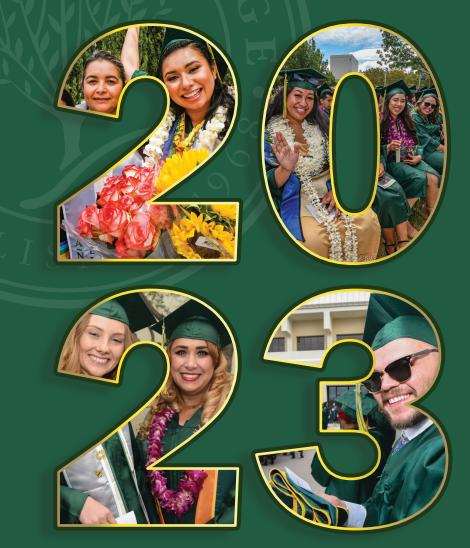
# 55<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT



# Cañada College MAY 27, 2023



# **COMMENCEMENT** *Class of 2023*

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Cañada College welcomes you—the Class of 2023—into the ranks of the proud alumni of Cañada College.

We also welcome your families and friends to this 55th Commencement celebration, mindful and appreciative of their contribution to your achievement through their support, sacrifice and encouragement.



# President's Welcome



Welcome to the 55th Commencement Ceremony at Cańada College! We are honored to celebrate our students and the remarkable accomplishments and successes they have achieved. Our graduates and their loved ones joining in today's celebration will be hearing inspiring speeches about the promising future that lies ahead. Collectively, we share in the excitement of where their next journey may take them.

Commencement is also a time for our graduates to look back on their experiences. We know that this reflection is important. This is a time for our graduates to remember the friends and special connections that they have made, the faculty members and staff who have inspired them to identify their chosen fields of study and career pathways or helped to select a transfer institution in the next steps of their academic journeys.

It is important for our graduates to reflect on the journey they took and the obstacles they faced to get here. I admire each of our grads for the hard work they have demonstrated in order to be here today. Class of 2023, you have shown the true meaning of resilience in a time filled with uncertainty. You have encouraged each other and the College has strived to be supportive in every way we can. These past few years have been challenging and I am incredibly proud of the flexibility and the determination you displayed as you continued to achieve your dreams.

I encourage our graduates to take in this moment to fully embrace and enjoy their achievements today. Look around at fellow classmates, family and friends and the Cañada community, who have come together to honor you. Congratulations! I wish you the best in all of your future pursuits.

Kim Lopez, President, Cañada College

# Commencement Keynote Speaker



# Dr. Linda Prieto Executive Director, Upward Scholars

As the daughter of immigrants who left México to give their children a better life, Dr. Linda Prieto grew up in a mixed-status home. While she worked in the agricultural fields of the central San Joaquin Valley in California, her heart was always in the classroom. In second grade, her teacher was the first person she ever heard say the word "college" – until that point in her life, Dr. Prieto didn't know anyone with more than a sixth-grade education. But like her parents, she too believed that education could break the cycle of poverty. A belief in education drove her to earn her Bachelor's degree in sociology from Stanford, a Master's degree in education from Harvard, and a Ph.D. in education from the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Prieto taught middle school students as well as undergraduate and graduate students. As a tenuretrack faculty, she focused on preparing educators to teach and lead using culturally relevant approaches with ethnically, culturally, and linguistically diverse students, families, and communities. She began her work in the nonprofit sector as Vice President of Programs at a Santa Clara-based math and college readiness program for underserved students. In addition to serving as Executive Director of Upward Scholars here in Redwood City for the past four years, she is raising her son to be just as excited about learning and service as she has always been.

# Program

# $\sim$ Master of Ceremonies

Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Ed.D., Vice President of Student Services

# ~ Processional "Pomp and Circumstance" by Sir Edward Elgar

# ∼ President's Party

Faculty Processional led by Grand Marshal Denise Erickson

Student Processional led by President Student Leadership Award recipient Jaime Andres Dubeibe Fong and Student Speaker Louis Tam Tang

∼ National Anthem, "Star Spangled Banner" Performed by Richard Hayes II

∞ Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" Performed by Richard Hayes II

∝ Welcome & Introduction Kim Lopez, President, Cañada College

∞ Keynote Speaker Linda Prieto, Ph.D., Executive Director, Upward Scholars

≈ 2023 President's Student Leadership Award Jaime Andres Dubeibe Fong

~ Class of 2023 Co-Valedictorians

Marianna Andreeva Adrian Garcia Christopher Thomas Mattis Miriya Ashley Mayenkar Elizabeth Tamsen Miller Winnie Tak Yu Wan

∞ Welcome from the Student Body and Introduction of the Student Speaker Jaime Andres Dubeibe Fong, Vice President, Associated Students of Cañada College

∞ Student Speaker Presentation Louis Tam Tang ∼ Presentation of the Class of 2023 David Eck, Ph.D., President, Academic Senate, Cañada College

