



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 2-21-25

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Belle Haven Listening Session

Last night, the College hosted its third Community Listening session at the Belle Haven Community Campus. More than 30 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.



Update on Department of Education's "Dear Colleague" Letter

Earlier this week, SMCCCD District Communications shared an update on the [February 14, 2025 "Dear Colleague" letter](#) from the Department of Education. The letter asserts that policies promoting racial diversity violate federal law and warns that noncompliance could risk federal funding. You can read the entire message [here](#). For now, our programs remain unchanged as we align with state and federal laws. We will continue monitoring developments with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and provide updates as needed.

Womxn of Color Collaborative - Radical Self love Workshop

On Tuesday, the Womxn of Color Collaborative (WoCC) held a transformative workshop on Radical Self-Love and community care! Attendees explored what radical self-love means to them and had the opportunity to express this through art. The workshop allowed participants to discuss in partners, groups, and in community. Sharing stories, food, and different perspectives. Thank you to all attendees and we look forward to upcoming Spring 2025! For more opportunities to join an event with the WoCC, please sign up [here](#).

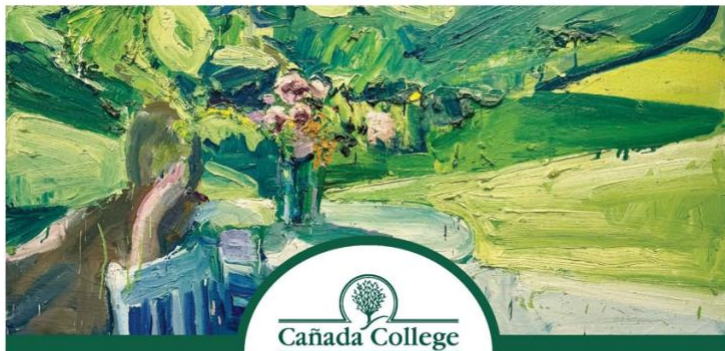


New Exhibit at the Cañada Art Gallery: Paul Wonner & Theophilus Brown: A Fifty-Year Perspective

Running Through May 15, 2025
Cañada Art Gallery - Building 9, Room 152

Cañada College is proud to present the works of Paul Wonner (1920-2008) and Theophilus Brown (1919-2012), two significant figures in the Bay Area Figurative Movement. This intimate exhibition brings together paintings and drawings from the private collection of San Francisco collectors Matt Gonzalez and Kelly Egan. The collection offers a unique perspective on both artists' work, spanning over five decades.

Gonzalez, who shared studio time with Brown, and his wife Egan have thoughtfully assembled these 18 works, providing a rare glimpse into the artistic evolution of these influential California artists. An Opening Reception will be held in the Art Gallery on April 10 from 4-6 p.m., where both Gonzalez and Egan will be present. Additionally, a documentary about Theophilus Brown will be featured on March 12 at 5 p.m. in Building 3, Room 148, where Director Allen Wood will attend and host a Q&A afterward. For more information, please view the attached poster and visit the Art Galley [website](#).



PAUL WONNER & THEOPHILUS BROWN

PAINTING IS ITS OWN LANGUAGE

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting

The campus community is invited to attend the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, February 26, at 6 p.m., either in person or via Zoom. The board agenda and zoom link will be posted [here](#). The meeting will feature a tribute to Black History Month, a celebration of our Men's Soccer team for reaching the 3C2A State Championships, and an honoring of our newest tenured faculty members:

- Marcos Chacon, Counseling: Personal Counseling
- Eddy Harris, Kinesiology, Athletics, & Dance: Basketball
- Michael Limm, Science and Technology: Biology
- Kiran Malavade, Humanities & Social Sciences: English
- Jose Manzo, Counseling: EOPS Counselor

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:

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



I wish you a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim