



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 2-24-23

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

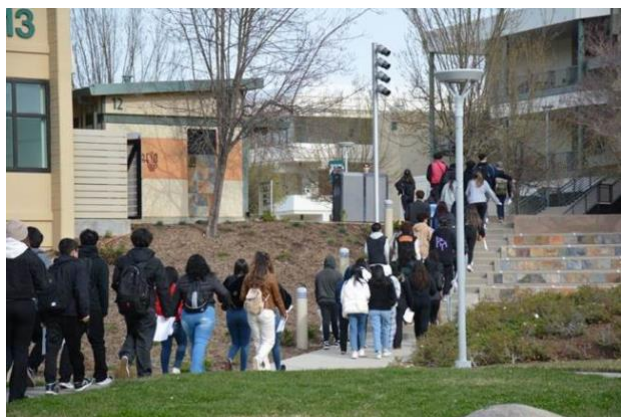
Around 5 p.m. on Tuesday we lost power to the Cañada campus and we're grateful that it was restored in time to host in-person classes on Wednesday evening. I'd like to share my appreciation to the campus community for your flexibility in supporting our students and each other. I'd also like to thank members of the Cañada College and District Office Leadership Teams for their swift action in operations and communication. This includes: Facilities, Public Safety, ITS, Office of Emergency Management, Office of Student Services, Office of Administrative Services, Office of Instruction and the Marketing Department. My thanks to each of you for your guidance and expertise.

Dr. Melissa Moreno Selected SMCCCD Interim Chancellor

At the February 22 meeting, the San Mateo County Community College District Board of Trustees unanimously selected Dr. Melissa Moreno, current President of Skyline College, to serve as the District's Interim Chancellor. She will begin as Interim Chancellor on April 1, 2023. For more information, please see attached press release. Congratulations to Interim Chancellor Moreno!

Cañada Welcomed San Mateo County High Schoolers to Campus

Last Thursday, Cañada welcomed 128 high school students from several high schools throughout San Mateo County, including: Aragon, Burlingame, Design Tech, Capuchino, Peninsula, San Mateo HS, El Camino, Westmoor and Half Moon Bay. The students were joined by adult chaperones from the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE) as well as several high school Counselors. The students received a welcome and presentation on life as a Cañada College student as well as a tour of campus. They also had an opportunity to learn about many of our Workforce programs and meet Faculty members from programs such as: Fashion Design & Merchandising, Interior Design, Digital Art & Animation, Photonics & Laser Technology and Funeral Services.



Black History Month

Throughout the month of February, Cañada has hosted a series of programs and events in honor of Black History Month. On Wednesday, we were honored to feature Maurice Goodman, Vice Mayor for the City of Millbrae and former member of the San Mateo County Community College Board of Trustees as the guest for our College Speaker Series. Vice Mayor, thank you for sharing your insight and communicating the importance of serving our community. The event was recorded and can be viewed [here](#). Thank you to all of the Cañada students, faculty and staff for creating a series of meaningful programs and events in honor of Black History Month.



Cañada College Classified Employee of the Year – Nominations Due March 6

Each year, the Board of Governors along with the State Chancellor's Office seeks nominations from each community college district for their Classified Employee of the Year Award. In our district, the three colleges and the District Office **each** nominate one classified employee. The Board of Trustees reviews the resulting four nominations received and makes the final selection of the nominee to be forwarded to the State. Considerations for the award include a commitment to high standards of job performance and professionalism, demonstrated leadership, collaboration, knowledge, and other criteria.

I encourage and invite all members of the Cañada Community (students, faculty members, and classified staff) to nominate a classified employee for our college's award. If you wish to nominate someone, please review the award criteria and complete the attached nomination form. Please note that there are five questions requiring a narrative reply. I realize that you may not have all the information about the employee you wish to nominate, but please try to complete the form as best as you can. Because of the very short time we have to provide our nominee to the Board of Trustees, all nominations must be received by Monday, March 6 at 4:30 p.m. Please submit your completed nomination form to the Office of the President at CANPresident@smccd.edu. The College Cabinet will then review the nominations and make a final selection by March 8 to ensure that we meet the deadline for submitting our nominee to the District.

President's Student Leadership Award – Nominations Due March 24

At this year's Commencement Ceremony, one student will be recognized for outstanding scholarship and leadership. We welcome your nomination of the student who you believe reflects the spirit of this award, embodies its positive attributes, and meets its criteria:

- has made meaningful contributions to the lives of students, his/her community, and/or Cañada College
- demonstrates outstanding academic achievement
- reflects a committed pursuit of educational goals
- demonstrates leadership qualities that represent the values and mission of the College
- achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or higher
- is a graduating student in Summer 2022, Fall 2022, or Spring 2023.

Please attach a Word document describing the nominee's involvement and accomplishments relevant to the award criteria. Please submit your completed nomination form with supporting page(s) attached, to the [Office of the President](#) by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023.



Scholarship Reviewers Needed for the 2023-24 Cañada Scholarship Program

The Financial Aid Office is seeking Cañada faculty, staff and administrators who would like to serve as scholarship reviewers for the 2023-24 Cañada Scholarship Program. Each reviewer will be assigned anywhere between 20-40 scholarship applications to review between March 6-20 in AcademicWorks, the online scholarship application platform used by the three SMCCCD colleges. The time commitment should not exceed 6-8 hours and is one of the most rewarding ways to get to know our students. Reviewers will be provided with comprehensive instructions and a scoring rubric. Please reply to [Dr. David Vera](#) by February 28 if you'd like to be part of this year's review team. The scholarship application deadline for students is March 2, 2023. Thank you in advance for encouraging students to apply and for all those reference letters many of you have been asked to write.

I hope you enjoy your weekend and stay warm!

Sincerely,
Kim