



Flex Day Agenda: August 12th, 2025

Please remember to [Register](#) for and [Evaluate Flex Day](#)

8:00 am – 8:45 am

Breakfast with Colleagues

In-Person Only: Theater Foyer

8:45 am – 10:30 am

College Hour in the Theater

PART I: President's Welcome

President, Kim Lopez

All faculty, staff and administrators are invited to a warm welcome and kick off to Cañada's Opening Day from President Kim Lopez. During the welcome, we will honor employees who have achieved years of service milestones and welcome new employees. We will also hear updates from our campus leadership team on key projects and initiatives aligned with our strategic priorities, including outcomes from our annual College Leadership Retreat. Following the welcome, we hope you will stay to participate in this two-part opening session.

PART II: AANHPI Voices

Dr. Michiko Kealoha, Mary Ho; and students Priyanshi Chaudhary, Keoni Fernandezes, Miku Sato, & Michelle Kui

Join us for the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander "family meal talk". AANHPI identified students and employees will 'talk story' through a family meal format. Topics that will be covered include the model minority myth, diverse cultural identities and mental health. AANHPI research and data will be used as a lens for the family meal discussion.

Multimodal: The Main Theater (Building 3) and via zoom <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/87644842931>

MORNING CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:45 am – 11:45 am

From Policy to Practice: Strengthening Faculty–DRC Partnerships for Student Success

Director of the DRC and PCC, Dr. DeVon Lamar Scott

Humanistic pedagogy is an educational approach that prioritizes student-centered learning and recognizes the importance of feelings and experiences in the learning process. This workshop will focus on best practices in recognizing and supporting students with learning challenges with an intersectionality lens.

In-Person Only: Room 13-233

10:45 am – 11:45 am

Classroom Technology Clinic

Instructional Technologist, Lindsey Irizarry

The Classroom Technology Clinic is a one-stop shop to learn more about integrated technology in classrooms on campus. Ask your questions to tech experts about audio-visual equipment, campus Wi-Fi, computer hardware, and more!

In-Person Only: Room 13-337

10:45 am – 11:45 am

Participating in College Decision Making

*Dean of Planning, Research, Innovation and Effectiveness and Accreditation Liason Officer, Karen Engel; and
Classified Senate President Maria Huning*

What does participatory governance look like at Cañada College? How can you engage? Come to a fun, inter-active session to learn about all of the ways you can get involved in the college and how we make decisions. This session is for everyone: students, faculty, staff, and administrators. It's great for new folks or folks new to participatory governance.

Multimodal: Room 13-331 and via Zoom

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/88536969046>

10:45 am – 11:45 am

Supporting Pasifika students at Cañada College

Dr. Finausina Tovo, MANA faculty at the College of San Mateo.

Pacific Islander students comprise of a little over 1% at Cañada College. They are a hyper-marginalized community at Cañada. How do we ensure they are visible and supported in the academic and career goals. Pasifika scholar-practitioners will lead a session on how to support Pasifika students from a cultural congruent lens.

Multimodal: Room 13-330/332 and via Zoom

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/83821679906>

10:45 am – 11:45 am

Faculty Evaluations: Orientation for Adjunct and Tenure-track Faculty and their Evaluators

Presented by the Evaluation Guidance Committee: Gampi Shankar, Faculty, Academic Senate rep; David Eck, faculty, Academic Senate rep; Monica Malamud, faculty, AFT rep; and Chialin Hsieh, VPI.

Faculty are evaluated according to procedures detailed in over 30 pages (plus forms!) in Appendix G of the contract, which underwent revisions in July 2024. This session will provide both evaluatees and evaluators with an overview of the evaluation procedures.

Multimodal: Faculty Teaching and Learning Center and Lounge (9-154) and via Zoom

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/89239793464>

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch with Colleagues in The Grove

In-Person Only: The Grove (Building 5)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Coordinator Lunch Meeting

Faculty Teaching and Learning Coordinator, Doniella Maher

Come join the coordinator lunch meeting to share ideas and hear about resources available to you as

a coordinator"

Multimodal: Faculty Teaching and Learning Center and Lounge (9-154) and via Zoom
<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/89900952842>

EARLY AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

New Faculty Orientation

Faculty Teaching and Learning Coordinator, Doniella Maher

New part-time and full-time faculty are invited to join us to meet some folks across the campus, get information about services at Cañada, connect you to resources and technology support, and set up with a faculty mentor (as desired). We will make sure that you are ready to go, whether this is your very first semester or you have a few under your belt.

Multimodal: Faculty Teaching and Learning Center and Lounge (9-154) and via Zoom
<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/87635750253>

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Fun with Program Review!

Dean of Planning, Research, Innovation and Effectiveness, Karen Engel; Instructional Technologist, Lindsey Irizarry; Senior Planning and Research Analyst, Alex Claxton

As the 2025-26 Program Review Cycle launches, we are here for you! This session will include an overview of the program review timeline and process for both instructional and student services programs. We will answer questions like: (1) where is my data?; (2) what is Nuventive and how do I find it?; and (3) how can I get help when I need it if I'm up for comprehensive program review this year?? We can also help you understand things like mid-cycle reviews and annual updates.

