



**Opening Day**

# Land & Labor Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that Cañada College is situated on the traditional unceded land of the Ramaytush (Rah-my-toosh) Ohlone (Oh-LOW-nee) peoples, and we respect our past elders and honor the present community. Long before Cañada College existed, this area was home to the Ramaytush Ohlone peoples, who still have a presence in the Bay Area today.

We have a responsibility to acknowledge that we as a Cañada community have benefited from the use and occupation of this land and that the tragic legacy of colonization, genocide, capitalism, racism, and oppression still impacts people today.

We also recognize the labor upon which this educational institution, state, and country is built.

We acknowledge the peoples of African ancestry who were enslaved and forcibly brought to this land, and whose forced labor played a major role in the formation of this country. We are indebted to their uncompensated labor and their unwilling sacrifice over hundreds of years—which continues to impact generations today. We honor the legacy of the African diaspora and the continued contribution of their survivors.

We acknowledge the contributions of all immigrant labor, forced labor, and undocumented people who contributed, and continue to contribute, to the building and feeding of this land. We acknowledge their immeasurable sacrifices and work that allow us to gather in this space today.

Let us not forget. Let us honor and engage with the people who have stewarded and labored on this land for generations, and let us honor these truths—by taking responsibility as a college community to continually educate ourselves about these realities, to affirm our commitment to justice through continual action, and to protect and sustain this land.

# Agenda

- Employee Service Awards
- Student Senate Welcome
- Academic Senate & Classified Senate Welcome
- Leadership Retreat Update
- Updates from the Office of Instruction
- Updates from the Office of Student Services
- Updates from the Office of Administrative Services
- Final Remarks from President Lopez

