



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 28, 2011

Dear Faculty & Staff,

The first day of the Fall Semester for all faculty and staff begins on August 15th with a District convocation held at Skyline College in the Main Theater which begins with a continental breakfast at 7:45 a.m. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Mary Montle Bacon who will discuss *“Images of Culture.”* In addition, Jeffrey Steinberg of *“Sojourn to the Past”* will discuss his organization and the possibility of a unique partnership with our district.

Following the convocation, Kay O’Neill, our Director of Workforce Development, will lead a discussion for our campus community titled, **“Exploring the Role of All Disciplines in the Green Economy.”** It will be held from 1:15 to 2 p.m. in Building 3, Room 148. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to attend this presentation.

On Tuesday, August 16th, at 8:00 a.m., a continental breakfast will be served in Building 6, Room 102. This is a great opportunity for everyone to see the transformation that has occurred in the old library. The space will be an asset to our college. A variety of Flex Day activities are planned for the morning followed by a Welcome Back Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the same room. The luncheon will be sponsored by the architect, Bunton Clifford Associates Inc. They want to welcome the campus community to the new space.

I want to personally welcome everyone back to campus. I have been at Cañada for only a month but can feel the energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to helping our students reach their academic goals. I met with each division over the summer to help bring me up to speed on the major initiatives underway. I want to thank you for helping me with this transition and I hope you understand that there is still a lot for me to learn and I’ll rely on your guidance this fall. My door is always open and I encourage you to contact me with ideas or concerns.

In my short time here, it’s been reinforced to me that Cañada is a healthy, vibrant, dynamic college, with a clear sense of direction. I look forward to working with you toward a shared vision, meeting our goals, and moving the college forward. We have a number of major projects that need to be completed this fall, including the finalization of our Educational Master Plan and preparation of our midterm accreditation evaluation. These projects lay out a plan for the future of the college.

Finally, thank you for being so welcoming. I’m beginning to understand how our students feel and why they choose to attend Cañada.

Sincerely,

Jim Keller
Interim President