



## A Message from President Kim Lopez

### Weekly Update: 11-22-24

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Hello from the [CCLC Annual Convention](#) in Burlingame! Our District is proud to host this important conference that brings together CEOs, Trustees, faculty, staff, administrators, and partners from across the state to share tools, models and solutions to system issues, as well as celebrate accomplishments. Yesterday, students from our Cañada Dance Department performed for attendees. They did a wonderful job and received a standing ovation from the crowd!



### January Flex Day Submissions Due Today

This is a very friendly reminder that today is the last day to submit [proposals for the Cañada College Flex Day](#) on January 10, 2025. This Flex Day will revisit the theme of *Mattering*. Questions and concerns can be directed to the Flex Day Coordinator, Ellen Young at [younge@smccd.edu](mailto:younge@smccd.edu).

### Cañada Vice President of Student Services Forum Recordings and Feedback Forms

Cañada College is searching for a permanent Vice President of Student Services. You can read the full announcement [here](#). Last week, we hosted five public forums to familiarize the campus community with the candidates.

Feedback forms for all candidates are live, and the **deadline to submit feedback is Monday, November 25 at 5 p.m.** Thank you in advance for your participation and feedback. We value your input.

René Alvarez - [Forum Recording](#) | [Feedback Form](#)

Sam Morgan - [Forum Recording](#) | [Feedback Form](#)

Lizette Bricker - [Forum Recording](#) | [Feedback Form](#)

JP Schumacher - [Forum Recording](#) | [Feedback Form](#)

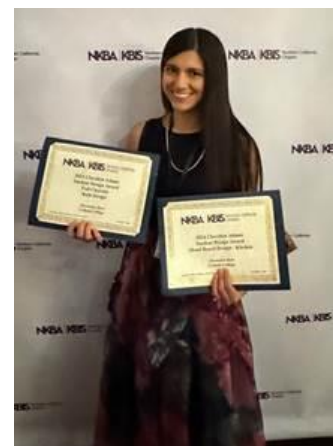
Luis Escobar - [Forum Recording](#) | [Feedback Form](#)

### Interior Design Students Net Impressive Awards

Cañada College Interior Design students excelled at the annual National Kitchen + Bath Association (NKBA) Gala, where 15 students attended alongside many alumni. The event celebrated student achievements, with several receiving professional awards:

- Alexandra Door Icochea, both Kitchen Mood Board Design and the Full Charette Bath Design
- Daniela Miller, Full Charette Kitchen Design
- Mimi Tsai, Kitchen Mood Board
- Beth Rodgers, Bath Mood Board

Congratulations to our talented students for their outstanding accomplishments and continued success in the field!



## Womxn of Color Collaborative: Supporting Civic Engagement

The Womxn of Color Collaborative (WoCC) hosted a panel of commissioners from The Commission on the Status of Women for San Mateo County, who spoke to students about advocacy and what it means to be civically engaged. In the end, students appreciated learning that, in many ways, they already participate in civic engagement! Please join us for the last event of the semester, Financial Health and End Of Semester Celebration: <https://tinyurl.com/woccf24>



## Fall 2024 BSU Events

Our Black Student Union (BSU) has participated in a number of fun and enriching fall events. Students participated in an enlightening field trip to the de Young Museum with students from Skyline and CSM Umoja/BSU on November 15. Earlier that week, the BSU hosted a lively Karaoke Night filled with laughter and a fun realization that "old music" to students still feels fresh to the faculty and staff! Looking back to October, the BSU also held a collaborative Game Night with ASCC, strengthening bonds and community spirit.



## Matcha and Mindfulness

Wednesday's Matcha and Mindfulness event brought the community together for a peaceful and engaging experience. Participants learned about the Japanese tradition of matcha, shared mindfulness practices and practiced whisking their own matcha tea. A special highlight was the first 20 attendees receiving beautiful ceramic matcha cups to continue their mindfulness journey at home.



## Trans and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) Day of Remembrance

The Trans and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) Day of Remembrance was a powerful gathering in the Reparative Room, where attendees honored TGNC lives with a heartfelt vigil. Hosted by the Gender Sexuality Alliance, STAR Program, Brave Spaces and the Cultural Center, the event included meaningful discussions on intersectionality and actionable support for the TGNC community. Together, participants fostered a spirit of remembrance, resilience and solidarity.



## International Wellness Fair

The International Wellness Fair held at The Grove on Wednesday was a vibrant celebration of global learning and cross-cultural understanding during International Education Week. The event featured cultural performances, international food, games and a photobooth. The event brought the Cañada College community together for a lively and enriching experience. It was a wonderful showcase of the joy and unity that comes with embracing diversity!



## 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 hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving break spent with loved ones! As a reminder, during Thanksgiving break, no classes will be held and offices will be closed from Thursday, November 28 through Sunday, December 1. Normal business operations will resume on Monday, December 2. My next weekly email will be Friday, December 6.

Sincerely,  
Kim