



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 4-12-24

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Spring Job Fair

On Wednesday, the Career Center hosted a Job Fair, welcoming multiple businesses and organizations offering job opportunities for our students. Attendees had the chance to gather information on various career paths and how these opportunities could kickstart their professional journey. Many students found promising opportunities at the Job Fair, marking it as a successful event in connecting students with potential employers and career paths.



Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Cañada College is celebrating AANHPI Heritage Month in April! Did you know that multiple resolutions were shot down in Congress to have an AANHPI Heritage Week? It wasn't until 1990 that Congress passed the recognition of AANHPI Heritage Month. May was chosen to commemorate the first wave of Japanese immigrants coming to the US, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad, where a majority of workers who laid tracks were Chinese immigrants. Cañada College is intentionally celebrating early in April to be mindful of finals and end-of-year celebrations. Cañada College is an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) with 15%

Asian, 6% Filipinx and less than 1% Pacific Islander students identified at the College. Our students represent a diversity of ethnicities, identities, culture, languages and family stories. They are part of AANHPI community with more than 45 ethnicities represented in the United States. Cañada College is hosting events all month celebrating our diverse stories. Check the AANHPI calendar of events.

As part of one of the kick-off AANHPI Heritage Month events, Cañada College staff, faculty and students participated in the 2024 Asian Pacific American in Higher Education (APAHE) Conference on April 3-5 at the Oakland Marriott. The AANAPISI ARC (Access, Relevance and Community) peer mentors presented along with CSM, Skyline and San Francisco State Peer Mentors on the ARC program and shared the critical role they have in student success through culturally responsive mentoring. The Office of Equity was able to attend the workshop 'Layers of Identity: Unpacking Southeast Asian Heritage' where we purchased copies of Ryan Samn's book Southern Chinese Diaspora in Cambodia. The book provides a resource guide to understand Chinese Cambodian ancestry and culture. These signed copies are currently available for anyone to utilize in the Cultural Center.



Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Nevada/California Regional Convention

Cañada College's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Beta Zeta Nu, recently attended the yearly Nevada/California Spring Regional Convention to honor the scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service our students engage in throughout the year. Beta Zeta Nu Co-Presidents Heelor Bhavsar and Mikael Cheng and PTK Officers from Porterville College presented an Education Forum highlighting PTK membership benefits and extensive scholarship opportunities. Howard Qin was proudly elected to represent the Northwest Region of California PTK Chapters. Your Beta Zeta Nu Chapter was honored as a Five Star Chapter. Students received recognition for the following Regional Projects: Career Readiness and Mentorship, Chapters United, Cultural Project, Founder's Day, and Community Project. The Beta Zeta Nu Chapter was

recognized for its outstanding Honors in Action Project (HIA) titled: "Residents of Senior Living Facilities Play Their Way Towards Better Physical and Mental Health!" Beta Zeta Nu was also recognized and as the most Distinguished Chapter in the Nevada/California Region for the HIA Project and for our College Project titled: "Beta Zeta Nu Paints its Way to a More Inclusive Campus, through a Legacy of the First Campus Mural." Mark Trujillo, Beta Zeta Nu's 2022-2023 Co-President, was honored for his invaluable leadership as an outstanding Chapter Officer.



Please Sign Up for April 18 Flex Day

Thursday, April 18 is Flex Day and Staff, Faculty and Administrators are invited to participate in an enriching day of professional development. Please visit the Flex Day website to view the agenda and session descriptions. Also, please register for sessions and meals to help the Flex Day team prepare. Lastly, campus will be closed to allow all employees to participate; attached is a sign that you can place at your workspace to remind students of this closure. If you have any questions or feedback, please contact Flex Day Coordinator Ellen Young or submit the Flex Day Feedback Form.

Save the Date: Employee End-of-Year Celebration – RSVP by May 9

Please join us for our Employee End-of-Year Celebration! The event will be held at the Cañada Vista Clubhouse on Thursday, May 16 from 12-1:30 p.m. All college employees are invited to celebrate the end of the year together. During the celebration, we will be honoring our retiring faculty and staff, faculty who have achieved tenure and our Classified Employee of the Year. The event flyer is attached. Please RSVP to tinyurl.com/EEOYC24 by May 9.



How Well Do You Think Our College Participatory Governance is Working?

Please take a few minutes to respond to our annual survey evaluating how well our participatory governance processes are working for each constituency group at Cañada this year. PRIE will enter anyone who completes the whole survey in a raffle to win one of five \$20 gift cards from Pacific Dining! That's a lot of free coffee!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Kim