of-Year Fashion Celebration

May 20 at 10 a.m.
Building 3, Room 255

Celebration of students completing certificates/degrees and receiving fashion scholarships. Followed by a trunk show of knit garments - favorite patterns, kinds of knits and techniques for sewing.

SMCCCD Migration Celebration

May 20 at 11 a.m.

Cañada College Building 23, Rooftop

Join us at Cañada College to celebrate our graduating and transferring undocumented students, students from mixed status families, and allies.

I hope you enjoy this beautiful Mother's Day weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim