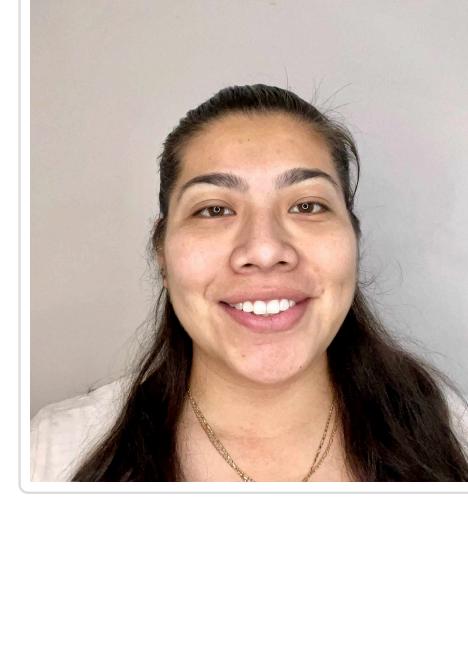


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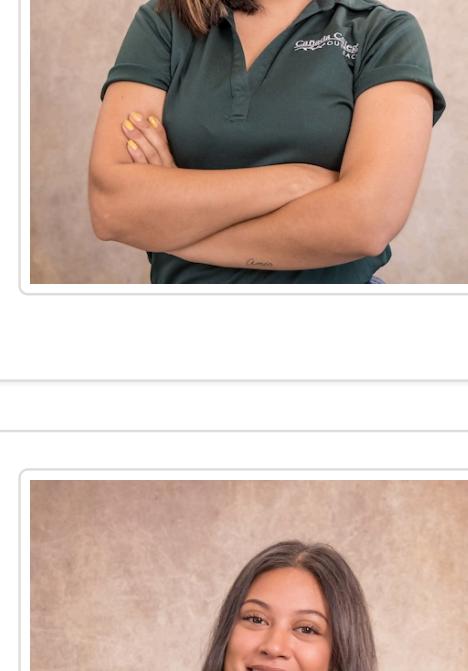
**Welcome to Cañada College****From Here, You Can Go Anywhere!**

It is the mission of the Outreach Program to be the 'face' of Cañada College and support its' mission by encouraging high school students and community members, especially those from underserved populations, to pursue a college education via the excellent Cañada College programs and services, as an avenue to reach their career and life goals.

Meet the Team**Olivia Cortez-Figueroa**

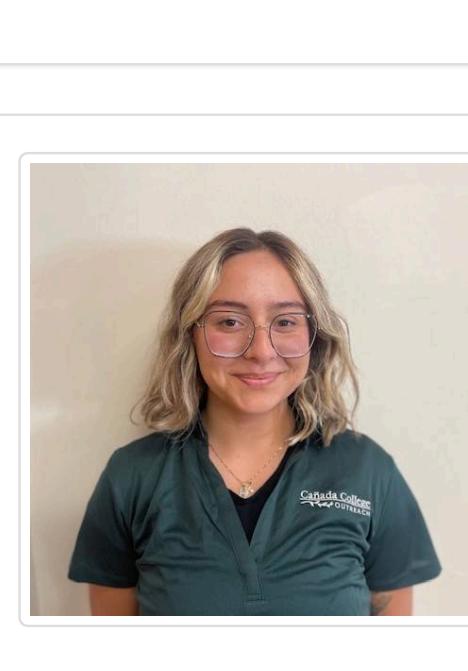
College Recruiter

Olivia has over 25 years of experience in higher education working in Financial Aid and Enrollment Services. She has worked in the San Mateo Community College District since 2012. She enjoys connecting with and serving all students but especially 1st generation, BIPOC students because she was once one of these students herself. Olivia has a BA in Ethnic Studies from UC Berkeley. Having been the first in her family to go to college, she understands the challenges first generation students face - often times you don't even know what to ask because you don't know what you don't know. This is why she is so passionate about sharing information about our Cañada College academic and student support programs with students, their parents, their schools and anyone who is interested in changing their lives. Olivia oversees the Outreach Office and the Student Ambassador Program at Cañada College. On any given day you can find her at a local high school, connecting and planning with a community partner or training Student Ambassadors. On a personal note, family is very important to her so she is often found with her husband and two children. She likes to crochet, knit and junk journal. She also loves to hike and, lately, has been getting into gardening succulents too. Olivia can be reached at cortezfigueroao@smccd.edu or 650-306-3209.

**Maggie De Paz Fernandez**

College Recruiter

Maggie is a seasoned higher education professional with extensive experience in student services and student development. Over the years, Maggie has designed and led comprehensive orientation programs, leadership workshops, and cohort-based learning initiatives that guide students through personal and academic growth. Maggie grew up in South City and is a graduate of Skyline College and San Francisco State University! From developing culturally responsive programming to mentoring first-generation Latinx students, her work is grounded in the belief that representation and cultural affirmation are critical to student success. This dedication and experience has shaped her professional mission: to create inclusive, supportive environments where students thrive, lead, and build lasting legacies within their communities and beyond. In her current role as College Recruiter at Cañada College, Maggie brings a student-centered, equity-driven lens to enrollment and outreach. Drawing on a strong foundation in student development and mentorship, they approach recruitment as an opportunity to build relationships, reduce access barriers, and support students—especially those from underrepresented backgrounds—as they navigate the path to higher education. Maggie can be reached at depazfernandezm@smccd.edu or 650-381-2243.