Awarding of Associate of Arts and Science Degrees and Certificates David Eck, Ph.D., President, Academic Senate, Cañada College Lisa Petrides, Ph.D., Board President, San Mateo County Community College District John Pimentel, Board Vice President, San Mateo County Community College District Mike Guingona, Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District Richard Holober, Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District Wayne Lee, Member, Board of Trustees, San Mateo County Community College District Lesly Ta, Student Trustee, San Mateo County Community College District Melissa Moreno, J.D., Interim Chancellor, San Mateo County Community College District Michael Claire, Chancellor, San Mateo County Community College District Kim Lopez, President, Cañada College Chialin Hsieh, Ed.D., Vice President Instruction, Cañada College Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Ed.D., Vice President Student Services, Cañada College Ludmila Prisecar, Vice President Administrative Services, Cañada College

Salutation to the Graduates and Closing Remarks Kim Lopez, President, Cañada College

#### $\sim$ Recessional

The Graduates and their guests are invited to the reception on the campus lower lawn immediately following the Commencement Ceremony.

# Academic Leadership

### $\sim$ Board of Trustees

Lisa Petrides, Ph.D., *Board President* John Pimentel, *Board Vice President* Mike Guingona, *Trustee* Richard Holober, *Trustee* Wayne Lee, *Trustee* Lesly Ta, *Student Trustee* Michael Claire, *Chancellor* Melissa Moreno, J.D., *Interim District Chancellor* 

#### $\sim$ Administration

Kim Lopez, President

Chialin Hsieh, Ed.D., Vice President of Instruction

Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Ed.D., *Vice President of Student Services* 

Ludmila Prisecar, *Vice President of Administrative Services* 

Wissem Bennani, Ed.D., Dean of Enrollment Services and Support Programs

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Karen Engel, Ph.D., Dean of Planning, Research & Institutional Effectiveness

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Hyla Lacefield, Dean of Business, Design & Workforce

David Reed, Dean of Academic Support & Learning Technologies

Kathleen Sullivan-Torrez, Dean of Kinesiology, Athletics, and Dance

Ameer Thompson, Ph.D., Dean of Science & Technology

Megan Rodriguez Antone, Director of Community Relations & Marketing

#### $\sim$ Academic Senate

David Eck, Ph.D., President Natalie Alizaga, Vice President Monica Malamud, Ph.D., Secretary Gerardo Pacheco, Treasurer Lisa Palmer, Ph.D., Curriculum Committee Chair and Subcommittee Representative Jacob Smith, Senator Kiran Malavade, Senator Michael Hoffman, Senator Leonor Cabrera, Senator Diana Tedone-Goldstone, Senator Ricard Schulke, Senator

# $\infty$ Classified Senate

Roslind Young, President Maria Huning, Vice President Peggy Perruccio, Treasurer Jamie Hui, Secretary Sarah Cortez, Activities Co-Coordinator Peter Tam, Activities Co-Coordinator



# Associate Degrees

### 3D Animation & Videogame Art - A.A.

Victor Daniel Arroyo Murcia, *Cum Laude* Yolanda Criselda Barajas <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Santiago Dominguez Osorio, *Magna Cum Laude* Timmy Patumnakul Rachman, *Cum Laude* Laura De Holanda Roque, *Magna Cum Laude* Maricruz Vidaurre, *Magna Cum Laude* Tristan Ricardo Villalobos, *Cum Laude* 

#### Accounting - A.S.

Carmen Eriselda Alvarado Simone Cherry Beatriz Cornejo Janelly V. Del Pinal Claudia Espana, *Cum Laude* Marleni Fuentes Molina, *Magna Cum Laude* Gloria Quezada, *Magna Cum Laude* Lisa Ann Strickland

*Administrative Assistant - A.S.* Rochelle Stephers, *Magna Cum Laude* 

Administrative Support Assistant - A.S Rochelle Stephers, Magna Cum Laude

#### Allied Health - A.S.

Nohemi Soraya Aguilar <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Sergio Alexander Alonzo Lopez \*, *Cum Laude* Michael David Anderson, *Magna Cum Laude* Jennifer Arroyo-Torres Gerria Edonna Lysse Yuvienco Samonte Banzon Sophie Michela Barger Yamilet Caballero Lourdes Carolina Cabigon, *Magna Cum Laude* Melissa Cagayat Cadayona Aida Cisneros Yovanna Conde Cocoletzi Itzanami Yatzari Cortez-Gervacio, *Magna Cum Laude* Emely Covarrubias Julieanne Emma Durr

