



## A Message from President Kim Lopez

### **Weekly Update: 10-4-24**

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Happy Friday! I hope you are all coping well with this week's heat wave and yesterday's power outage. I want to express my gratitude for the support you've shown our students and each other during these challenges. My thanks and appreciation to our Public Safety, Facilities, ITS teams and our Crisis Action Team (CAT) for their hard work since early Thursday morning, ensuring a safe and smooth reopening of campus. Your commitment and dedication is vital to our community's safety and success.

### **Have You Registered for October 9 Flex Day?**

Next Wednesday, October 9, classes and Student Services Offices will close for Flex Day. All staff, faculty and administrators are invited to come enjoy a day of professional and personal growth. Please [register for sessions](#) and meals here to help the Flex Day Planning team prepare.

### **Latinx Heritage Month Session on Politics and Mental Health**

On Tuesday, the Latinx Heritage Month Committee planned a discussion on politics and mental health as it relates to the Latinx community. Attendees shared stories, thoughts and feelings as we continue to navigate this election season. The Personal Counseling Center team joined to facilitate the conversation and share tools and resources that participants could use throughout this election season and beyond! To check out upcoming Latinx Heritage Month events, visit <https://canadacollege.edu/lhm>.



## Honors Transfer Workshop

Honors Student Ambassadors Howard Qin, Frederico Costa and Gustavo Costa helped lead the semesterly Honors Transfer Workshop on Tuesday. Participants did a Scavenger Hunt to learn about the Honors Transfer program (and ate popcorn in Honors Transfer Program popcorn buckets). Honors Counselor, James Aganon, explained the Honors Priority Transfer requirements and processes. For additional information about the Honors Transfer Program, email Honors Coordinator, [Rebekah Sidman-Taveau](#) or Honors Counselor, [James Aganon](#).



## **Institutional Effectiveness and Partnership Initiative Team Visit**

On Wednesday, faculty, classified staff and administrators met with the Institutional Effectiveness and Partnership Initiative ([IEPI](#)) Team for their final visit to provide feedback on the College's 2024 IEPI plan focusing on professional development and equity initiatives. The IEPI supports California's community colleges in improving operational effectiveness by providing technical assistance, professional development and resources to help achieve the goals outlined in the California Community Colleges' Vision 2030 for student success. In alignment with Cañada College's [Professional Development Plan 2024-27](#), the IEPI plan emphasizes fostering collaboration on antiracist practices. It also includes providing online training and a repository to support classified staff in their professional and personal development.



## **Job Fair**

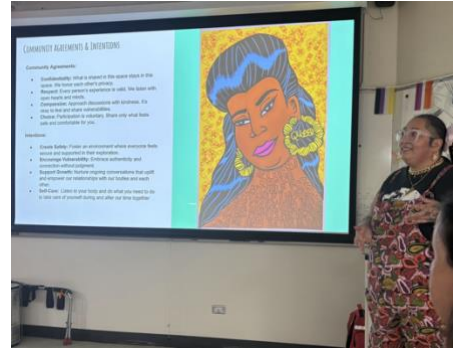
The Career Center's Fall Job Fair was a huge success, bringing together over 50 employers and more than 200 eager students and alumni. Attendees had the unique chance to connect with hiring companies, explore different workplace cultures and even uncover exciting opportunities they hadn't expected. The room was buzzing, with participants gaining valuable industry insights and building new professional relationships. It was an unforgettable event that left everyone inspired and ready for the next step in their career journey!





## **Womxn of Color Collaborative Body Positivity Workshop**

Also on Wednesday, the Womxn of Color Collaborative (WoCC) held its second workshop of the semester: Body Positivity, facilitated by Olivia Hernandez, Associate Director of the Cross-Cultural Center at UC Davis. They led an engaging activity where participants journaled about the relationship we have with our own bodies and then encouraged the group to each write a love note to themselves using lyrics from a beloved song of their choice. Olivia was also kind enough to share their beautiful and empowering art with the group! For more opportunities to join an event with the WoCC, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/woccf24>



## Save the Dates: VPSS Finalist Candidate Forums

Cañada College is searching for our next permanent Vice President of Student Services (VPSS). Please save the dates of Tuesday, November 12 – Friday, November 15 for the VPSS Forums. Information to come the first week of November for detail on the finalist forums, finalist candidate bio/headshots, evaluation forms, etc.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,  
Kim