



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 10-18-24

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Program Review and Resource Requests Due TODAY!

For programs that are submitting comprehensive program reviews, annual updates, or resource requests this year, please be sure you have uploaded and saved everything in Nuventive by today, October 18, 2024. Questions? Please contact the PBC Program Review Sub-Committee: canprogramreview@smccd.edu. Thank you!

Gift Basket Fundraiser Returns

Classified Senate is collecting gift baskets for its annual holiday gift basket raffle! All proceeds from ticket sales go toward student scholarships. Donate a basket from your division, department, program, or individually by November 1. Baskets will be on display in the Cañada Bookstore from November 6 through December 17 with raffle tickets available to purchase. The drawing for the baskets will be held at 12 p.m./Noon on December 18. Please reach out to Classified Senate Activities Co-coordinators [Sarah Cortez](#) and [Alyssa Lucchini](#) with any questions.

Umoja Staff and Students Attend NANDI Conference

Recently, staff and students in the Umoja Program attended the second Annual NANDI Conference in San Diego. [NANDI](#) offers professional development programs and events designed to support, elevate and empower Black women in California Community Colleges and to inform our colleagues and allies on how to support and create safe spaces for Black women in the system.



Transfer Day

Cañada College's Transfer Day on Tuesday welcomed more than 100 students to explore their next steps in higher education. Representatives from 38 universities, including UC, CSU, private and out-of-state schools, were present, along with two college programs, offering guidance and support. The event was a great success, helping students make informed decisions about their transfer options.



Filipinx-American History Month Kick-off

The [AANHPI STAR program](#) and [Cultural Center](#) hosted the Filipinx American History Month Celebration Kick-Off on Wednesday. More than 25 Cañadians participated in a Parol making workshop (Filipinx Christmas Lantern) with STAR intern, Zion Oliveros and a Pandango sa ilaw workshop with Professor Ray Lapuz. Participants also enjoyed pastry items from popular Filipinx bakery, Goldilocks.



NUCLEI Social - The Immigrant Movement & The Transformative Power of Art

On Wednesday, the NUCLEI (Nurturing Undocuscholars' Collective Liberation and Empowering Imagination) student club hosted an incredible art workshop, diving deep into art movements and exploring the many ways art intersects with our lives. Participants explored the intersection of art and activism, and how creativity fuels change within the immigrant youth movement. Participants shared insights and personal stories, followed by an interactive art session where attendees had the chance to get creative and design their own tote bags. Attendees expressed themselves through vibrant artwork, using their creations to communicate powerful messages.



Tomas Ayuso Photojournalist and Writer visits Cañada

On Wednesday, October 17, our Latinx Heritage Month Planning Committee along with Learning Center, welcomed Tomas Ayuso, a Honduran writer and documentary photojournalist. His work focuses on Latin American conflict as it relates to the drug war, forced displacement, and urban dispossession. Tomas joined our Puente students in class to lecture on some of his work and discuss his experiences with the students. Highlighting the stories of individuals he has had the privilege to photograph. Later, the Cultural Center held an open photo gallery displaying Tomas' [The Right to Grow Old](#) photography series.

Closing his visit as our guest speaker for Cañada's Speaker Series, Tomas discussed the purpose behind his work, growing in his career as a photographer and shared stories with the audience as well as gave prints of his work to attendees to share moments he has captured and experienced throughout his work. Thank you to everyone who joined us for Latinx Heritage Month!



Jasmin Padilla Valencia, Program Services Coordinator, Undocumented Community Center

Please join us in welcoming Jasmin Padilla Valencia as the new Program Services Coordinator for Cañada College's Undocumented Community Center. An active member of the campus community since her time as a student, Jasmin was part of the first cohort of Puentistas, serving as an Associated Student Senate Member and Commissioner of Marketing and Design for the Associated Students of Cañada College and as President of the DREAMers Club. Jasmin also advocated for the beautiful mural on campus located across from the Cultural Center and initiated Cañada College Land Acknowledgment efforts. Jasmin was raised in North Fair Oaks and comes from a migrant family which fuels her passion for advocating for the migrant community. She has collaborated with organizations like SIREN to design campaign materials for immigrant rights advocacy and has worked with groups focusing on farmworker

rights. Additionally, she has partnered with authors and activists on various advocacy projects related to immigrant rights and stories. First in her family to attain a college degree, Jasmin attended Fresno State University where she earned a B.A in Communications. As a poet, artist and activist, Jasmin is deeply committed to her work and is excited to serve the community that once provided her with vital support. Please stop by the Undocumented Community Center located in Building 9, Room 118 and say hello to Jasmin!



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,
Kim