

Community at Cañada College



Summer 2025

This summer, Cañada College partnered with local organizations to deliver programs, events and initiatives, held on campus, to strengthen community ties, expand access to education and give students a firsthand look at life as a college student. This work aligns with our EMP Goal 3.2 to strengthen ties to our BIPOC community in North Fair Oaks, Belle Haven and East Palo Alto. From large-scale public events to targeted student outreach, these efforts reflect the College's ongoing commitment to meeting the needs of the communities we serve.

Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula (BGCP)

Cañada, through its MOU with Boys & Girls Club of the Peninsula, hosted summer programs introducing underserved students to college life. Over 40 middle schoolers, 170 high schoolers and 400 staff participated in career workshops, college readiness activities, leadership sessions, tours and program presentations.



Pal Center

Cañada partnered with the Pal Center to pilot a program for 26 Redwood City middle schoolers, offering interactive sessions led by instructional and support staff. The response was overwhelmingly positive—many students asked to return and said they would recommend the program to friends.

This enthusiasm shows how the pilot is sparking early excitement for college and making a lasting impact. Watch the video [here](#) to see how this partnership is transforming lives.



Street Code Academy

On August 2, Street Code Academy's inaugural Tech Tournament in Building 1 drew 500+ community members, blending basketball culture with technology and career exploration. Youth connected with industry professionals, discovered tech pathways, and learned about resources offering free, life-changing education in their communities. Check out the event recap video [here](#).



Super Registration Events

On July 23 and 30, multiple student services teams came together for Super Registration. More than 250 students received personalized support to complete enrollment steps and prepare for the Fall 2025 semester.

Promotional Banner Project in the City of East Palo Alto

In partnership with the City of East Palo Alto, Cañada College pole banners now line Bay Road, showcasing alumni and highlighting the Free College program. Watch the banner project video [here](#) and see remarks from former East Palo Alto Mayor, Larry Moody, [here](#).

These summer initiatives demonstrate how strategic partnerships create lasting opportunities, deepen community connections and inspire students by giving them a real taste of college life, strengthening Cañada College as a vital educational and community hub now and for the future.



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