



## A Message from Interim President Kim Lopez

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

I am honored and humbled to serve as your Interim President for the 2021-22 academic year. When I left Cañada College four years ago to serve as the Vice President of Student Services at CSM, I never imagined that I would have the opportunity to return home. I am excited and grateful to reconnect and work with all of you again as well as get to know the Cañadians who have joined the College over the past four years.

I know this upcoming year will be filled with challenges and new experiences. As we are planning for a Fall recovery and full Spring return to campus during uncertain times, it's important that we exercise compassion, understanding and flexibility. Additional information regarding our phased in return to campus for in person services is expected to come this week. As we plan to return to campus, our surroundings may look and feel different but our mission to serve our students and community remains the same.

There will be exciting opportunities this year as we begin to open our beautiful new Kinesiology & Wellness Center. The College will develop a new Educational Master Plan, continue efforts in becoming an antiracist institution, continue implementation of Guided Pathways, expand our Promise Scholars Program and dual enrollment – and these are just a few of many important initiatives.

I look forward to seeing all of you. Please join me for my weekly office hours. You can also contact me directly at [lopezk@smccd.edu](mailto:lopezk@smccd.edu) to set up an individual meeting.

### President's In-Person Office Hour

In the President's Office, Room 8-207  
Tuesdays from 3-4 p.m., beginning August 3

### President's Virtual Office Hour

Thursdays from 3-4 p.m., beginning August 5

Zoom Link:

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/86265480890?pwd=NVljWnhML1FzeGplU2pDZFI5aVFxUT09>

Cañada holds a strong reputation for its exceptional commitment to our students and community. I am excited to work with each and every one of you in support of our students.

Sincerely,

Kim