

## Flex Day October 12, 2016

### Courageous Conversation by Pacific Educational Group

#### Cañada College - Continued Focus on Success and Access

On our upcoming October 12 Flex Day, we will host Dr. Will Walker with Pacific Educational Group who will facilitate a Courageous Conversation about race and equity. In the Spring of 2016, Dr. Walker visited Cañada College and led faculty, staff, administrators, and students in a mini-Courageous Conversation. The purpose of this conversation is to provide participants with opportunities to discuss and explore the “impact of race on student achievement and the role that racism plays in institutional racial disparities” (Pacific Educational Group). Participants expressed a greater interest in knowing more and experiencing Courageous Conversations through a full workshop with more participants from throughout the campus. This workshop on October 12 offers our Cañada Community the opportunity to engage in reflexive learning about the impact race has on student achievement at *our* college with special consideration for how we can support our students.

In addition to Dr. Walker’s visit last spring, faculty, staff, administrators, and students met during the summer of 2016 to determine how to support our campus community in discussing the racial inequities we see throughout our nation. With the understanding that what happens off-campus affects our on-campus community, Dr. Walker’s visit on October 12 is timely and important to our college. Through encouraging us to discuss race and equity with colleagues, we will Continue to Focus on Student Access and Success while creating a supportive environment with our colleagues. Cañada’s efforts to bring Dr. Walker back to campus have been possible through one-time funds.

“Unlike any other place, the workplace brings together people who pursue common objectives. ... They go together through similar failure and successes. And that creates bonds that really go way beyond whatever racial tensions may exist in society at large.” Samir Gibara, 1997

Please sign up for this full-day seminar at [Signup.com](http://Signup.com). (Breakfast begins at 7:45 a.m. Lunch will also be served.)

**FLEX DAY** | **October 12, 2016**



**7:45 A.M. TO  
4:30 P.M.**



**BUILDING 6  
ROOM 101/102**

**Continued Focus on  
Student Access and Success**

**COURAGEOUS  
CONVERSATIONS™**

**About Race & Equity**

with  
**Dr. Will Walker from the  
Pacific Educational Group**

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