



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 2-10-23

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Fashion Department Trunk Show

Last Saturday the Fashion Department welcomed 75 attendees to a trunk show featuring Ann Smith, a fashionista who designs her own wardrobe. Ann showed an array of 50 garments representing a variety of patterns and beautiful fabrics. The attendees found the program to be inspirational, instructional and entertaining. Thank you to our Fashion Department for hosting meaningful events that bring community members to campus.



Speaker Series Featuring Cañada Alumna, Dr. Marilyn Thomas

On Wednesday, we welcomed back Cañada alumna, Dr. Marilyn Thomas, as the guest for the College's Speaker Series. The event was recorded and the campus community can listen to the exciting and informative work of Dr. Thomas. Our own Rance Bobo, STEM Career Exploration Coordinator, sat down with Dr. Thomas where she discussed her academic journey as a non-traditional student, motivation to stop racism through STEM and the methods she uses to obtain success. You can view the recording [here](#).



Black History Month

Cañada College is celebrating Black History Month and Cañada's Umoja Community is hosting a series of impactful programs and events. Upcoming events include:

Friday, February 10

[Lunchtime Movie: Jordan Peele's Get Out](#)

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Building 9, Room 307

Friday, February 23

[Movie Night: Viola Davis in the Woman King](#)

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Building 9, Room 307

You can view and RSVP for events [here](#). For those who would like to celebrate Black History Month through Zoom backgrounds, designs can be found [here](#).



Cañada Public Safety Captain, Jason Wendt



Please give a warm welcome to Jason Wendt, Cañada College's new Public Safety Captain.

Jason is a United States Navy Veteran and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Criminal Justice from Eastern Gateway Community College. He has vast experience with Public Safety, Public Safety Systems and Administration within a community college setting.

Captain Wendt has more than 15 years of experience in law enforcement and public safety with a majority of this experience gained in a community college setting. Jason was previously our district Public Safety Systems Manager where most may know him as the ID card provider. Jason comes to us from City College of San Francisco where he was the Chief of Police. His 12 years of experience at City College gave him the expertise on how to integrate a public safety team within the college community. Jason enjoys restoring classic cars and making homemade beer and wine from scratch (which he likes to share). He loves spending time with his two children and wife of 29 years.

Did You Attend SMCCCD? We'd Like to Hear from You!

The Cañada Marketing Department is looking for former SMCCCD students to share their [stories](#). [Please complete this form](#) and tell us why Cañada College is a great place to learn (and even work). Your story may be used for future marketing purposes, including on social media. For questions please contact canmarketing@smccd.edu.



Continued Growth for Zero and Low Textbook Cost

Cañada's Textbook Affordability Subcommittee recently shared the zero-textbook cost (ZTC) and low-textbook cost (LTC) course data for the Spring 2023 semester and they are quite impressive:

- ZTC: 60 courses (142.86% from Spring 2022), 90 sections (152.54% from Spring 2022)
- LTC: 12 courses (same as Spring 2022), 17 sections (68% from Spring 2022)
- 51 unique faculty (150% from Spring 2022)
- 2,917 (duplicated) students in these sections (249.32% from Spring 2022)
- \$266,600 estimated savings in these sections (263.83% from Spring 2022)

Additionally, the College has made some significant strides in offering zero-cost and low-cost course sections. Since Spring 2021, a total of 9,878 students (duplicated) have enrolled in a ZTC or LTC course, with the estimated savings of \$928,800 over those five semesters and two summer periods. This coming summer, we will top 10,000 students served and \$1,000,000 estimated savings!

Thank you for supporting faculty in this work! The ZTC/LTC team is routinely including sections that are part of Umoja and College for Working Adults, working with more Promise sections, and looking to incorporate more sections that involve Dual Enrollment students. In addition, the team will be making big strides in the Math Department in the upcoming semesters and is working to set up Z-Degrees and Z-Certificates. There will be more information coming soon, including upcoming data on the Fall 2022 ZTC Student Survey that was conducted in November 2022. There is still work to do! Faculty who would like to learn about becoming involved in this work can reach OER/ZTC Coordinator, [Sarah Harmon](#).



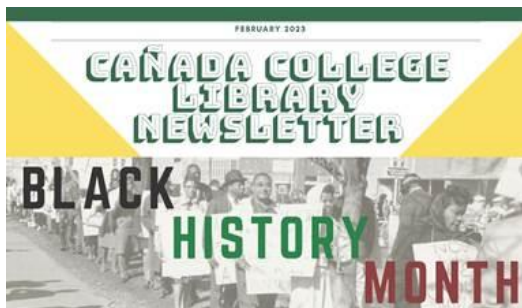
PTK Fall Semester Toy Drive

Our student honor society, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), recently shared the results of its service project for the holiday. This year's theme of service stemmed from a PTK member who shared his personal experience as a child from a lower socio-economic background. He shared how the toys and games that he received each year through a toy donation event improved his feelings of self-worth and general motivation. With this serving as inspiration, the Chapter collaborated with the Redwood City Fire & Police Departments for their annual Holiday Toy and Book Drive. During the Toy Drive, the Chapter placed large donation barrels in high-traffic areas of campus such as the Cafeteria and the Office of Student Life & Leadership Development. They also decorated a holiday tree in PTK colors to attract attention to the barrels. Students, faculty, staff and community members were invited to donate and the opportunity was promoted through fliers, social media posts and email announcements through the Cañada Marketing Department. As a result of their efforts, PTK students collected enough toys and books to fill three large barrels! The barrels were picked up by the Redwood City Police Department on the last day of the semester and the items were shared with children before December 25. Congratulations to our PTK Chapter on a successful collaboration with the Redwood City Fire & Police Departments and for serving as an inspiration to the college community.



Library Newsletter

In the Cañada Library's [February newsletter](#), you will find informational resources regarding Black history and culture available to stream or check out. The Library has e-books, graphic novels, books and more available. Meet some of our Librarians or sign up for a Library Workshop! Topics covered include: fact checking, citations, Microsoft Word and Google Slides. Workshops will also be offered en Español! Faculty, please check out the [newsletter](#) and schedule a Library instructional session for your class. The Library team can work with your class on using databases, citations, evaluating resources and more!



I hope you enjoy your weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim