



## A Message from President Kim Lopez

### **Weekly Update: 10-11-24**

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

### **Program Review and Resource Requests Due in One Week**

Programs submitting comprehensive program reviews, annual updates, or resource requests this year: please be sure you have uploaded and saved everything in Nuventive by the end of next week, by Friday, October 18, 2024. Questions? Please contact the PBC Program Review Sub-Committee: [canprogramreview@smccd.edu](mailto:canprogramreview@smccd.edu). Thank you!

### **Thank You for Joining Flex Day**

We hope you enjoyed the fantastic workshops provided by our colleagues at Wednesday's Flex Day. If you haven't already, please complete the [Flex Day Feedback Form](#) to help us know what we can do to better support you! Recordings, handouts and other resources from this and past Flex Days can be found on the [Flex Day Resources](#) page. The resources from this Flex Day will be available by the end of next week. The Professional Development Planning Committee will be planning the January Flex Day in the coming weeks. If you are interested in hosting a workshop, please complete a [Flex Day Proposal](#) by the end of Thanksgiving Break to secure your spot on the agenda. Yesterday at Flex Day, student leaders from all across campus packed the room -- and hallway -- for a fun and engaging training on Culturally Responsive Practices and Anti-Racist Equity Work for Peer Educators, facilitated by Puente Professional Development. Participants built community with each other and practiced strategies for supporting all students on our campus in ways that align with our college's mission, vision and values. This training marked the first time that a student peer professional development opportunity was organized.



Also for the October Flex Day, Professor Sumathi Shankar organized a workshop for Math faculty, support staff and student tutors from across the district to explore a proven teaching method known as "Building Thinking Classrooms" (BTC). BTC expert, April Strom, led a teaching observation while Professor Ray Lapuz conducted a class at Sequoia High School. This initiative supports Cañada College's ongoing efforts toward the successful implementation of AB1705.



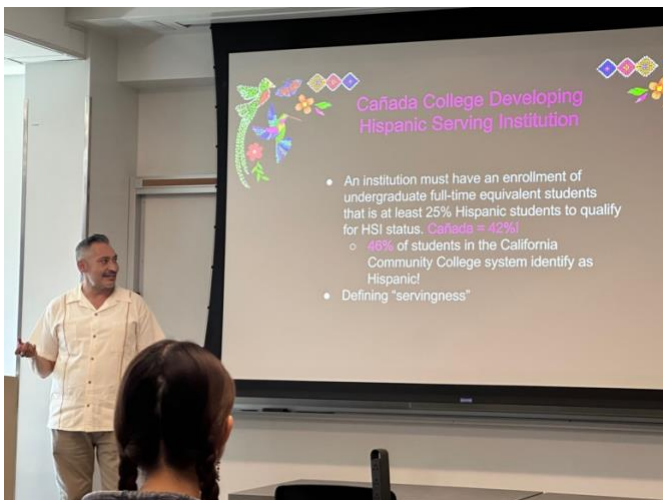
## Four-Year Campus Visit to UC Berkeley

Recently, students attended a field trip to UC Berkeley - the most popular UC for Cañada transfer students. The trip entailed a scholarship presentation, a conversation with a recent Cañada transfer student, and a campus tour. The trip ended with lunch on campus and an opportunity for students to explore on their own. More campus visits are on the way, and they are open to all students! Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4yrvisitf24>



## Ethnic Studies/Latinx Studies Workshop: Changemakers of the Future

On Monday, the Latinx Heritage Month Committee welcomed students to explore Ethnic and Latinx Studies. The workshop was led by Gonzalo Arrizon, Program Supervisor/COLTS-U Transfer Center Manager, and Jaime Barajas, Professor of Ethnic Studies. Attendees were able to discuss Ethnic Studies opportunities, in and out of the classroom, review state requirements for graduation that include Ethnic Studies, and ask questions on how to apply an Ethnic Studies degree after graduation. Faculty and staff also shared their experiences in the field of study and how it has evolved and impacted students throughout the years. Thank you to everyone that joined and enjoyed some delicious pupusas! To check out upcoming Latinx Heritage Month events, please visit <https://canadacollege.edu/lhm/index.php>



## National Coming Out Day

On Tuesday, the Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) student club along with the Cultural Center held an open mic session for National Coming Out Day. The session was held in an intimate setting in the Flex Theatre, which allowed for students, faculty and staff to share their coming out stories and experiences. Thank you to everyone that joined us for National Coming Out Day Open Mic! We appreciate the stories shared and look forward to continuing to build community. If you are interested in future GSA event, follow on Instagram [@canadaqsa](https://www.instagram.com/canadaqsa)



## Afro-Latinx Dance Workshop

On Thursday, the Latinx Heritage Month Committee invited Adelina Palacios, Cañada College student leader and dancer, to facilitate an Afro-Latinx Dance workshop. Adelina discussed the influences of African rhythms and movements in today's Latinx dances and music! Staff, faculty and students joined us as we were led by Adelina throughout various dance moves! Thank you for coming out and moving your body while enjoying the sun and delicious Cuban Kitchen food. To check out upcoming Latinx Heritage Month events visit <https://canadacollege.edu/lhm/index.php>





### **Cañada Team Presents at Conference**

Cañadians Salumeh Eslamieh, Ron Andrade, Karen Engel, Mayra Arellano, Ray Lapuz, Sumathi Shankar and Anniqa Rana led a session on Data-Informed, Targeted Interventions That Facilitate Collaboration in Support of Transfer-Seeking Students at the annual Strengthening Student Success Conference in Garden Grove, Calif. on October 10. The team shared practical examples from Cañada College, including their Local Transfer Milestone Dashboard, and how they've used initiatives like Guided Pathways and the Promise Scholars Program to break down institutional barriers. They highlighted the efforts of the Math and English departments to implement AB1705 through professional development and collaborations across campus with a special focus on creating an equitable learning environment.



## **WebSMART 8 to 9 Demos**

SMCCCD will offer demos on WebSMART's rollover from version 8 to 9 at the following times:

Thursday, October 31, at 10 am: [Zoom Link](#).

Monday, November 4, at 1 pm: [Zoom Link](#).

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,  
Kim