



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 9-6-24

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

October Flex Day Proposals Due Today!

This is a friendly reminder that today is the due date for session proposals for the October 9 Flex Day. Please complete the [Flex Day Session Proposal](#) to have your presentation considered. The Planning Committee will give priority to sessions whose proposals were submitted on time. If you have any questions, comments, or recommendations, please email the Faculty Flex Day Coordinator, Ellen Young at younge@smccd.edu.

Second Harvest of Silicon Valley Annual Valuation Letter for FY2023-24

Our SparkPoint team recently received the Food Valuation for our outdoor food distribution for Fiscal Year 2024 from Second Harvest Food Bank (SHFB). Based on SHFB's valuation letter, our SparkPoint team distributed 558,559 pounds of food and offset our student and community grocery expenditures by nearly \$1 million (\$968,740.20)! A huge thank you to the Cañadians who make the weekly food distribution happen, including our Facilities and Public Safety teams for their year-round support with this effort. A special thank you to SparkPoint Director, Adolfo Leiva, and SparkPoint Coordinators, Melissa Maldonado and Brianna Chavez, and the amazing Food Access Ambassadors (student assistants) and SHFB volunteers for their commitment and passion for serving our community. Thanks to this team effort, each week our numbers are increasing by 10-20 families and last week, we served a record-breaking 377 families. It does take a village, and we could not do this without everyone's support!



Brothers Achieving Milestones (BAM): Welcome Back Event

On Wednesday, B.A.M. (Brothers Achieving Milestones) hosted their first semester event, welcoming students with pizza and snacks. After introductions, attendees participated in a conocimiento exercise, where they paired up to share personal stories and got to know one another. It was a fantastic event that fostered connection and community!



VROC Open House

On Thursday, the VROC held its Open House, welcoming veterans, veteran dependents, and the campus community to learn about the resources we offer. It was a great time filled with food, storytelling, and opportunities to connect with one another and build a stronger community.



Womxn of Color Collaborative Wellness Park Outing

On Thursday, September 5th, the Womxn of Color Collaborative (WoCC) kicked off the semester of events with a Wellness Park Outing at Red Morton Park. The attendees enjoyed the warm weather with snacks and games, such as Bean Bag Toss and Connect 4, and created community with deep conversations about identity. We're excited for future WoCC events, and staff and students are welcome!

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/woccf24>



Program Review Cycle is in Full Swing

It's that time again! Please be reminded that our annual program planning and integrated budgeting [process](#) is underway and this year's deadlines are as follows:

- **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.

Programs must enter all of their information in [Improve/Nuventive](#). Templates, data packets, and other information is available on the College's [Program Review website](#). The process used to prioritize resource requests can be found [here](#). Additional questions? Feel free to contact PBC's Program Review Operational Sub-Committee: canprogramreview@smccd.edu.

Participatory Governance Orientation: September 20

All are welcome to join PBC's Participatory Governance Orientation on September 29 from 1-2 p.m. in person in Building 3, Room 104 and also via [this Zoom link](#). Planning and Budgeting Council members are required to attend.

Members of IPC, SSPC, EAPC, Academic, Classified and Student Senates, as well as College Committees are all strongly encouraged to attend. Questions? Please contact [Dean Engel](#).

College Work on Strategic Priorities to Begin

The Planning & Budgeting Council (PBC) considered this year's draft [Annual Plan](#) at its meeting on September 4, 2024. This Plan helps operationalize the College's 5-year Educational Master Plan. This year's proposed priority projects were identified during this year's [Leadership Retreat](#). The PBC will vote on this Plan and any proposed modifications at its next meeting on September 18. Please provide feedback [to your Division or Senate representative on PBC](#).

I hope you all have a joyful weekend.

Sincerely,
Kim