



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 9-27-24

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Cañada Otsukimi

On September 17, the Cañada Cultural Center partnered up with the Astronomy Department to host a Japanese moon viewing festival, called Otsukimi. Cultural Center Ambassador Konatsu Okita led the event with an opening presentation on the festival traditions. Then, Dr. Elteto shared facts about the moon's position, what makes this particular moon a Harvest moon with partial eclipse, and how the observatory was created. Participants enjoyed mochi dango, daifuku mochi, and hot genmaicha while singing songs about the moon and trying to call the moon out from behind the clouds.



English Department Fall Retreat

Last Friday, the English Department held a faculty retreat to foster community engagement and create space for discussions around AB 1705's goal of helping all students complete their English and Math requirements within the first year.

As the first of three planned meetings, the retreat encouraged building connections between new and experienced faculty and addressed broader topics like student engagement to promote a positive, equitable academic environment focused on student success.



Voter Registration Collaboration with Voto Latino

On Tuesday, the Latinx Heritage Month Committee hosted a voter registration information table in collaboration with [Voto Latino](#). The event informed the Latinx community about the registration process, and attendees enjoyed pan dulce, coffee and tea.



ASCC Club Rush

On Wednesday, the Associated Students of Cañada College (ASCC) held a successful Club Rush event, featuring numerous student clubs showcasing their activities at tables.

The well-attended event provided a fantastic opportunity for students to explore and engage with various clubs on campus.



Program Review Deadlines

Please be reminded that our program review and resource request process is underway. This year's deadlines are:

- **Before October 18, 2024:** Submit your completed Comprehensive Program Review or Annual Update, Goals and Resource Requests in [Nuventive](#).
- **Before November 1, 2024:** Deans and VPs provide feedback on submitted program reviews.

- **Before November 8, 2024:** Review your supervisor’s feedback and incorporate it into a final submittal of your Comprehensive Program Review or Annual Plan in Nuventive.

Need help? Feel free to contact PBC’s Program Review Sub-Committee: canprogramreview@smccd.edu.

FilipinX Heritage Month

October is FilipinX Heritage Month. The first recorded presence of FilipinXs in the United States was on October 18, 1587 when “Luzones Indios” came ashore in what is now Morro Bay, California. In 2009, the U.S. Congress recognized October as FilipinX Heritage Month. FilipinX Americans are the third largest AANHPI group in the U.S. and the second largest in California. At Cañada College, the 2023-2024 FilipinX student population was at 5.3%. [AANHPI S.T.A.R. program](#), [Cultural Center](#) and [Associated Students of Cañada College](#) planned a host of events to celebrate and center our FilipinX community, and to educate the Cañada community.

October 3, 11am – 12:30 pm
Kick-Off Event
Cultural Center, 17-107

October 16, 11am-12:30 pm
Pandango sa ilaw, Traditional Dance Workshop with Professor Ray Lapuz
Cultural Center, 17-107

October 24, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
“Box of Dreams” Book Read and Q&A with Dr. Faith Kazmi
Cultural Center, 17-107

[RSVP here](#)



Best Practices and Resources in Support of our Jewish Students During Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

This year, Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 and ends on the evening of Yom Kippur on Saturday, October 12, 2024. The Office of Equity has prepared a series of best practices for you to support our Jewish students, faculty, staff and administrators on campus. This special time is marked by important contemplation and practices that may change the way our campus community accesses food, water, rest and reflection. More information about the observation of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is included [here](#). In particular, we share these best practices, resources and event(s) in support of our students and colleagues.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,
Kim