



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 9-20-24

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Participatory Governance Orientation: TODAY

All are welcome to join PBC's Participatory Governance Orientation today, September 20, from 1-2 p.m. via [this Zoom link](#). Planning and Budgeting Council members are required to attend. Members of IPC, SSPC, EAPC, Academic, Classified and Student Senates, as well as College Committees are all strongly encouraged to attend. Questions? Please contact [Dean Engel](#).

Second Community Listening Session

Last night, the College hosted its second Community Listening session at the East Palo Alto YMCA. More than 55 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 feedback and takeaways from our community partners and the Cañada team will synthesize the feedback.





Cañada in the Community: Fiestas Patrias

The Cañada Outreach team had a great time connecting with the community at the City of Redwood City's annual Fiestas Patrias, an event that celebrates many Latin countries and Mexican Independence. The team had many visitors at its booth, including Trustee John Pimentel.



Dual Enrollment Attends Annual Summit

The Dual Enrollment Team recently attended the California Coalition of Early & Middle Colleges (CCEMC) 11th Annual Dual Enrollment Summit: *The Golden Bridge to Equity, Expansion, and Excellence: Dual Enrollment*. At the Summit, the team had the opportunity to present on the innovative work being done to expand Dual Enrollment through their session, *Unlocking Synergy: The Dynamic Co-Teaching Approach to Dual Enrollment*. The presentation was a huge success, highlighting our commitment to equity and collaboration with Sequoia Union High School District.



ARC Learning Institute at San Francisco State University

On Friday, September 13, a group of Cañada College staff, faculty and administrators, along with CSM and Skyline, attended the ARC Learning Institute at San Francisco State University. At the Institute, attendees learned about the grounding principles and practices of the Title 3, AANAPISI ARC grant through an Ethnic Studies lens. In addition, attendees had the opportunity to delve into a data discussion related to the grant. The ARC Learning Institute is a part of the AANAPISI ARC Project which funds the Cañada [S.T.A.R. \(Success, Transfer, Access, Relevance\) program](#).



Constitution Day

On Tuesday, the Associated Students of Cañada College celebrated Constitution Day by decorating The Grove and hosting fun and engaging activities. Students participated in exciting Kahoot quizzes, testing their knowledge about the Constitution and the significance of the day.



The Mask We Wear

Also on Tuesday, the Womxn of Color Collaborative (WoCC) held its first workshop entitled "The Masks We Wear." Maria Huning, a member of the planning team, led a group of students and staff in a powerful discussion about how we are perceived by others and how we perceive ourselves. The discussion was followed by an artistic expression through painting masks, with the front representing how others see us, and the back representing our true selves. Lastly, the participants courageously shared the meanings behind their masks with the group. To join the WoCC for more events this semester, you can sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/woccf24>



Native American Indigenous Student Success Center Visits Cañada

The Cultural Center hosted San Jose State University's Director and Coordinator of the [Native American Indigenous Student Success Center](#) (NAISC) on campus. The Cultural Center was able to bring a group of students to NAISC last year to learn about their services. This visit continues the relationship with deep conversation on how we can support Indigenous students on both of our campuses while continuing to weave our efforts together as two new centers.



La Bienvenida

On Wednesday, the Latinx Committee kicked off Latinx Heritage Month with our annual *Bienvenida*. Attendees enjoyed delicious empanadas while learning about our Latinx community on campus and their unique stories. It was an emotional and inspiring experience to hear about the different, yet similar, journeys that shape who we are. It was a fantastic way to start the celebration! Don't miss out on the rest of our Latinx Heritage Month events – view the Latinx Heritage Month [website](#) for the latest updates.



Cañada Speaker Series

As part of Latinx Heritage Month, the Latinx Committee collaborated with Cañada Speaker Series featuring Jasmin Padilla Valencia, a former alumna and current Social Media Consultant at Cañada. Interviewed by Dr. Michiko Kealoha, Jasmin shared her journey as an artist, showcased her work, collaborations and accomplishments. It was an inspiring session that highlighted her creative path and achievements.



STAR Mix and Mingle Event

On Wednesday, the STAR (Success, Transfer, Access, Relevance) Mix and Mingle event brought together STAR Transfer Peer Mentors, mentees and those interested in the program for a community-building experience. The team shared a presentation on the STAR Transfer Pathway, highlighting the importance of culturally responsive programming and the benefits of joining, such as peer mentoring, transfer workshops and Cañada's partnership with San Francisco State University. The event also featured icebreaker activities, allowing students to connect and get to know each other better.



Brothers Achieving Milestones (BAM) Community Building

Also on Wednesday, Brothers Achieving Milestones (BAM) held a Community Building event on the upper lawn. Attendees enjoyed activities, snacks, and a chance to relax, play and connect with one another outdoors. It was a great opportunity to build community and enjoy some fresh air together!



AANAPISI Week

AANAPISI (Asian American, Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution) Week 2024 is from September 23-29, AANAPISI week celebrates the achievements of Asian American, Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions and highlights the impact of AANAPISI on student success, expand advocates and supporters and champions federal policies. At Cañada College, our AANAPISI programs are supported through the [S.T.A.R. \(Success, Transfer, Access, Relevance\) program](#). To uplift AANAPISI week, please check out the following [resources and toolkit](#).

Upcoming AANAPISI events include:

ANAPISIs: Empowering Generations of AANHPI Students

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

2-3 p.m.

Registration: <https://bit.ly/4dMn130>

Supporting the Next Generation of AANHPI Leaders

Friday, September 27, 2024

3-4 p.m.

Registration: <bit.ly/3Z9PD1T>

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,
Kim