Radhika Rani Dutt Emilee E. Flores Murillo Michele L. Galea Danielle Lorraine Giovando (T), Cum Laude Jacqueline Diana Gomez Diana Luz Gomez Ortega (T), Cum Laude Francheska Marie Gonzalez Caterin Noemi Gonzalez Cardona Alexa Marie Gudino\*, Magna Cum Laude Rishu Gurung Carina Huizar Catherine Paola Lopez, Magna Cum Laude Mia Dayanara Martinez Amaya Cassandra Muniz, Magna Cum Laude Monserrath Munoz, Magna Cum Laude Alejandra Georgina Neri Leyva Hana Lubais Nguyen, Cum Laude Fabian Nunez, Cum Laude Makiko Patel, Magna Cum Laude Morgan Faye Psaila, Magna Cum Laude Aline Pulley Samantha Kristine Requilman, Magna Cum Laude Haley Andi Rutherford Supriya Sharma, Cum Laude Allison N. Simon\* Pravina K. Singh Christina Nicole Stratos, Magna Cum Laude Iris Iracema Tan Sanchez\* Xiulan Tang, Magna Cum Laude Jamie Kathleen Trimble Guadalupe Vazquez

**Anthropology - A.A.-T** Nohemi Soraya Aguilar <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Azeezat Adeola Yussuf, *Magna Cum Laude* 

*Art History - A.A.* Riley Rose Talain, *Cum Laude* 

# Associate Degrees

### Biological Sciences - A.S

Kimberly A. Booker, *Cum Laude* Paul Noel Flores Espiritu Anthony Brice Leon Chumptazi \*, *Cum Laude* Keith Evans Wann, *Magna Cum Laude* 

### Biology - A.S.-T

Grace Willa Bell <sup>(T)\*</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Yohana Conde-Cocoletzi <sup>(T)\*</sup> Paul Noel Flores Espiritu Stephen Warren Forney <sup>(T)</sup> Adrian Garcia <sup>(T)</sup>, *Suma Cum Laude* Anthony Brice Leon Chumptazi \*, *Cum Laude* Brenda Anahi Penaloza\* Jana Terese Salomon, *Magna Cum Laude* 

### Business Administration - A.S.

Jessica Avila Vasquez, *Cum Laude* Adamaris Flores Melanie Ann Goens Francisco G. Jarquin, *Cum Laude* 

# Business Administration - A.S.-T

Norma Alvarez Iimenez Mallak Ismaeel Asfour (T) Elizabeth Zamora Batres, Magna Cum Laude Toni Marie Battaglia (T) Christopher Bracamonte (T), Magna Cum Laude Christopher Joseph Cadena (T) Jair Alessandro Campos (T), Cum Laude Donna Kaina Castaneda, Cum Laude Andrew Cary Castillo (T), Magna Cum Laude Yerania Castrejon (T)\*, Magna Cum Laude Jesus Hipolito Cordoba (T) Leslie Giselle Corona (T) Zachary Davila, Magna Cum Laude Jack William Dellenbach, Magna Cum Laude Roberta Dos Santos Godinho, Cum Laude Diego Escatel Miguel Alejandro Flores (T) George Freer

Kimberly Yuliana Gonzalez Alvarez Rosalyn Harkola (T) Esther May Adlawan Jansen Finnian Bernard Kelly Lewis, Magna Cum Laude Hamid R. Khosravi (T)\*, Cum Laude Frank Issa Khoury (T) Magdalena Anna Kruczek (T), Magna Cum Laude Kyae Sin Shun Lei\*, Magna Cum Laude Jorge Christian Madero Beltran (T)\* Jake Matteo Mcguigan Mercedes Anne Mikhailov (T) Lizbeth Nolasco Vargas Mary Elizabeth Ofakineiafu Rogelio Orozco Vannessa Julia Patton Kilmer Anderson Sanchez Matthew Daniel Scopazzi-Beatty (T), Cum Laude Sean Robert Smith (T) Yoni Solorio (T)\*, Cum Laude Juan Carlos Tovar (T) ZhiQing Candy Yang, Magna Cum Laude Thamires Ramos Zoepfl, Magna Cum Laude

# Business Administration 2.0 - A.S.-T

Anthony Alexander Arteaga <sup>(T)</sup> Alex G. Bavoukian Knar Charekian <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Ryan Patrick Dobson <sup>(T)</sup>, *Cum Laude* Sebastian Fuchen Cuadras <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Shaun Bradley Kiefus Denisse Lopez Rios <sup>(T)</sup>, *Cum Laude* Anthony Joseph Martin <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Facundo Marcelo Romano <sup>(T)</sup> Demetri Rico Rosas <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* 

*Business Management - A.S.* Rochelle Marie Abrams, *Magna Cum Laude* 

### Chemistry - A.S.

Kimberly A. Booker, *Cum Laude* Yohana Conde-Cocoletzi <sup>(1)</sup>\* Anthony Brice Leon Chumptazi \*, *Cum Laude* 

#### Child & Adolescent Development - A.A.-T

Iasmine Alicia Acosta-Govea Natalie Kate Barnett (T) Emily Bejinez Cruz (T), Magna Cum Laude Sinthia Yareli Cota (T) Sharné Cronjé, Cum Laude Rachael Lynn Farley (T), Magna Cum Laude Abigail Suzanne Haas (T) Luis Laguna (T)\*, Cum Laude Wan Liu, Magna Cum Laude Ashley Rose Lopez Astrid Melina Lopez Vasquez (T) Jessica M. Martin, Magna Cum Laude Geraldine Ramirez Gomez (T) Nohelya Maria Revuelta Diana Custodio Taylor (T), Magna Cum Laude Chuang Wang

*Communication Studies - A.A.* Linda Patricia Barco Corado

**Communication Studies - A.A.-T** Jason Robert Arsenault <sup>(T)</sup>, *Cum Laude* Sean Michael Baugh, *Magna Cum Laude* Anabel Ontiberos Barron

Talia Maria Casetta, *Magna Cum Laude* Nicole Cordova <sup>(T)\*</sup> Karen Alondra Cruz Mendoza <sup>(T)\*</sup>, *Cum Laude* Bianca Anahi Garcia Padilla <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Hyun Jae Kim <sup>(T)\*</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Noah Michael Yan-Fai Liu <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Frank Louis Pellegrini\* Saralis Villalobos-Marti Brianna Nicole Wraa

### Computer Science - A.S.-T

Richard Dong <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Alsu Abuzarovna Jennings <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Hamid R. Khosravi <sup>(T)\*</sup>, *Cum Laude* Sean Jason Kongsle Serena Liu Travis Robert Ruso Jonas Karl Schiessl <sup>(T)</sup>, *Cum Laude* Sean Donovon Sponsler <sup>(T)</sup> Jian Albert Crisostomo Verdad <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Anna Aleksandrovna Yakovleva, *Magna Cum Laude* 

### Digital Art & Animation - A.A.

Leigh Alley <sup>(T)</sup>, *Cum Laude* Rocio De Fatima Benavides Henriquez, *Magna Cum Laude* William Andrew Hammond, *Magna Cum Laude* Uliana Iotchenko, *Magna Cum Laude* Shayd Lee Ray Laye Liliana E. Rodriguez Jairo D. Velasco, *Magna Cum Laude* Maricruz Vidaurre, *Magna Cum Laude* 

# Early Childhood Education - A.S.

Cecilia Contreras, *Cum Laude* Jessica Aparecida Dantas Oliveira, *Magna Cum Laude* Angelica Espinoza Sandra Espinoza, *Cum Laude* Luis Fernando Garcia Mendoza Adelaidah Jackson, *Magna Cum Laude* Jessica M. Locke, *Cum Laude* Silvia Lopez, *Magna Cum Laude* Luisa Maziel Mendoza, *Magna Cum Laude* Marilyn Mendoza Calderon Amanda J. Mortiboys, *Magna Cum Laude* Carolina Navarro Montserrat Ochoa Rueda, *Cum Laude* Aaliyah Ortega

# Associate Degrees

Gladys R. Salinas, *Cum Laude* Taneshia M. Smith Lilian Yukari Sugata, *Cum Laude* Marcela Fernanda Toca Jose Elizardo Turcios Hernandez <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Maricruz Vidaurre, *Magna Cum Laude* 

#### Early Childhood Education - A.S.-T

Susie X. Contreras Sharné Cronjé, *Cum Laude* Elizabeth Rose-Corrine DeSpain Kamryn Quinn Kuppeberg <sup>(T)</sup> Sinead Ann Lennon <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Wan Liu, *Magna Cum Laude* Desiree Isabel Mora Mongrut, *Cum Laude* Floriane Evelyne Anne-Marie Mouette, *Magna Cum Laude* Virginia Cristal Ramirez Ayala, *Magna Cum Laude* Tatyana A. Tafoya <sup>(T)</sup> Kimberly Vanessa Torres

#### Economics - A.A.

Jessica Avila Vasquez, *Cum Laude* Elizabeth Zamora Batres, *Magna Cum Laude* Stephanie Anne Bensi, *Magna Cum Laude* Diana Kariela Castro <sup>(T)</sup>, *Cum Laude* Kathy Lynn Clifford, *Magna Cum Laude* Linda Desfassiaux Francisco G. Jarquin, *Cum Laude* Jorge Christian Madero Beltran <sup>(T)\*</sup> Miriya Ashley Mayenkar, *Suma Cum Laude* 

#### Economics - A.A.-T

Christopher Bracamonte<sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Christopher Joseph Cadena<sup>(T)</sup> Diana Kariela Castro<sup>(T)</sup>, *Cum Laude* Jesus Hipolito Cordoba<sup>(T)</sup> Zachary Davila, *Magna Cum Laude* Timyas Luis Del Rosario-Concordia<sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude*  Jaime Andres Dubeibe Fong (T), Magna Cum Laude Joshua J. Dybalski (T), Magna Cum Laude Diego Escatel Miguel Alejandro Flores (T) Jake Randall Holtz, Magna Cum Laude Kaiyah Desiree Kenny Magdalena Anna Kruczek (T), Cum Laude Denisse Lopez Rios (T), Cum Laude Anthony Joseph Martin (T), Magna Cum Laude Lukas Jude Meighen (T), Magna Cum Laude Rogelio Orozco Vannessa Julia Patton Wimeshi Sanjula Roberts, Magna Cum Laude Demetri Rico Rosas (T), Magna Cum Laude Kilmer Anderson Sanchez Matthew Daniel Scopazzi-Beatty (T), Cum Laude Yoni Solorio (T)\*, Cum Laude Juan Carlos Tovar (T) Thamires Ramos Zoepfl, Magna Cum Laude