Bring your laptop and we will help you get started. Games and prizes will make sure this is a memorable session! See you there!

Multimodal: Room 13-334 and via Zoom
<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/83052568547>

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Public Safety Overview / De-escalation Techniques

Public Safety Captain - Cañada, Jason Wendt

Intro to Public Safety at Cañada and around the district. Topics will include:

- What we do and how we fit in.
- Public Safety and the classroom
- How to respond to safety concerns.
- What you can expect from your Public Safety Team.
- Expectations before, during and after an event.
- Scenarios/Discussions

Multimodal: Room 13-331 and via Zoom

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/88210833082>

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Fun With SLOs and PLOs

Professors, Paul Roscelli, Katie Schertle, Nick Martin, & Hyla Lacefield

A chance to record and assess your SLO work as well as your PLO work. Remember as accreditation fast approaches (this coming year), this is one of the areas that the accreditors scrutinize. All facets of SLO work are open for discussion and help

In-Person Only: Room 13-233

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm

Harnessing Open and Traditionally Published Resources for Your Courses: OER/ZTC and new Library Controlled Digital Lending (CDL) Programs

OER/ZTC Coordinator, Sarah Harmon & Librarian, Nancy Hoebelheinrich

An explanation of what CDL is, how Nancy can help you find ways to share your course materials with your students, and how these fit into the greater ZTC landscape.

Multimodal: Room 13-333 and via Zoom

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/86253130609>

LATE AFTERNOON CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Student Equity and Achievement Program Plan Review

Director of Equity, Dr. Michiko Kealoha and Faculty Equity Coordinator, Kiran Malavade

Come share your ideas for ways the college can work to close equity gaps in enrollment, transfer rates, completion of math and English, completion of degrees and certificates, and completion of student education plans. It's time to put your ideas into our new Student equity and achievement program plan — a 1.8 grant we receive from the state!

Multimodal: Room 13-334 and via Zoom

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/81670959743>

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Integrating Experiential Work Opportunities into CE Pathways for Student Success

*Director of Workforce Development, Jasmine Jaciw; Alex Kramer, Career, and CE Faculty Ritu Malhotra,
Kristina Brower, and Emanuela Quaglia*

Join us for an interactive session focused on showcasing and strengthening experiential work opportunities within Career Education (CE) pathways. This workshop invites CE faculty to highlight their innovative approaches to embedding real-world, hands-on learning into their programs—whether through internships, externships, job shadowing, or project-based learning. Panelists will share best practices for helping students access and thrive in these experiences, with a focus on inclusive strategies that support all learners. This is a valuable opportunity to learn from peers, gain practical insights, and collaborate on scalable solutions that connect classroom learning with the world of work.

In-Person Only: Room 13-331

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Bridging the Gap: Understanding Middle College and Supporting Our Students Together

Middle College Instructors, Marin Holt, Julie Manuel, Jen Petroelje, Jen Buchanan, Nick Muys and Pablo Aguilera

Overview: Cañada Middle College is a unique partnership between SUHSD and the college, designed to support college-bound juniors and seniors as they complete high school while earning college credits. In this session, we aim to introduce faculty and staff to the Middle College program, spotlight who our students are, and explore meaningful ways to support their academic and personal development within the college community.

Objectives: By the end of this session, participants will be able to: Understand the structure and purpose of the Middle College program. Recognize the unique profile and needs of Middle College students. Identify ways faculty and staff can partner with the program to enhance student success. Explore opportunities for mentorship, classroom support, and co-curricular engagement.

Desired Outcomes: We hope this presentation will increase awareness of the Middle College program, foster a greater sense of inclusion for our students, and initiate new collaborations between the program and college faculty/staff to ensure students thrive in both high school and college environments.

In-Person Only: Room 13-233

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Fall 2025 Online Faculty: "Don't Fall Behind: Get Regular with RSI"!

DE coordinator, Nada Nekrep; Instructional Technologist, Lindsey Irrizary; & Instructional Technologist, Erica Reynolds

All Cañada Online Courses offered in Fall 2025 must be fully aligned with the RSI (Regular and Substantive Interaction) Rubric. This hands-on workshop focuses on the "Regular" aspect of RSI and gives the faculty another opportunity to bring their courses into compliance. Together, we'll ensure that every course includes an effective communication plan, a key tool to help actively add the RSI into your online course design. Bring your course shells and questions! Cañada DE Team will be there to guide you every step of the way.

Zoom Only: <https://smccd.zoom.us/j/89832957375>

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Tea and Takeaways

Equity and Antiracism Planning Council

Join the EAPC for Tea and Takeaways, a chance to process, share and further absorb all of the important insights and information we learned today.

In-Person Only: Cultural Center (17-109)