



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 11-15-24

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Position Request Presentations at PBC this Week

As part of our annual college integrated planning and budgeting cycle, programs requesting new, permanent positions for the 2025-26 academic year and beyond will be presenting their requests to the Planning & Budgeting Council (PBC) on Wednesday, November 20 and Thursday, November 21, from 2:10 – 4 p.m. each day. More information can be found [here](#).

Cañada Vice President of Student Services Forums

Thank you for participating in the campus forums for our permanent Vice President of Student Services. You can read the full announcement [here](#). A follow-up campus message will be sent with the recordings and feedback form links later today, following the last campus forum. The deadline to submit all feedback forms will be Monday, November 25, 2024 at 5 p.m. Thank you in advance for your participation and feedback. We value your input.

Annual High School Counselors Breakfast and Community Partner Forum

Yesterday, we hosted our 8th Annual High School Counselors Breakfast and Community Partner Forum! More than 80 partners joined for an exciting morning to connect, collaborate and get updates on Cañada's newest services and programs available to support students. Thank you to the college representatives who attended and presented at the event.



AANHPI STAR Program Visit to San Francisco State University

Last Friday, the [Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander S.T.A.R. Program](#) hosted students for campus visit to San Francisco State University. The students had a chance to participate in a campus tour, hear from a student panel and experience a lecture from an Ethnic Studies professor. The AANHPI STAR Program hosts two campus visits to San Francisco State University, one in the fall semester and one in the spring.



Veteran's Week

For Veteran's Week, the Veteran Resource and Opportunity Center (VROC) welcomed guest speaker Morrigan Belle, a transgender Air Force veteran, for a powerful presentation on LGBTQIA+ experiences in the military. Morrigan shared her journey of self-acceptance and her path to becoming a writer, advocate, and mother, as well as the unique challenges faced by LGBTQIA+ service members. Following an introduction by Juan Vera, our VROC Program Services Coordinator, the audience engaged in a thoughtful Q&A session, leaving with greater insight into the courage and resilience of LGBTQIA+ veterans. On Wednesday, VROC also held a special screening of *By My Side*, a documentary highlighting the unique bond between military veterans and service dogs. The film offered an inspiring look at how these loyal companions play a critical role in veterans' lives, providing support, companionship, and healing. Attendees left with a deeper appreciation for the powerful connections that aid veterans in their journey after service.



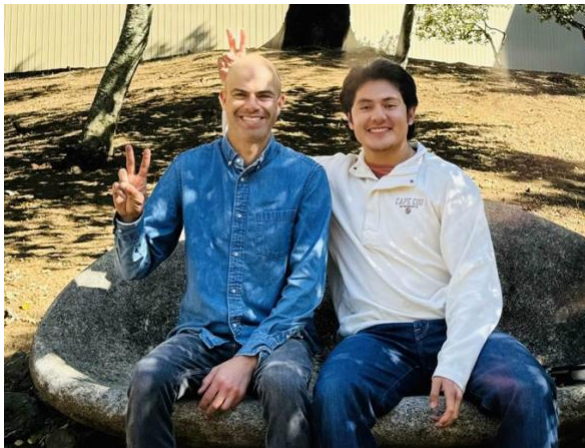
Puente Noche de Familia Welcomes Student Families and Supporters

On Wednesday, the Puente Co-ordinators invited family and friends to Noche de Familia (Family Night) to learn how best to help students succeed in the Puente learning community. The students and their families also received important information about the several support services available to their students. Thanks to wonderful presenters, guests learned about the services of the Library, EOPS, Promise Scholars Program, Transfer Center, MESA, the Undocumented Community Center and SparkPoint. This is important because being part of the "familia" is what Puente is all about—with the love and support from family members and the community, students are more easily able to reach their academic goals.



Promise Podcast

Our Promise Scholars Program has launched a podcast: *Real Stories, Real Promise*. In the podcast, Promise Counselor Danny Lynch invites students to share their raw and unfiltered journeys. Each episode amplifies student voices, reveals challenges and celebrates the strength, growth and aspirations of our students, allowing the listeners a window into the world of our incredible students and an opportunity to bond over the human experience. Tune in to [hear](#) powerful, inspiring conversations that bring each student's path to life.



SMCCCD Athletic Center's Fall Showcase

You are invited to a series of special Athletic Center Fall Showcase events on Saturday, November 16, at [College of San Mateo's Athletic Center](#) and Sunday, November 17, at [Cañada College's Athletic Center](#). The two-day event highlights the top offerings of our Athletic Centers. All SMCCCD students, faculty, or staff who are not members can participate in our unique programs or explore at leisure. Enjoy light snacks and refreshments! Please [RSVP](#) if you would like to attend one of these free events!



Holiday Gathering – Please RSVP by Dec. 3

The entire college community is invited to the Campus Holiday Gathering! Mix and mingle over light refreshments and merriment.

Friday, December 13 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.

Location: Building 8 Lobby

Please RSVP [here](#) by December 3.



I wish you a restful weekend.

Sincerely,
Kim