**Rocio Vega**

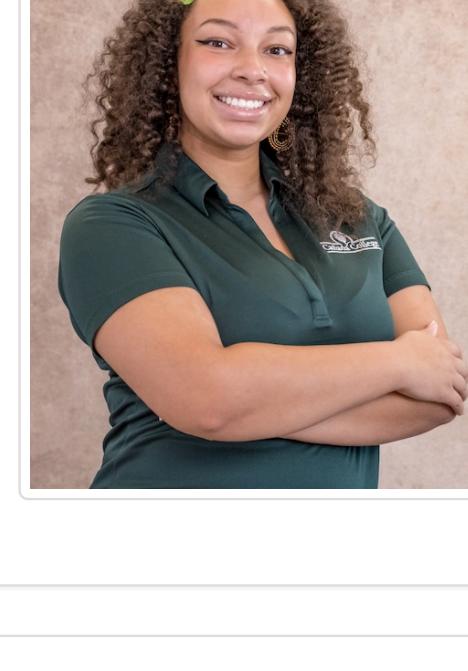
Ambassador

Rocio is from Bolivia. She is studying English as a second language at Cañada College. After completing ESL, she plans to continue her career as an accountant because she likes numbers. Rocio really likes dogs. She loves being an ambassador because she is a very patient person and she likes to help everyone.

**Kaylani Tangatailoa**

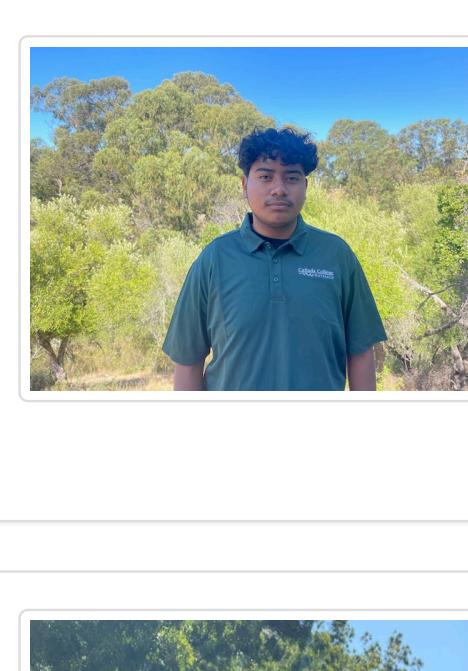
Ambassador

Hi! My name is Kaylani Tangatailoa and I was born and raised in Redwood City. Some of my hobbies outside of school and work is exploring nature, traveling, going to concerts, binge watching shows, trying new food spots with my friends and family, and Cheerleading! Currently, I am a Senior in Cañada's program, Middle College, and my home high school is Woodside. I hope to go straight to a 4-year university when I graduate high school with a Social Science or Business Major. Some things that I love about being an Outreach Ambassador is getting to know people that I would have never met if I was just a student. I love talking to people of different backgrounds, cultures, and ages. I really enjoy working at events and opening new doors for people by sharing the opportunities that Cañada offers! As a first-generation student, I hope I can inspire other first-generation students to keep pursuing their passion and goals.

**Haley Estrada**

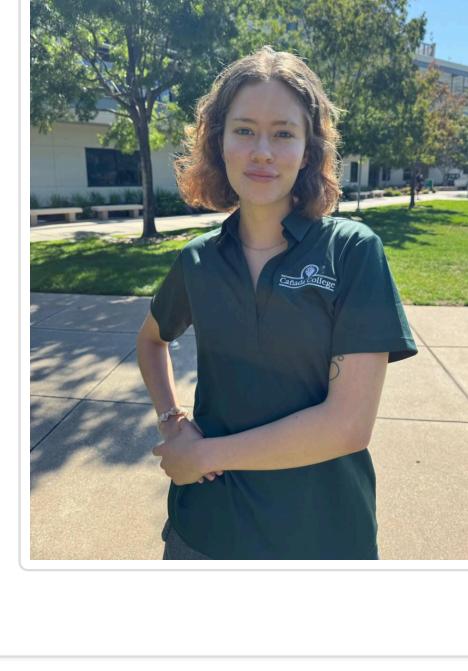
Ambassador

My name is Haley. I went to TIDE Academy and this is going to be my second year of college. I am a psychology major and I plan on pursuing a career in occupational therapy! Some of my favorite hobbies are singing, learning new things in daily life and spending time with my pets. I am excited to be a student ambassador because it allows me to get involved in the community, meet new people, and learn more as well as better my skills.

