



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 1-24-25

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Commitment to Supporting Our Undocumented Community

Earlier this week, District Communications sent a joint message from the Chancellor and College Presidents reaffirming its commitment to providing a safe and welcoming educational environment for all students, including undocumented individuals. The full message can be read [here](#) and includes steps to follow if employees become aware of immigration enforcement activities on campus:

1. **NOTIFY the President's Office immediately.** No employee outside of the President's Office is authorized to accept legal documents from immigration enforcement officers.
2. **DOCUMENT and provide the President's Office with all details of immigration enforcement activities as soon as possible.** Include time, location, officer name/credential, and details of officer's request, if known.
3. **ESCORT officers to the President's Office.** If you do not feel comfortable escorting officers, contact Public Safety at (650) 738-7000 to assist. You are prohibited from giving consent for an immigration officer to enter any non-public area of campus (e.g. classrooms, office areas, etc.). If an officer arrives in the evening when the President's Office is closed, please contact Public Safety.

Please bookmark smccd.edu/undocu to connect with campus, community, and legal resources. Additional information will continue to be added to the website over time.

Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:

- **NO ABRA LA PUERTA** si un agente de inmigración está tocando la puerta.
- **NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA** de un agente de inmigración si el trata de hablar con usted. Usted tiene el derecho de mantenerse callado.
- **NO FIRME NADA** sin antes hablar con un abogado. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado.
- Si usted está afuera de su casa, pregunte al agente si es libre para irse y si dice que sí, váyase con tranquilidad.
- **ENTREGUE ESTA TARJETA AL AGENTE.** Si usted está dentro de su casa, muestre la tarjeta por la ventana o pásela debajo de la puerta.

I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.

Pick Up Free Red Cards

[Red Cards](#) from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center outline key constitutional rights for everyone, regardless of immigration status. Red Cards are available in both English and Spanish. Please encourage students and colleagues to pick up a free card at:

Building 5

- Outreach (Building 5, Room 108)
- Cañada Market (Building 5, Room, 202)

Building 8

- President's Office (Building 8, Room 206)
- Office of VPSS (Building 8, Room 209)

Building 9

- Admissions & Records (Building 9, First Floor)
- Welcome Center (Building 9, First Floor)
- COLTS-U Transfer Center (Building 9, Room 106)
- Undocumented Community Center (Building 9, Room 118)
- EOPS (Building 9, Room 133)
- VROC (Building 9, Room 151)
- Learning Center (Building 9, Second Floor)
- Library (Building 9, Third Floor)

Building 17

- Cultural Center (Building 17, Room 107)

Building 18

- Middle College office (Building 18, Room 111)
- SparkPoint office (Building 18, Rooms 106/115)

Strengthening Alumni Connections

In support of EMP Goal 3.12 to build a thriving Cañada alumni network by doubling engagement with alumni by 2027, an [tinyurl.com/CANalums]alumni intake form has been launched to gather input and understand areas where Cañada alumni would like to engage. Focus Areas for alumni support include: College Events and Updates, Career Services and Mentorship, Networking and Other, providing an open-ended section to provide feedback. Please share this [form](#) and encourage alumni to share their input to help the College shape the future of our alumni programming.



Scholarship Reviewers Needed - Respond by February 28, 2025

The Financial Aid Services Department, in partnership with the SMCCCD Foundation, is inviting faculty, staff, and administrators from Cañada to serve as scholarship reviewers for the 2025-26 Cañada Scholarship Program. Reviewers will be assigned between 20 to 40 scholarship applications to evaluate from March 4 to 16 on AcademicWorks, the online platform used by the three SMCCCD colleges. The time commitment is expected to be no more than 6-8 hours, offering a rewarding opportunity to connect with our students. This role is purely voluntary. Reviewers will receive detailed instructions and a scoring rubric. Please respond by February 28, 2025. If you're interested in this enriching experience, reach out to Patricia Flores at floresp@smccd.edu.

I wish you a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Sincerely,
Kim