# 10 – Year Service Award

**Hired Between July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015**

## **Office of the President**

Megan Rodriguez Antone – Marketing

## **Office of Student Services**

Wissem Bennani – Enrollment Services

To Nhu Do – Counseling

Max Hartman – Counseling

James Macale – Counseling

## **Office of Instruction**

Daniel Barba – Humanities & Social Sciences

Teresa Campbell – Business, Design & Workforce

Sarah Cravy – Business, Design & Workforce

Nada Nekrep – Academic Support & Learning Technology

Katie Perkins – Kinesiology, Athletics & Dance

Rebekah Sidman-Taveau - Humanities & Social Sciences

Julian Taylor – Academic Support & Learning Technology

Ellen Young – Science & Technology

Alessandra Zanassi – Office of the VP of Instruction

# 20 – Year Service Award

**Hired Between July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005**

## **Office of Instruction**

Salumeh Eslamieh - Humanities & Social Sciences

Robert Lee - Humanities & Social Sciences

Lynda Maynard – Business, Design & Workforce

Nathan Staples – Science & Technology

Barry Thompson – Science & Technology

# 30 – Year Service Award

**Hired Between July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995**

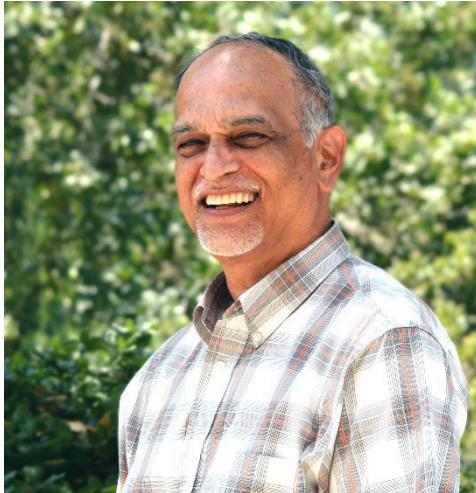
**Office of Administrative Services**

Mario Peña – Administrative Services

# Student Welcome & 2025-26 Priorities



# Academic Senate & Classified Senate Welcome



**Gampi Shankar**  
*Academic Senate President*  
Professor, Business  
PBC Co-Chair



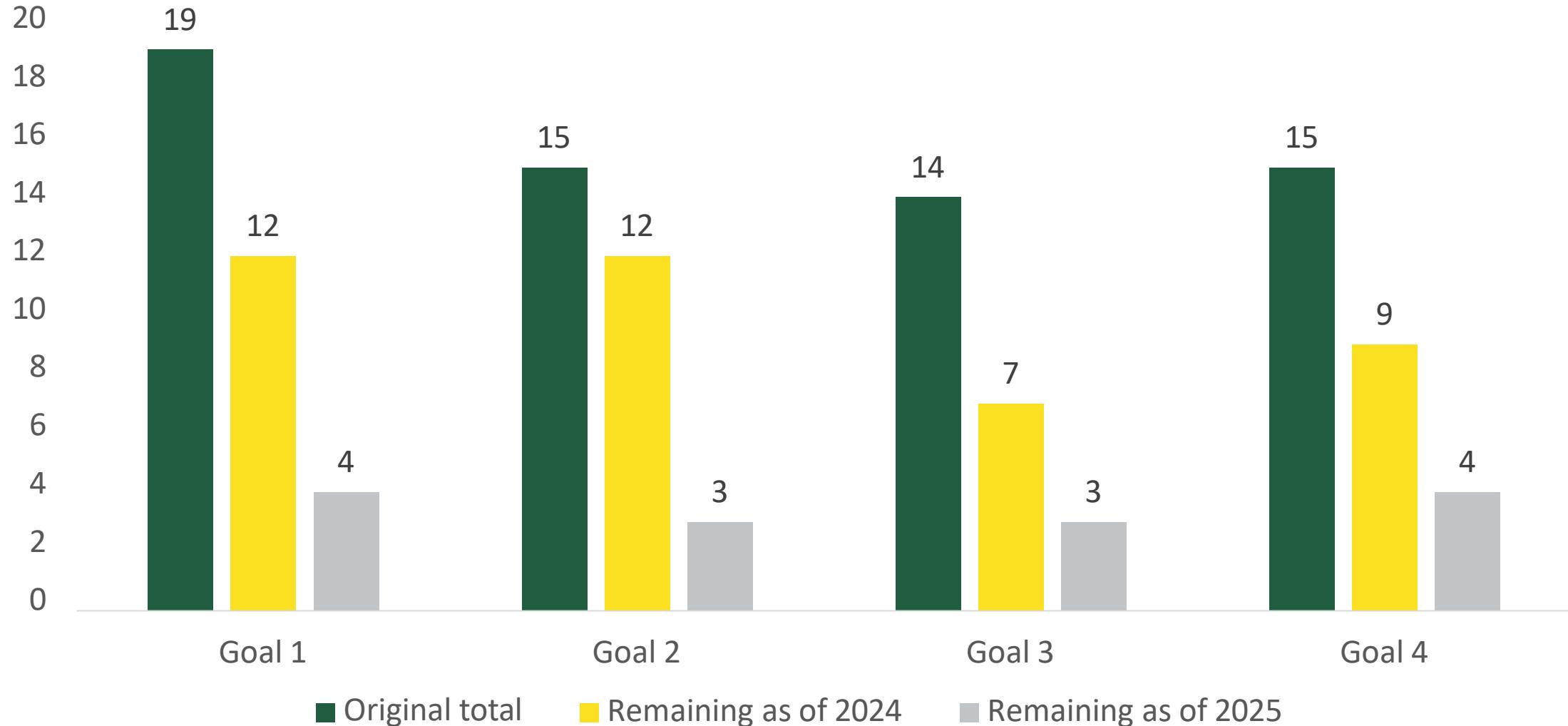
**Maria Huning**  
*Classified Senate President*  
Project Director

# 2025 Leadership Retreat Update

- ✓ 60+ students, faculty, classified staff and administrators participated
- ✓ 4 breakout sessions focused on choosing the top priorities for 2025-65
- ✓ Check <https://canadacollege.edu/plans/leadership-retreat.php> for more info



# Ed. Master Plan Remaining Strategic Initiatives



# Priority Initiatives Selected for 2025-26

## Goal 1: Student Access, Success, and Completion

- 1.15 Create and scale the First Year Experience Program
- 1.8 Ensure academic program viability

## Goal 2: Equity-Minded and Antiracist College Culture

- 2.6 Improve faculty and staff hiring practices to ensure a diverse pool of applicants

## Goal 3: Community Connections

- 3.11 Create and expand career exploration experiences for students

## Goal 4: Accessible Infrastructure and Innovation

- 4.1 Improve access to campus via public transit, rideshare

# Office of Instruction - New Cañada College Employees



Gonzalo Arrizon  
English Instructor (HSS)



Nariman Ayesh  
Instructional Aide II (ASLT)