# Elementary Teacher Education - A.A.-T

Jasmine Alicia Acosta-Govea

#### Engineering - A.S.

Mohammed Fathi Adam Francisco Daniel Espinoza Joshua Joaquin Jimenez <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Genhao Liu, *Magna Cum Laude* Christopher Thomas Mattis <sup>(T)</sup>, *Suma Cum Laude* James Peter Ramos Williams, *Magna Cum Laude* 

*Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management - A.A.* Tara Lyn Kanturek Haley Caroline Patane

Fashion Design: Custom Dressmaking-Small Business Oriented - A.S.

Alexandra Caitlin Thomas

Fashion Design: Technical Apparel Industry Oriented - A.S. Lesly Ann Ta, Magna Cum Laude

*Fashion Design: Theater Costuming - A.S.* Sarah Adele Rodriguez-Soto, *Cum Laude* 

*Fashion Merchandising - A.S.* Alyssa Marie Menner, *Cum Laude* Jeanette Woods

*History - A.A.* Bryan F. Jackson

*History - A.A.-T* Moises Julian Amaya <sup>(T)\*</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Monserrath Jesus Arciga Mendoza Dawson Charles Kinnamon <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* William Christopher Mann <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Aliz Yoana Montoya <sup>(T)</sup>

#### Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Arts & Humanities - A.A.

Andrew James Davenport, *Magna Cum Laude* Eloisa Duarte Lopez <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* William Christopher Mann <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Adriana Guadalupe Ortiz Victoria Tsyrenova, *Cum Laude* 

#### Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Arts & Humanities CSU - A.A.

Sandra Casillas Maria-Xouxa Hideko Latendresse <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Evan Thomas Ramos

#### Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Natural Science & Mathematics - A.A.

Kimberly A. Booker, *Cum Laude* Danielle Lorraine Giovando <sup>(T)</sup>, *Cum Laude*  Anthony Brice Leon Chumptazi \*, *Cum Laude* Neymi M. Madrigal Emma Alejandra Mayoral <sup>(T)</sup>\*, *Magna Cum Laude* Monserrath Munoz, *Magna Cum Laude* Cypro Craig Cyler Hernandez Parrocha, *Cum Laude* Jamon Michael Roberts\*, *Magna Cum Laude* 

#### Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Natural Science & Mathematics CSU -A.A. Yara Jazmin Gomez-Zavala <sup>(T)</sup>

Tyler L. Nelson, *Magna Cum Laude* 

#### Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Natural Science & Mathematics UC - A.A. Xinyue Hai <sup>(T)</sup>

# Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Social & Behavioral Sciences - A.A.

Delmy Cristina Acosta (T) Jasmine Alicia Acosta-Govea Da'hareeha Jah'hirr Allen Jessica Avila Vasquez, Cum Laude Elizabeth Zamora Batres, Magna Cum Laude Diana Kariela Castro (T), Cum Laude **Jasmine Kristal Chavez** Linda Desfassiaux Angel F. Felix (T) Yoana Fierros Pamela Garcia Danielle Lorraine Giovando (T), Cum Laude Devin Lee Gonsalves-Castro, Magna Cum Lauda Aida Lopez Gonzales (T)\*, Cum Laude Jake Randall Holtz, Magna Cum Laude Francisco G. Jarquin, Cum Laude Marina Lolita Kirk <sup>(T)</sup>, Magna Cum Laude Luis Laguna (T)\*, Cum Laude Karla S. Larson Jorge Christian Madero Beltran (T)\* Destiny Desiree Martinez\*

# Associate Degrees

Jacquelin Mendez<sup>(T)\*</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Desiree Isabel Mora Mongrut, *Cum Laude* Monserrath Munoz, *Magna Cum Laude* Karely Nunez Mary Elizabeth Ofakineiafu Molly Marica Basich Sandoval Mabel Sum <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Merilyn C. Tonga Victoria Tsyrenova, *Cum Laude* Jose Elizardo Turcios Hernandez <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Kimberly Valdez Charlotte Ann Wilson, *Magna Cum Laude* Qilin Zhu

# Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Social & Behavioral Sciences CSU- A.A.

Beymar Yael Abarca Lopez, *Magna Cum Laude* Ofelia Arevalo Anabel Ontiberos Barron Diana Luz Gomez Ortega <sup>(T)</sup>, *Cum Laude* Kimberly Yuliana Gonzalez Alvarez Anthony Joseph Martin <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Jessica M. Martin, *Magna Cum Laude* Janet Ortega Ramirez Nikolas Diego Rodriguez

#### Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Social & Behavioral Sciences UC- A.A.