**Maliya Anderson**

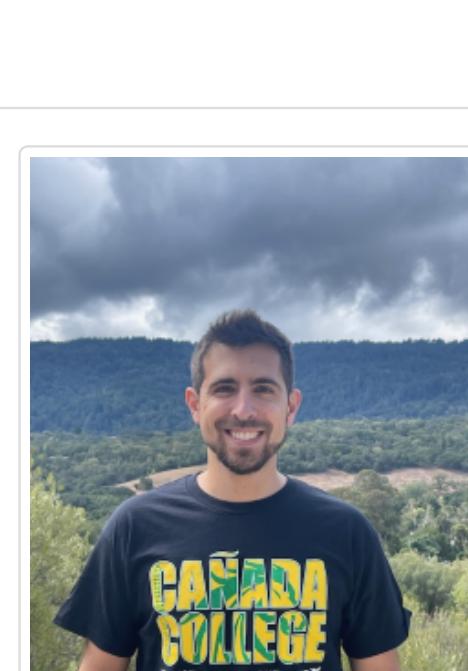
Ambassador

My name is Maliya Anderson, and I'm from Redwood City, California. I'm majoring in Interior Design at Cañada College and have a passion for creativity, whether it's through design projects, cheerleading, or exploring new places. Outside of school, you can usually find me checking out new coffee shops around town. What I love most about being a campus ambassador is meeting new people and helping students feel welcome and connected. It's rewarding to share my experiences and contribute to the positive energy that makes Cañada feel like home.

**Ziara Matthews**

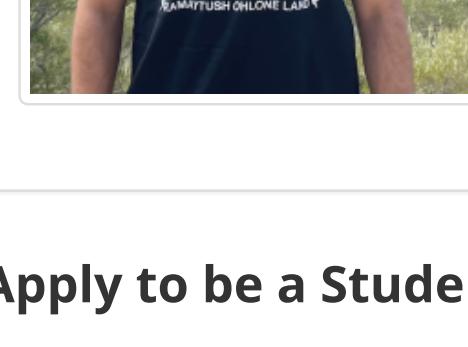
Ambassador

My name is Ziara Matthews. This will be my third year at Cañada College as a digital art and animation major. I love drawing, editing videos and hanging out with my friends. Outside of school I'm out all over the bay. When I'm not out I'm binging shows at home and sleeping. On campus, I am not only an ambassador but also Vice President of our student senate as well as an officer of BSU(Black Student Union). I love being active on campus and consider it to be my home away from home. I'm pretty spirited and make it my goal to make everyone feel accepted and welcomed. It's what I love about being an ambassador, being able to meet new people and connect with the community.

**Chris Velasco**

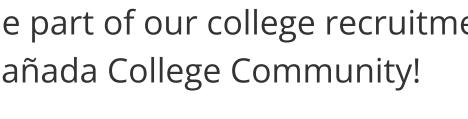
Ambassador

My name is Chris, and I went to Woodside High School. I am now a senior in high school, taking college courses through Middle College. I am interested in business and am working to complete my general education requirements. I am passionate about being involved in my community and networking with new people. Some of my hobbies include traveling, photography, and attending concerts. I wanted to become a student ambassador because, as a first-generation, I recognize the value in Cañada for my community and others.

**Luzia Carrero Inglessis**

Ambassador

My name is Luzia, I belong to the International Students community and I'm majoring in psychology. My interest areas are the social and visual arts like sociology and animation. I believe in the power of guidance, company and peer to peer support for any kind of goals in life and I love having the opportunity at Cañada to help others through their own processes and stories.

**Federico Longhi**

Student Ambassador

My name is Federico Longhi, I am 34 years old and originally from Argentina. This is my second year at Cañada College, where I am majoring in Journalism, and I also work as a writing tutor and an Outreach Ambassador. I love being part of a community that inspired me to grow, and I try to give back some of the support that it has given me. Outside of school, I enjoy sports, social good, and traveling to new places. My long term goal is to use my writing to challenge injustice and advocate for social change.

Apply to be a Student Ambassador

Be part of our college recruitment efforts! Cañada College Outreach Program is filled with fun and passionate student Campus Ambassadors who are a valuable part of the Cañada College Community!

- Work with students and parents to provide valuable information on how Cañada College can help achieve students goals.
- Build strong relationships with high school counselors and teachers by providing information on high school students' successful transition to Cañada.
- Connect with members of the community by giving tours and assisting with special events.
- Help students in "Si se Puede!", "You can do it!"
- Applications are available in the Outreach Office: Building 5, Room 108

Qualifications

- Minimum of 6 units at Cañada College
- Employment Authorization Documents
- Driver's License Preferred but not required

We pay: \$17.00-19.00/hr for 5-20 hours per week (Some evening and weekend hours may be required)
For more information please email Olivia Cortez-Figueroa at cortezfigueroao@smccd.edu or Maggie De Paz Fernandez at depazfernandezm@smccd.edu

Student Ambassador Application

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