Daniel Bresnahan  
Instructional Aide (HSS)



Jane Garrino  
Instructional Aide II (BDW)



Thena Gee  
Child Development/Early  
Childhood Education  
Instructor (BDW)



Jessie Kaur  
Child Development/Early  
Childhood Education  
Instructor (BDW)



Meredith Lanska  
Psychology Instructor (HSS)



Holly Matsuo  
Instructional Aide II  
(BDW)



Sierra Moreno  
Instructional Aide II (ASLT)

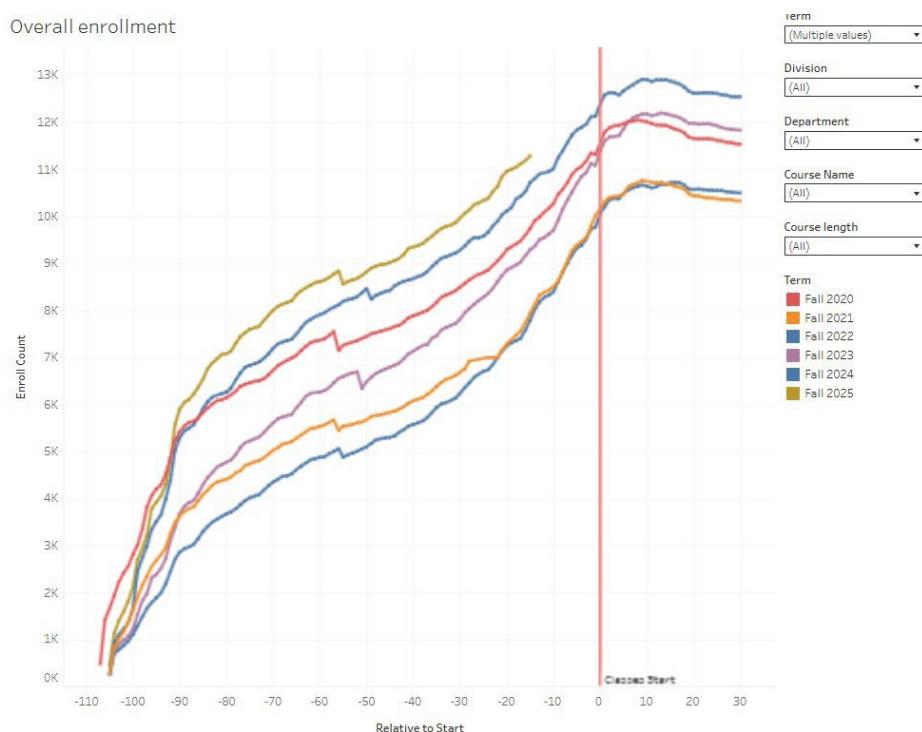


McKenzie Phelps  
Instructional Aide II (ASLT)

# Office of Instruction

## Enrollment Update

1. Enrollment trends
2. Point-in-time comparison
3. Long-term planning for right-sizing our college's course schedule



## Other Updates

1. Interim Dean of HSS
2. New Certificates
3. NOW—Night, Online, and Weekend College
4. Early Childhood Education Center Faculty Coordinator hiring in fall 2025

Metric (8.4.2025)	Fall 2024	Fall 2025	Percent Change
<b>Enrollments</b>	11,012	11,835	7.5%
<b>FTES</b>	1,351	1,410	4.4%
<b>Headcount</b>	5,480	6,103	11.4%
<b>Headcount (First-Time)</b>	737	763	3.5%
<b>Headcount (Int'l)</b>	92	83	-9.8%
<b>Sections</b>	513	500	-2.5%
<b>Enrollments (Evening)</b>	795	989	24.4%

# Office of Student Services - New Cañada College Employees



**Lizette Bricker**  
Vice President of  
Student Services



**Adriana Zuno**  
Personal Counselor  
Personal Counseling  
Center



**Christopher Wardell**  
Program Services  
Coordinator  
Financial Aid Services



**Jackie Flores, Ed.D**  
Executive Assistant  
VPSS Office



**Jasmin Padilla Valencia**  
Program Services  
Coordinator  
Undocumented  
Community Center



**Mario Acuna**  
Program Services  
Coordinator  
Cultural Center



**Devon Scott, Ed.D**  
Director of the Disability  
Resource Center and PCC



**Breanna Castro**  
Director of Financial Aid  
Services



**Mariel (Maggie)  
De Paz Fernandez**  
College Recruiter



**Claudia Alejandra  
Vasquez Ibarra**  
Retention Specialist  
Promise Scholars Program



**Luis Vargas**  
Financial Aid Technical  
Support Specialist  
Financial Aid Services

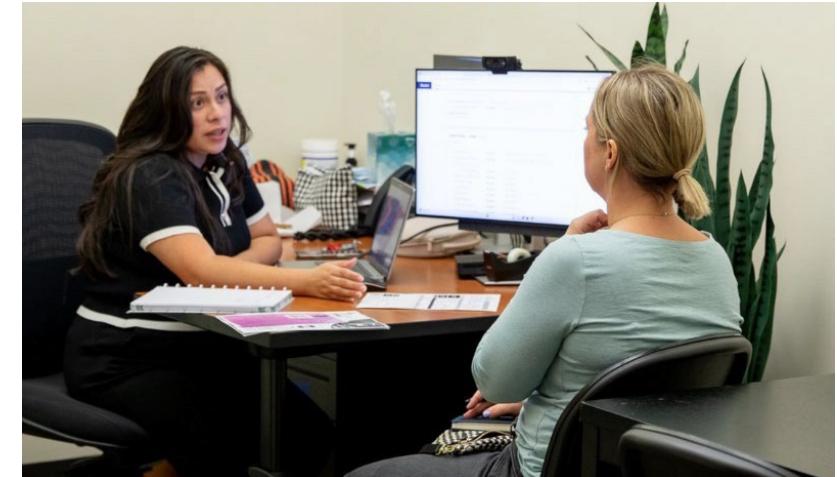
# Registration Support

## 1 - Super PEP (high school students only) May 6 & 9:

Helped to enroll nearly 200 graduating high school seniors from local high schools!

## 2 - Super Registration on July 23 & 30:

More than 250 Community Members Served!



### Thank you for providing on-site student support:

- Admissions & Records
- Welcome Center
- Financial Aid
- Counseling
- Colts-U Transfer Station
- Cashiers Office
- Umoja
- College for Working Adults
- Office of Student Life & Leadership Dev.
- EOPS/CARE/FYSI
- Promise Scholars Program
- Outreach
- Disability Resource Center
- Staff and Faculty from other departments



# Summer Partnerships: Youth on Campus



- PAL Center:
  - PAL Summer Program at Cañada College: June 2025
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula (BGCP)
  - BGCP Midwinter Break for Middle school students: February 2025
  - Personal Narrative Writing (PNW) Workshops: March 2025
  - Future Grads Summer Academy: June 2025
  - Middle School Summer BGCP: July 2025
  - BGCP Be Great Conference: August 2025
- Street Code Academy
  - Tech Tournament: August 2025



# Outreach Expansion in Service Area

- Hired a Second Recruiter dedicated to strengthen and expand partnerships in Belle Haven, North Fair Oaks and East Palo Alto.
- Working with community partners to hold offices in the community.



# Office of Administrative Services

## Districtwide Student Housing



# Office of Administrative Services



The 316 bed student housing project will house students from the San Mateo County Community College District's three regional campuses. Located adjacent to the core of the College Of San Mateo's campus, it will include a variety of unit types from semi-suites shared bedroom configurations to studio and 4 bedroom apartment units to support the living needs of a maximum variety of district students. Common spaces include community kitchens, laundry, tutoring/workshop/study room, academic counseling offices, health counseling offices, basic needs food pantry, manager's office, leasing office, custodial and storage space, parcel lockers/package delivery room, and a variety of shared and individual study spaces.. The building form creates two distinct courtyards - one that is campus-facing for informal, passive activities and one that has excellent views towards the south that is programmed for active, recreational uses.

Student Life including athletics, recreation, multiple clubs and student government will be located just a few steps away from the housing complex.

## ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE SAN MATEO COUNTY CCD



**58%**

SMCCCD'S STUDENTS  
ARE HOUSING INSECURE



**6%**  
SMCCCD'S STUDENTS  
ARE HOMELESS

*"...PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO  
DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, MINDS, AND CULTURAL AWARENESS..."*



86,000 SF



87 UNITS



316 BEDS



SPARKPOINT  
CENTER



FOOD  
PANTRY



COUNSELING



TUTORING

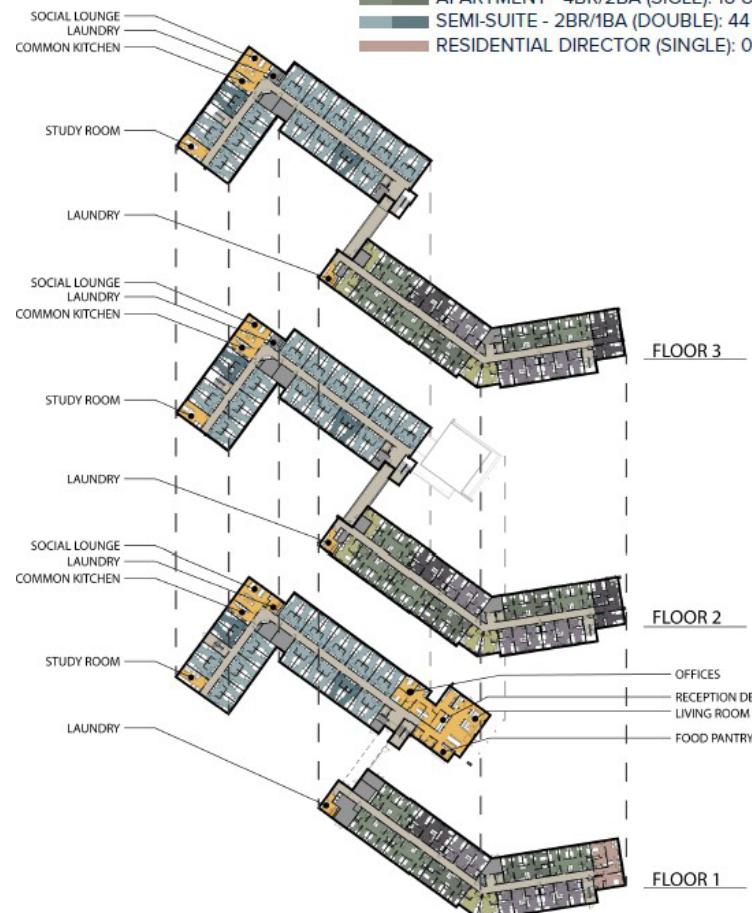


FREE  
LAUNDRY

## Districtwide Student Housing at CSM

### UNIT MIX & LEGEND

- APARTMENT - STUDIO (SINGLE): 10 UNITS
- APARTMENT - 2BR/2BA (DOUBLE): 14 UNITS
- APARTMENT - 4BR/2BA (SINGLE): 18 UNITS
- SEMI-SUITE - 2BR/1BA (DOUBLE): 44 UNITS
- RESIDENTIAL DIRECTOR (SINGLE): 01 UNIT



# Office of Administrative Services

## Districtwide Student Housing



### Cañada College

- Prepare and submit a grant application to the State Chancellor's Office by July 2026



### College of San Mateo

- Permitting/Bidding/Board Approval: now - November 2025
- Construction: November 2025 – July 2027
- Activation / Move-in: July - August 2027



### Skyline College

- Submitted a grant application to State Chancellor's office in 2024

# Office of Administrative Services

**Child Development Center: Tentative Opening Day: April 2026-July 2026**



## Cañada College Child Development Center

### Schedule:

- August 2024-May 2025: Program Validation/Design Documents
- June 2025-September 2025: Permitting/Bidding
- October 2025-March 2026: Construction
- April 2026-July 2026: Activation/Move-In



# Office of Administrative Services

## Cañada College Child Development Center



### BUILDING PLAN COLOR CODE KEY

CHILDCARE CLASSROOM

UTILITY / ADULT RESTROOMS

CHILDCARE SUPPORT

OBSERVATION ROOM

ADMINISTRATIVE SPACES

# Thank You to Our Flex Day Planning Team:

- Ellen Young, Faculty Flex Coordinator
- Claudia Dorantes, Division Assistant, ASLT
- Denys Borisov, Student, Tech Team
- Rachel Corrales
- Presenters
- Facilities
- Marketing
- ITS
- All Volunteers

# Final Remarks

- Federal Updates
  - Federal Grants
  - New Immigration Enforcement Activities Guidelines
- Accreditation Update





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