## President's Report to the Board of Trustees • May 22, 2024

# Highlights

• The MESA Open House marked the return of the program and highlighted its significance on campus with a panel of MESA alumni who shared their experiences at Cañada.



- Cañada College Honors Transfer Program students delivered meaningful presentations to a full room of engaged participants at the annual Honors Research Showcase.
- Cañada's inaugural Songkran Thai New Year celebration, one of the most important events on the Buddhist calendar, featured a vibrant water festival symbolizing renewal and rejuvenation.
- Campus community members organized an Eid-al-Fitr celebration, which included presentations on how students observed Eid, performances by students and traditionally-brewed aromatic coffee.



### **Community Listening Session**



On April 30, the College hosted a Community Listening session at Fair Oaks Community Center in Redwood City. More than 35 community members and Cañada employees collaborated to build relationships and work together to create a seamless pathway for high school students transitioning to college, college students transitioning to university and all community members pursuing careers and lifelong educational opportunities. The evening resulted in wonderful community feedback and the Cañada team will synthesize the feedback and share at the College Leadership Retreat in August.



### Cañada Faculty Member and Alum Recognized in Latin-American Poetry Contest

Gerardo Pacheco Matus was selected as the Third Place winner for his collection, *Border Cantos Poemas*, at the <u>"Latin-American Poetry</u> <u>Chapbook Contest."</u>



# **Upcoming Events**

Behind the Scenes - The Path to Becoming an Interior Designer Monday–Thursday (to May 22) 11 a.m.–1 p.m.; 2–4 p.m. Building 9, Room 152, Art Gallery

2023-2024 Student Recognition and Achievement Ceremony Friday, May 17 from 2–4:30 p.m. Building 3, Main Theatre

#### Promise Scholars Program: End of the Year Celebration Wednesday, May 22 from 5–7 p.m. Building 23, Rooftop Patio

**56th Annual Commencement** Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. Upper Lawn

SMCCCD Lavender Graduation Monday, June 6 from 4–6 p.m. Building 6, Rooms 101/102

Equity Excursion - Exhibit "More Than Cars: Celebrating Lowrider Culture" Thursday, June 13 from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Watsonville, CA

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