



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Supporting our LGBTQ+ Community

Dear Cañada Community,

Cañada College loves all of its students, faculty and staff, and especially want our trans, gender fluid, Two Spirit, a-gender, gender non-confirming, and queer family in the LGBTQ+ community to know the College will continue to love and support them.

Although there have been [two Executive Orders that target our transgender community](#), Cañada College is working with full hearts to ensure students can be their whole selves on campus, feel seen and valued, and be able to reach their educational goals.

Below is a list of resources and reminders for all of our campus to be aware of that can provide support, community, education, and solidarity.

Reminders:

- Cañada College will continue to honor students' and employees' name and gender identity
 - Students and employees can continue to utilize their name/lived name, without being mandated to use a [dead name](#) on any of the following Cañada identifications:
 - Canvas Profile
 - SMCCCD badge (anyone employed by our college)
 - SMCCCD email
 - Student Body Card
 - Class rosters
 - Waitlists
 - Diploma
 - Students still have the right to change their name and/or pronouns, and can utilize these forms:
 - [Canvas Name Change Form](#)
 - [Admissions and Records Name & Pronouns Change Form](#)
- Anyone being discriminated against because of their gender, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, sex, sexual orientation, or transgender status can seek support through [Title IX](#)

- You are beautiful. Your story is important! The Brave Space Collective is putting together an LGBTQIA+ publication, [find out more and submit here](#)

Resources:

- The [Cultural Center](#) is an intersectional welcoming space to hang out and be all your identities, seek support, be more than an ally, and find community. Come by during our [open hours](#), in Building 17, Rooms 107 and 109.
- The [Brave Space Collective](#) is a group of Cañada students, faculty, and staff that actively advocate for the emotional, physical, and intellectual safety of all LGBTQIA+ members. Contact us at CANBraveSpaceCollective@smccd.edu if you'd like to connect. Check out our Brave Space Collective [LGBTQIA+ Resources](#) for guides, lessons, and community organizations.
- [TRANScend Training & San Mateo County Pride Center](#) Cañada College is hosting faculty and staff Training on March 7 and April Flex. Learn how to best support our LGBTQIA+ community and receive faculty Flex Credit! Register for the four trainings we are hosting.
- [CCC LGBTQ+ Summit](#) The California Community Colleges (CCC) LGBTQ+ Summit is a statewide event that focuses on the experiences and needs of LGBTQ+ students in community colleges. It provides a platform for sharing best practices and developing strategies to support LGBTQ+ students. More information on schedule and registration coming soon!
- [Kaleidoscope Scholarship](#) The Kaleidoscope Scholarship supports students of California Community Colleges (CCC) who are making a difference in their communities through a commitment to diversity, inclusivity and social equity. This scholarship honors students who actively foster inclusive environments and understand how intersecting identities shape our experiences. Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on February 14, and awardees will be notified in March. Recipients will be recognized at the 2025 CCC LGBTQ+ Summit in April. To learn more and apply, please complete the Scholarship Application Form or contact conferences@foundationccc.org for more information.
- [Housing Support](#) If a student or employee that you know is in an unsafe household, connect with SparkPoint Coordinator Melissa Maldonado at maldonadom@smccd.edu.
- [Attend Our Queer Students of Color Conference](#)
 - The Conference will be held on Friday, March 7, 2025 at Skyline College (Building 6, 2nd Floor) and everyone is welcome to attend!
 - Why? To center Queer POC stories, narratives, and struggles and understand their contributions to liberation across borders, nations, and identities
 - To connect and continue to build our LGBTQIA+ communities through providing a space for communal healing, empowerment, education, and storytelling
 - To challenge cultural imperialism and to understand how it connects to queerness
 - [Register for the conference here](#)

- [Personal Counseling](#) is also free and available to all students. Please make an appointment in Building 5, Room 303, call (650) 381-3573, or email canadapcc@smccd.edu.
- [Find an All-Gender Restroom Cañada](#) Cañada College has multiple all-gender restrooms across campus, [the map of all locations can be found here](#).
- [Lavender Graduation](#) Save the date for our End of the Year Celebration! On May 16, Cañada College will celebrate all LGBTQIA+ graduates and community—all are welcome to celebrate our community!

In Community,
Cañada President's Office, Brave Space Collective, Office of Equity and Cultural Center