



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 11-1-24

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Supporting Students During the Election

In an effort to support students prioritize their mental and emotional well-being during the election, attached is a message that was sent to all Cañada students sharing campus resources and providing tips for managing stress.

Sequoia High School College & Career Day

On Wednesday, October 23, Cañada College participated in Sequoia High School's First College & Career Day for its 10th and 12th grade students. The goal was to provide students with an opportunity to explore college and career options. The Cañada College teams from Financial Aid, ESL, Dual Enrollment, Promise, EOPS, Disability Resource Center and Outreach connected with 370 students, providing presentations and workshops, in both English and Spanish. The Cañada College teams found Sequoia High School students very excited and full of questions.



Ruck N' Walk

This week's Ruck N' Walk tackled the Cañada hills and people got their steps in! Participants had the option to wear a 20-pound weighted vest, and a few, including Juan Vera, VROC Program Services Coordinator, embraced the challenge. Join for the next walk—everyone is welcome to come out, connect and enjoy the great outdoors during lunch time!



Diwali

On Wednesday, the Cultural Center and the STAR Program collaborated to celebrate Diwali. More than 40 students, staff and faculty joined to celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights. It marks the importance of new beginnings, celebrating victory over evil, and enjoying time with friends and family. A presentation about Diwali was created and facilitated by one of the STAR Transfer Peer Mentors, Priyanshi, who shared the traditional ways of celebrating in India. Guests viewed a beautiful choreographed dance, decorated diyas, created paper lanterns, and enjoyed delicious Samosas and Mango Lassi.



ASCC Halloween Bash

Yesterday's ASCC Halloween Bash was a spook-tacular success! Students and employees filled The Grove in their creative costumes, hoping to snag LEGO prizes for the best-dressed. The event featured face painting, a lively photo booth and plenty of sweet treats to fuel the Halloween spirit. Thanks to all who joined for a frightfully fun time celebrating the season!



Record-Breaking Success for ZTC/LTC in Fall 2024

The Textbook Affordability team is thrilled to announce the final numbers for the Fall 2024 Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) and Low Textbook Cost (LTC) courses—and they're truly groundbreaking! Thanks to the dedication of our faculty, ZTC/LTC participation is at an all-time high. Here's what our team accomplished this semester:

- 163 ZTC sections of 96 courses
- 22 LTC sections of 12 courses
- 5,446 duplicated students
- \$517,150 in estimated savings
- 82 unique faculty

This achievement reflects our shared commitment to making education more accessible and affordable. The Textbook Affordability team shared that Faculty regularly tell them that they feel empowered to create and adopt ZTC/LTC courses. Additionally, as we onboard new faculty, ZTC/LTC is already a part of the conversation, helping to expand efforts each semester. As more students seek out these affordable options, ZTC/LTC is making a significant impact across campus and we look forward to a successful Spring 2025 semester. Learn more by visiting the [ZTC website!](#)



Save the Dates: VPSS Finalist Candidate Forums

Cañada College is searching for our next permanent Vice President of Student Services (VPSS). Below, please find the details for the VPSS Campus Forums. Bios and photos of the finalist candidates will be announced on Monday, November 4.

Tuesday, November 12 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.	Building 13, Room 330
Wednesday, November 13 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.	Building 13, Room 330
Thursday, November 14 from 2-3 p.m.	Building 13, Room 330
Friday, November 15 from 11 a.m. -12 p.m.	Building 13, Room 330
Friday, November 15 from 2-3 p.m.	Building 13, Room 330

I hope to see some of you at the Dia de los Muertos event in downtown Redwood City on Sunday, November 3rd from 3:30pm-8:30pm.

Sincerely,
Kim