



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 10-25-24

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Board of Trustees Meeting in East Palo Alto

Thank you to everyone who joined, both in-person and on Zoom, for our community presentation at last night's Board of Trustees meeting in East Palo Alto! A special thanks to our Cañada team and community partners who participated in the presentation.



Exploring College Archives

A few weeks ago, I spent some time with our adjunct Librarian, Jessica Silver-Sharp, to take a look at our Cañada College Archives. It was a great experience! I wanted to share a copy (please see attached) of the college newspaper from April 18, 1969.

Stories in this issue included: the support of the Student Development Program to “*alleviate many of the black students’ present needs,*” the first Honors Dinner attended by 175 people, Philosophy instructor James Upton’s belief that “*although nothing should be required, philosophy has a very important central role in the curriculum,*” Fashion Show for students in the Clothing class, new Skyline campus slated to open and the incredible Stevie Nicks played during College Hour in her band called the *Fritz*.

Casa Circulo Dia de los Muertos

Last Friday, I had an opportunity to join Casa Circulo for a preview event for the upcoming [Dia de los Muertos event](#). In the photo below, I am joined by Professor Aguirre, Rafael Avendaño, Executive Director of Redwood City Together, and Ana Avendaño, Executive Director of El Concilio of San Mateo County. The event, which Cañada College is sponsoring and participating in, will be held in downtown Redwood City on Sunday, November 3. Details are also on the attached flyer. All Cañadians and their families are invited to join the event.



Support Colts Soccer

Last week, I had a chance to cheer on our Colts Soccer teams with Vice President Chialin Hsieh, Athletic Trainer Cindy Jimenez and Assistant Coach Joe Silveira as they took on Cabrillo College. I invite you to cheer on our men’s and women’s soccer teams at their upcoming home games:

[\(Women’s Soccer\) Chabot vs. Cañada](#)

Friday, October 25 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Colts Soccer Field

(Men's Soccer) San Francisco vs. Cañada

Tuesday, October 29 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Colts Soccer Field

(Women's Soccer) Foothill vs. Cañada

Friday, November 1 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm
Colts Soccer Field



Health Fair

The Annual Fall Health and Wellness Fair, hosted by the Cañada College Health Center, was a great success. Students enjoyed free food as they visited booths, received free flu shots and took advantage of free STI testing and counseling. The event also offered a variety of mental and physical health resources to help students prioritize their well-being. It was great to see students from our Medical Assisting program administer services, including blood pressure checks and flu shots.





Filipinx-American History Month Celebration: Dr. Faith Kazmi's Box of Dreams

Yesterday, the STAR Program and Cultural Center hosted an amazing closing event for Filipinx-American History Month. More than 40 students, staff and faculty attended the book reading and Q&A for Dr. Faith Kazmi's Box of Dreams. Dr. Kazmi took attendees through a beautiful storytelling of her heritage and culture in the Philippines through the eyes of a mama and her daughter as they packed up the balikbayan (return home) box. Her reading was met with enthusiasm and the subsequent Q&A session provided a platform for students and staff to engage in meaningful discussions about identity, heritage, and the importance of representation in literature.





Phi Theta Kappa Students Attend Fall Leadership Conference

Cañada College's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Program, Beta Zeta Nu, attended the annual Nevada/California Fall Leadership Conference. During this conference, students had the opportunity to join educational forums, connect with college representatives, learn about scholarship opportunities and attend a career fair. Our Phi Theta Kappa student leaders also presented educational forums detailing how to conduct academic research and how to build time management skills!



Star Party Tonight!

Come join the Astronomy Club for a party tonight. They will have food, games, chances-to-win, music and telescope observing! Come in costume! The Party is from 6-9 p.m. at the Campus Observatory in Parking Lot 10.



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.

WebSMART 8 to 9 Demos

SMCCCD will offer demos on WebSMART's rollover from versions 8 to 9 at the following times:

Thursday, October 31, at 10 am: [Zoom Link](#).

Monday, November 4, at 1 pm: [Zoom Link](#).

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,
Kim