



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 3-8-24

Connecting with Our President's Advisory Group

On Wednesday, we held our quarterly meeting with our President's Advisory Group, which is a network of community leaders who provide input, feedback and support to Cañada College. The College regularly communicates with the President's Advisory Group on progress toward achieving its mission and goals in order to promote understanding of institutional strengths, priorities and areas of continued improvement. At this week's meeting, members of the Cañada team provided updates to the group on: enrollment, our Living the Promise MOU, transportation and the Child Development Center. You can review the agenda and meeting slide deck [here](#).

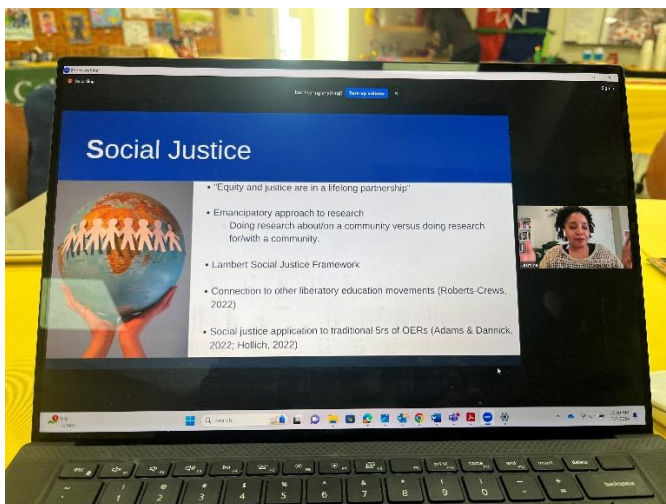
College & Career Pathways Conference

Last Friday, Cañada was honored to host more than 120 enthusiastic high school students and staff from South San Francisco High School, Half Moon Bay High School, Canyon Oaks School and Gateway School for a Career Pathways Conference. The event was a fantastic opportunity for our visiting students to explore various career paths and educational opportunities. I joined Vice President Hsieh and Vice President Pérez in welcoming the attendees. The students then delved into engaging workshops covering various fields, including Medical Assisting, Folklorico, Digital Art and Animation, Interior Design, Financial Aid and Counseling. Additionally, they were treated to informative campus tours led by our Outreach Campus Ambassadors. During lunch, students had the chance to interact with representatives from different departments, including the Disability Resource Center (DRC), Personal Counseling Center (PCC), SparkPoint, Puente Program, Financial Aid and Apprenticeships. These interactions provided the students with insights into the support services available at Cañada College. The College & Career Pathways Conference was a resounding success, fostering meaningful connections and inspiring students to explore their passions and potential career paths - thank you to everyone who contributed to making the event a success.



SMCCCD Open Education Week 2024

On Monday, keynote speaker Jasmine Roberts-Crews kicked off OpenEd Week and addressed an audience in a presentation titled "Applications of the SCOPE Framework for Open Education Research and Practice." Roberts-Crews, a renowned open education leader, shared insights from a recent co-authored publication, engaging in a conversation with the audience. The talk focused on the SCOPE Framework and its applications in the realm of open education research and practice.



MidTerm De-Stress

Wednesday's Brothers Achieving Milestones (BAM) community event centered around a midterm de-stress initiative. The gathering included presentations on free services provided by the Health Center and apps like Timely Care, which are accessible to students. Engaging activities prompted discussions on the meaning of freedom, with one student sharing their experience at a Poetry Slam. The student expressed feeling genuinely free and vulnerable in that space, allowing for authentic self-expression without judgment. The event successfully served as a community builder, fostering meaningful conversations amid stress relief.



Cañada Accreditation Self-Evaluation Kick-Off Workshop March 11

Cañada is officially launching a new, comprehensive, institutional self-evaluation for accreditation purposes! Please join us for a fun and lively workshop with Virginia May, Interim Vice President and ACCJC staff liaison to Cañada who will be our featured facilitator. This will be a good opportunity learn about the new ACCJC standards! Everyone in our Cañada community is invited. The workshop will take place Monday, March 11, 2024, from 2-5 p.m. in Room 6-101/102. Snacks and drinks provided. More information can be found on our college accreditation website, or feel free to reach out to Dean Engel, our Accreditation Liaison Officer with any questions.

Call for April 18 Flex Proposals - Respond by March 15

The Professional Development Planning Committee is calling for presentation proposals for the April 18 Flex Day. Please submit your proposal here. The deadline for proposals is March 15.

President's Student Leadership Award – Nominations Due March 22

At this year's Commencement Ceremony, one student will be recognized for outstanding scholarship and leadership. We welcome your nomination of a student whom you believe reflects the spirit of this award, embodies its positive attributes, and meets its criteria:

- has made meaningful contributions to the lives of students, his/her community, and/or Cañada College demonstrates outstanding academic achievement
- reflects a committed pursuit of educational goals
- demonstrates leadership qualities that represent the values and mission of the College
- achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or higher
- is a graduating student in Summer 2023, Fall 2023, or Spring 2024.

Please attach a Word document describing the nominee's involvement and accomplishments relevant to the award criteria. Please submit your completed nomination form with supporting page(s) attached, to the Office of the President by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2024.

Did You Attend SMCCCD? We'd Like to Hear from You!

The Cañada Marketing Department is looking for former Cañada College and/or SMCCCD students to share their stories. Please complete this form and tell us why Cañada College is a great place to learn (and even work). Your story may be used for future marketing purposes, including on social media. For questions please contact canmarketing@smccd.edu.



I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim