



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 2-13-25

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Umoja Community Kicks Off Black History Month with Events

The Umoja Community kicked off Black History Month with special events all week long!

Umoja Opening Ritual

Umoja students, staff and faculty came together last Tuesday, February 4, to build an altar, understand the significance of honoring our ancestors and gathered as a community over lunch.



UC Berkeley Tour

Last Friday, the Umoja team had the privilege to tour UC Berkeley by Cañada and Umoja alum, Paris Carr! Paris is a Social Welfare Major at Cal and works at the Fannie Lou Hamer Black Resource Center. Students had the opportunity to tour the center and meet current students.



Black College Expo

The Umoja Team and Umoja Students tabled at the Black College Expo in Oakland last Saturday, welcoming many prospective students to join our wonderful campus.



Acts of Reparation Film Viewing followed by Q&A with the Directors

On Tuesday, the Umoja Program and Counseling Division had the honor of hosting Directors Selina Lewis Davidson and Macky Alston for a film viewing and Q&A of their documentary "Acts of Reparation." A special shout out to Umoja Scholar, Alaysha Ricks Kelly, who started the event with a powerful recital of her poem "Covered in Blood."



S.T.A.R. Career Workshop

The S.T.A.R. Program hosted a successful Career Workshop yesterday. Participants engaged in insightful discussions on how intersectionality shapes views on career opportunities. Attendees also received valuable tips on resume building and interview preparation, along with information on Cañada's transfer and career-readiness programs. It was a great opportunity to connect and learn!



Celebrating Black History Month

February is Black History Month and Cañada College is hosting events to honor the rich cultural heritage, remarkable achievements and lasting contributions of the Black community. Be sure to check the [college calendar](#) regularly, as new [events](#) will be added throughout the month. Additionally, [Zoom backgrounds](#) are available for download to join in the celebration.

Upcoming Black History Month Events:

Thursday, February 13

[Black Student Union: Karaoke Night](#)

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Cultural Center, Reparative Room, Building 17, Room 109

Tuesday, February 18

[Arts & Adinkra Symbols](#)

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Building 9, Room 307 (Social Sciences Hub)

Tuesday, February 25

[Play Black Wall Street, the Board Game!](#)

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Building 3, Room 104

Wednesday, February 26

[Afro-Colombia Carnival](#)

11:00am - 1:30pm

Amphitheatre

Thursday, February 27

[Black Student Union: Poetry Night](#)

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Flex Theater, Building 3, Room 129



Lincoln's Birthday and Presidents' Day

In honor of Lincoln's Birthday and Presidents' Day, no classes will be held and offices will be closed from Friday, February 14 through Monday, February 17. Campus will reopen during normal operating hours on Tuesday, February 18.

I wish you a warm and safe weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim