



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 11-8-24

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Final Deadline! Program Review & Resource Requests Due TODAY in Nuventive by 5 p.m.

Programs submitting comprehensive program reviews, annual updates, or resource requests this year: please be sure you have addressed the feedback received from Supervisors, Deans, or VPs [in Nuventive by the end of the day today](#), November 8, 2024. This is the final deadline to submit information prior to our peer review and resource prioritization processes begin. Questions? Please contact the PBC Program Review Sub-Committee: canprogramreview@smccd.edu. Thank you!

De-Stress Wednesday: Donuts & Beats Graffiti Workshop and The Lunch Breaks

De-Stress Events on Wednesday kicked off with “Donuts & Beats” in the Clubhouse, where the campus community gathered to honor Hip Hop History Month through a hands-on graffiti workshop. Hosted by the TRIO and Student Life Offices, participants explored the art of graffiti by experimenting with letters, colors, and unique designs. The atmosphere was lively and welcoming, with free donuts and coffee on hand for everyone to enjoy while supplies lasted. This creative session offered a refreshing way for students, faculty, and staff to unwind and express themselves.

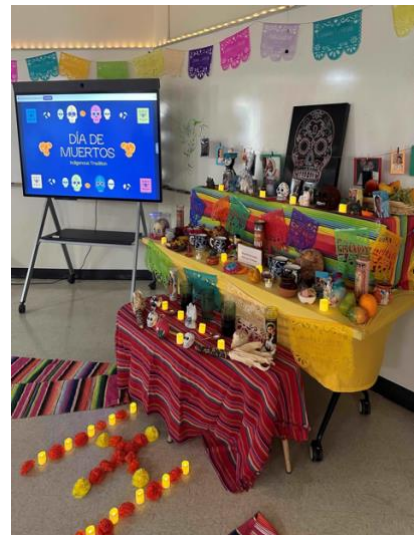


Later in the day, The Lunch Breaks event brought the Lower Lawn to life with hip hop, soul, and R&B music, courtesy of the Office of Student Life and ASCC. The campus community was invited to lounge, play lawn games and soak in the relaxed atmosphere. Free pizza and beverages were available, adding to the enjoyable midday break. With a mix of good food, music and activities, The Lunch Breaks offered a perfect chance for everyone to connect, recharge, and share in the spirit of hip hop culture.



Dia de los Muertos

Yesterday's Día de los Muertos celebration in the Cultural Center was full of life and color. People gathered around beautifully crafted altares to honor loved ones, surrounded by vibrant, traditional outfits that made the atmosphere feel both lively and heartfelt. Pan dulce and coffee were shared as everyone came together to celebrate and remember. Hosted by ASCC, the Cultural Center, UCC and NUCLEI, it was a warm, authentic gathering that brought our community closer to the tradition and each other.



Last night, Building 3's Main Theatre came alive with the spirit of Día de los Muertos. Attendees were captivated by traditional dances from various Mexican states, beautifully performed by dancers from Casa Círculo Cultural in Redwood City. Each dance, paired with stunning costumes, shared a unique story of Mexican heritage. Guests enjoyed delicious Mexican food, rounding out an unforgettable evening. A big thank you to Casa Círculo Cultural for helping us close the day's festivities with such grace and passion.



Puente Hosts Puente Mentor/Mentee Mixer

Last Wednesday, the Cañada College Puente Co-Coordinator's hosted the first Puente Mentor/Mentee mixer of the semester where the Puente students got to meet their mentors and start building relationships. The event was a great way to encourage team development, support, trust, leadership and personal goal setting which is at the heart of the Puente Project mission.

Financial Aid Program Services Coordinator Jackie Flores also presented on Financial Aid and Applying for Scholarships, which was well-received by the attendees.



Library Cricut Workshop

Students joined Librarian Jordan Yee's Cricut Workshop where they learned to use the Library's Cricut machine to cut out various vinyl designs that they took home afterwards.

This is the fourth time Jordan has provided this workshop and attendance has increased with each workshop.



Former Colt Luca Joe Ewelt makes pro debut in Germany

Former Cañada College Men's Basketball standout Luca Joe Ewelt has taken his talents overseas to play professionally. Ewelt, a first-team All-Coast Conference North Division selection for the Colts last season (2023-24), recently made his professional debut for [Basketball Löwen Braunschweig](#) in Germany. Read more about Luca [here](#). Go Colts!



Cañada Vice President of Student Services Forums

Cañada College is searching for a permanent Vice President of Student Services. You can read the full announcement [here](#). To ensure our campus hears from each finalist candidate, we will hold live in-person Forums November 12-15. Links to register for the in-person forums are below:

Date/Time	Finalist	Location	Forum Registration Link
Tuesday, November 12 from 2-3 p.m.	René Alvarez	Building 13, Room 330	Register
Wednesday, November 13 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.	Sam Morgan	Building 13, Room 330	Register
Thursday, November 14 from 2-3 p.m.	Lizette Bricker	Building 13, Room 330	Register
Friday, November 15 from 11 a.m. -12 p.m.	JP Schumacher	Building 13, Room 330	Register
Friday, November 15 from 2-3 p.m.	Luis Escobar	Building 13, Room 330	Register

While the forums will be conducted live and in person, the questions for the candidates will be gathered in advance with the consultation of leadership from Student Senate, Classified Senate and Academic Senate. All forums will be recorded and available for viewing after the live events. These recordings will be shared in a follow-up campus wide email which will also include forms for you to share your feedback. The feedback forms will be available after each forum. The deadline to submit all feedback forms will be Monday, November 25, 2024 at 5 p.m. Thank you in advance for your participation and feedback. We value your input.

Claudia Vazquez, Retention Specialist, Promise Scholars Program

Please welcome Claudia Vazquez as the new Retention Specialist for Cañada College's Promise Scholars Program. Born and raised in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, Claudia Vazquez moved to the Bay Area in September 2016. She began her education in the U.S. at South San Francisco Adult School, where she studied English for the first time, then transferred to Skyline College to further improve her communication skills and complete general education classes.

She graduated with an Associate's degree in Psychology and moved to San Francisco State University, earning a Bachelor's degree in Psychology with a minor in Special Education. After graduating in 2023, she began exploring career options in Education Administration, Instructional Design and Assistive Technology, focusing on pursuing a Master's degree. These fields resonate with her belief in education, equity and accessibility for all. Currently, she is pursuing a certificate in Assistive Technology at California State University, Northridge (CSUN), through the Classified Development Program. She finds this certification meaningful, as it not only supports students with disabilities but also provides technology resources that can simplify learning and work processes for everyone. Over the past two years at the DRC, her responsibilities have included managing the Alt Media Lab, providing training in time management and organization, proctoring exams, tutoring in writing and Spanish, implementing note-taking procedures and zone editing to make books accessible. She also co-supervised student assistants. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting, cross-stitching and watching movies.



SMCCCD Athletic Center's Fall Showcase

You are invited to a series of special Athletic Center Fall Showcase events on Saturday, November 16, at [College of San Mateo's Athletic Center](#) and Sunday, November 17, at [Cañada College's Athletic Center](#). The two-day event highlights the top offerings of our Athletic Centers. All SMCCCD students, faculty, or staff who are not members can participate in our unique programs or explore at leisure. Enjoy light snacks and refreshments! Please [RSVP](#) if you would like to attend one of these free events!



Holiday Gathering – Please RSVP by Dec. 3

The entire college community is invited to the Campus Holiday Gathering! Mix and mingle over light refreshments and merriment.

Friday, December 13 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.
Location: Building 8 Lobby

Please RSVP [here](#) by December 3.



Veterans Day

While classes and student services will be closed Saturday, November 9 - Monday, November 11 for Veterans Day, please take a moment to remember the efforts and sacrifices made by veterans of all eras.

This day is especially meaningful to our students, colleagues and neighbors who have served our nation. Educating veterans is an important part of our mission at Cañada College. I would like to say thank you to all of our faculty and staff members, students and alumni who have served our country, as well as those who have supported them while they served. We honor your service.



I wish you a restful weekend.

Sincerely,
Kim