Yadira Acosta Tena <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Pablo Andres Gonzales Villagran <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* 

# Interior Design - A.S.

Walaa Jamal Alshaer, *Magna Cum Laude* Isabel Marisela Barajas <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Michelle M. Beaulaurier, *Cum Laude* Dianna Wojciechowski Choi, *Magna Cum Laude* Jazmin Michelle Dalton, *Magna Cum Laude* Dulce Herrejon, *Magna Cum Laude* Harkirat Kaur

Abigael Mwongeli King'Oo, Magna Cum Laude Yuk-King Lau, Magna Cum Laude Alyssa Rene Leong, Cum Laude Miriam Assis Lima, Magna Cum Laude Courtney G. Limcaco Brizeyda Esmeralda Lopez Astrid Melina Lopez Vasquez (T) Claudette S. Macmillan, Magna Cum Laude Claire Maree Malik, Magna Cum Laude Victoria I. Maya, Cum Laude Anne Kelly Mellenthin, Cum Laude Caitlin Alyssa Neciuk, Magna Cum Laude Kristin Nicole Star, Magna Cum Laude Winnie Tak Yu Wan, Suma Cum Laude Katlin Leigh Warren, Cum Laude Brooke Farr White, Cum Laude Lauren Michelle Willoughby, Magna Cum Laude

**Kinesiology - A.A.** Yara Jazmin Gomez-Zavala <sup>(T)</sup>

### *Kinesiology - A.A.-T* Delmy Cristina Acosta <sup>(T)</sup> Andre A. Bavoukian <sup>(T)</sup> Ethan Antonio Castillo Mario Luis Duran <sup>(T)</sup>\*, *Magna Cum Laude* Nico Roman Flores, *Magna Cum Laude* Annabella Marie Garcia, *Magna Cum Laude* Yara Jazmin Gomez-Zavala <sup>(T)</sup> Lucas Herrera, *Cum Laude* John Lawvan Gutierrez Johns, *Cum Laude* Alexandria Mei Lin Loos <sup>(T)</sup>\*, *Magna Cum Laude* Madison Ann Mandolado <sup>(T)</sup>, *Cum Laude* Jesus Reyes <sup>(T)</sup>\* Minami Suruki <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Kaitlynn Tran <sup>(T)</sup>

*Law, Public Policy & Society - A.A.-T* Karen Guadalupe Rico\* Latin American & Latino/a Studies - A.A. Linda Liceth Burgos, Magna Cum Laude

*Marketing - A.A.* Stephanie Miranda Giovanna Penchel Alvaren Santos, *Magna Cum Laude* 

*Mathematics - A.S.-T* Diana Kariela Castro<sup>(T)</sup>, *Cum Laude* Richard Dong<sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Janice M. Rincon Rodriguez<sup>(T)\*</sup> Ryusuke Yamamoto<sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* 

#### Medical Assisting - A.S.

Patricia Reyes Acevedo, *Cum Laude* Samantha Jane Campanelli Jennifer Jazmin Ceja Esbeide Y. Chavez Julissa Evangelista, *Magna Cum Laude* Mercedes Renee Franks, *Magna Cum Laude* Anneth A. Hernandez Jimenez<sup>\*</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Cypro Craig Cyler Hernandez Parrocha, *Cum Laude* Cecilia Ruiz Jessica Santiago-Torres, *Magna Cum Laude* Miriam Graciela Vasquez-Carranza

*Medical Billing Specialist - A.S.* Samantha Jane Campanelli Angelica Espinoza Khang Nguyen Phong, *Magna Cum Laude* 

**Nutrition and Dietetics - A.S.-T** Rochelle Marie Abrams, *Magna Cum Laude* 

**Paralegal - A.S.** Nadia Louis Hermez Piam Mottaghian Bennie E. Shannon Lisa Ann Strickland *Philosophy - A.A-T.* Ivan Landeros <sup>(T)</sup>

**Physics - A.S.-T** Richard Dong <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Anthony Brice Leon Chumptazi \*, *Cum Laude* 

#### Political Science - A.A-T.

Nicole Cordova <sup>(T)\*</sup> Sumaya Ibrahim Eskariyat <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Diana Luz Gomez Ortega <sup>(T)</sup>, *Cum Laude* Nallely Juarez-Orozco Elizabeth Tamsen Miller, *Suma Cum Laude* Ana Alejandra Moreno <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Phuong-Thao Nhu Nguyen <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Barry Allen Robinson, *Magna Cum Laude* 

#### Psychology - A.A.

Rochelle Marie Abrams, *Magna Cum Laude* Briana Amaya-Adle Kelly S. Clemente Aida Lopez Gonzales <sup>(T)\*</sup>, *Cum Laude* Priscilla Limoli, *Cum Laude* Jorge Christian Madero Beltran <sup>(T)\*</sup> Jacquelin Mendez <sup>(T)\*</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Merve Perek Mabel Sum <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Jose Elizardo Turcios Hernandez <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* 

Psychology - A.A.-T

Mira George Abdelmalek <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Delmy Cristina Acosta <sup>(T)</sup> Jaelin E. Aguilera-Balisi <sup>(T)</sup>, *Magna Cum Laude* Norma Alvarez Jimenez Imane Sophia Amani Olivia Xin-Mei Andrews <sup>(T)</sup>\*, *Magna Cum Laude* Mallak Ismaeel Asfour <sup>(T)</sup> Aileen Azucena Ayala Zirate <sup>(T)</sup> Liam M. Barry <sup>(T)</sup> Salvador Andrew Cardenas <sup>(T)</sup>\*

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# Class of 2023 Co-Valedictorians

These graduates were acknowledged as Cañada College's top students for the 2022-2023 Academic Year. This includes summer and fall 2022 and spring 2023. We are proud to recognize these top students as Co-Valedictorians for the Class of 2023.



# ∽ Marianna Andreeva

Cañada College has given Marianna the opportunity to start a new career path in Psychology. Throughout her educational journey, she has met inspiring faculty and classmates. Marianna feels it was a great honor and pleasure to study here, and she hopes to be able to use this experience to help others on their life journey.



# Miriya Ashley Mayenkar

After graduation, Miriya will be attending UC Berkeley as a Bioengineering and Business major through the M.E.T. (Management, Entrepreneurship, and Technology) Program. In addition to providing stimulating classes, Cañada College has also helped her on her educational journey by providing job opportunities and connecting her with internship opportunities where she developed useful interpersonal and technical skills that she will apply in her future career.



# 🗢 🛛 Elizabeth Tamsen Miller

Elizabeth earned an Associate in Arts for Transfer Degree in Political Science from Cañada College in Fall 2022. She transferred to San Francisco State University where she is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations with an emphasis on Russian Politics. Elizabeth is forever grateful to her loving children, her amazing professors, and the many others who have supported and inspired her throughout her academic journey. It was at Cañada College where Elizabeth expanded her horizons and discovered new possibilities and opportunities which she plans to pursue, including continued studies at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford.



# Jaime Andres Dubeibe Fong

Jaime Andres Dubeibe Fong is an international student born in Venezuela. He enrolled in Cañada College in the Fall of 2021 as an International online student and joined our community in the Spring of 2022. He received his Associate for Transfer Degree in Economics and will transfer to the University of California, Irvine to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Business Economics in Fall 2023.

During his time at Cañada College, Jaime has been involved in a number of events and organizations such as the Associated Students of Cañada College. He started as a Senator at Large for Business Design and Workforce and later ran for the position of Vice President, serving through the Spring 2023 semester. He also dedicated his time to helping students during his time in the Cañada College Library where he worked as a Student Assistant.

Through organizing events and in his role as a student leader, Jaime helped bring life into the campus and created initiatives that supported the needs of students. Such was the case of the transportation initiative where Jaime worked as editor and speaker to patrons at the President's Luncheon where he advocated for transportation assistance for students. He led campus-wide events such as Constitution Day, National Coming Out Day, Disability Awareness and the Student Leadership Awards themed around the Cherry Blossom Festival.

Jaime wouldn't have been able to make it up to this point without the help and support of his friends: Louis Tang, Jimmy Kim, Chloe Knott, Vijeet Upadhyay, Bimara Mendez and Francesca Re Fraschini. He is also grateful for the support of his family and advisors: Paul Gaskins, Carlos Luna, Tessa Noriega and Dr. Michiko Kealoha.



# \infty 🛛 Louis Tam Tang

Louis Tang began attending Cañada College during the Fall 2021 semester. Prior to Cañada College, he attended a school where he faced discrimination because of his mental disability—highfunctioning autism.

For most of his life, Louis knew that he wanted to be an animator and a freelance artist. When he arrived at Cañada College, he had not planned on becoming involved in campus activities, including Student Senate. However, when he was hired to work as a Student Intern at Cañada College's Center for Student Life and Leadership Development in the Spring 2022 semester, he was provided with numerous positive experiences and opportunities for growth in his art career, activism, leadership, and personal life.

Louis joined the Associated Students of Cańada College (ASCC)'s Student Senate as the Commissioner of Design and Marketing

for the 2022-23 school year. During his time in the Student Senate, he pushed for a student-led Disability Awareness Panel event, the first in at least a decade. He also started a Disability & Mental Health Initiative with the intent to make a positive impact on future students at Cañada College by providing a platform to understand an unseen community. Because of his extracurricular involvement at Cañada, he was encouraged to reach his dream of being a motivational speaker in hopes that he can change the world and make a difference with his message of inclusion.

Louis will be transferring to California State University, Fullerton to study Entertainment Art in the Fall 2023 semester. Louis would like to give a big shout out to everyone in his life who has supported him to get to this milestone and helped him to become the confident young man and leader that he is today!

# Academic Regalia

The colorful attire worn by the graduates, the faculty and officers of the College on the occasion of Commencement has historic roots in medieval times. A statute in 1321 required that all "Doctors, Licentiates and Bachelors" of the University of Coimbra wear gowns. Academic attire began to appear on United States campuses in the late 1890s. A conference was held in May of 1895 at Columbia University with college representatives to establish a code of regalia for American colleges and universities. Since then there have been a few revisions, but what remains in a tradition of colors found in gowns, hoods and caps.

The faculty Grand Marshal will carry an academic mace at today's ceremony. The academic mace, first used in the 14th century, is descended from the club of Hercules. The scepter on the mace stands for lawful power and regal authority, and was carried by Zeus, the Greek God of moral law and order. Cañada's mace is made primarily of red oak with olivewood embellishments. These are two trees which are abundant on the Cañada College campus.

Bachelor's and Master's gowns show pointed sleeves, open yokes and no trimmings. Doctoral gowns have bell shaped sleeves and velvet trimming. Hoods are worn over the gown to designate bachelor's, master's or doctoral degrees. Hoods are not worn for associate degrees. Inside all hoods are the colors of the college or university granting the degree. The colored velvet binding or edging of the hood is determined by the degree subject awarded.

Agriculture – Maize Arts, Letters & Humanities – White Commerce, Accountancy & Business – Drab Dentistry – Lilac Economics – Copper Education – Light Blue Engineering – Orange Fine Arts, including Architecture – Brown Forestry – Russet Journalism – Crimson Law – Purple Library Science – Lemon Medicine – Green Music – Pink Nursing – Apricot Oratory/Speech – Silver Gray Pharmacy – Olive Green Philosophy – Dark Blue Physical Education – Sage Green Public Administration – Peacock Blue Public Health – Salmon Pink Science – Golden Yellow Social Work – Citron Theology – Scarlet Veterinary Science – Gray

# ∼ Cañada Honors Sashes

Students graduating with honors designations are awarded sashes which signify their level of academic achievement. Students who are graduating with Summa Cum Laude designation (4.0 cumulative GPA) receive a gold sash; students graduating with Magna Cum Laude designation (3.5 and above cumulative GPA) receive a silver sash, students graduating with Cum Laude designation (3.3 and above cumulative GPA) receive a bronze sash. Students who are eligible for Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society receive a gold PTK sash.

# History of Cañada College



Cañada College opened in 1968 as part of the three-school San Mateo County Community College District. Cañada offers hundreds of academic, transfer and career classes during the day, in the evening and on weekends. Cañada is recognized as one of the top community colleges in northern California for successful transfer rates and degree completion. As a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution, Cañada College provides a rich and diverse environment for students of all ages and backgrounds. The primary service area for the college is the southern portion of San Mateo County, Redwood City, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, San Carlos, Atherton, Portola Valley, La Honda, Woodside, Half Moon Bay, and Pescadero.

Cañada College is one of the smallest community colleges in the Bay Area enabling it to meet its mission of ensuring that students from diverse backgrounds achieve their educational goals by providing quality instruction in transfer and general education classes, workforce programs, and basic skills. The college has historically been rated as one of the best community colleges in Northern California in transferring students to four-year colleges and universities. Students find excellent educational programs and a highly respected two-year general education program as well as workforce training in an array of fields including, computer information systems, radiologic technology, fashion design, interior design, business, engineering, multimedia, technology, paralegal, human services, medical assisting and business/office technology.

# In Memoriam

The Class of 2023 honors the memory of a member of our Cañada family. He is in our hearts today.



# $\sim$ Jose Navarrete

Cañada Alumni Jose "Shorty" Navarrete played soccer for the Cañada Colts and was awarded an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts in 1983 before transferring to Sacramento State University where he continued his collegiate soccer career. His love of soccer led him to become the Women's Varsity Head Coach at Woodside High School for more than 20 years, earning him the nickname of "Mr. Woodside." In recognition of his contributions, he was awarded the 2020-2021 CCS Honor Coach of the Year.

Known as a great ambassador for the sport, Jose was an advocate for soccer in general and girls' soccer, specifically. His former players, spoke on how instrumental he had been in their success, by the life lessons they learned while playing for him. As a coach, Jose was known for his positivity and encouragement. He was often admired for uplifting his players and colleagues.

Outside of soccer, Jose's other passion was Mariachi music and celebrating holidays with his family. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl, whom he met at Cañada while they were student athletes, and adult children Stephen and Daniella.



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# Student Artwork

Artwork Submitted by Cañada College Student, Gato Rivera

"A family of deer and doe grazing peacefully on a sunny day. The photograph of these beautiful animals next to the Cañada College sign displays a peaceful and welcoming environment."





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