

Student Recognition & Achievement Ceremony

2025-2026



Student Achievement and Awards | Event Program

Event Overview

Breanna Castro, *Director, Financial Aid Services & Emcee*

Welcome & Congratulatory Remarks

Kim Lopez, *President*

San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation

Karen Chadwick, *Scholarships and Donor Stewardship Manager,
San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation*

Student Recognition & Guest Speakers Honoring Transfer Students, Tutors, Peer Mentors & Scholarship Recipients:

Transfer Program Recognition

Ariela Villalpando, *Program Supervisor, COLTS-U Transfer Center*

Honors Transfer Program Recognition

Rebekah Sidman-Taveau, *Ph.D., Honors Transfer Program Coordinator*

Tutor & Peer Mentor Recognition

Ron Andrade, *Ed.D., Director of Student Support – Learning Center*

Alumni Speaker

Aimee Kanadjian – *Cañada Alumna*

Scholarship Recognition

Lizette Bricker, *Vice President of Student Services*

Breanna Castro, *Director, Financial Aid Services*

Kim Lopez, *President*

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

CAÑADA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR THE 2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

AAUW, Mid-Peninsula Chapter Scholarship

The Mid-Peninsula AAUW Board offers an annual scholarship through the San Mateo Community College Foundation. The scholarship will be for \$2,000 annually for two years. Applicants must show evidence of the following for consideration: must be attending Cañada College, must be a graduate of a Sequoia Union High School, demonstrate academic merit and financial need, and must maintain a “B” average at the four-year academic institution at which the scholarship recipient attends. This scholarship opportunity is open to all, but preference is that the scholarship recipient be a woman.

Isabella Burns

Assistance League of San Mateo County

This scholarship is to help single parents and re-entry students to attend or continue to attend college in an effort to become more financially self-sufficient through education. Students must have economic needs. Special consideration given to women and single mothers.

Elizabeth Lopez

Lorena Sterne Aguilar

Barbara McCarthy Scholarship

This scholarship is for continuing students pursuing a career in the fields of Physical Education or Healthcare. Recipients must have completed 12 units at Cañada College, with a minimum 2.75 GPA, and demonstrate a commitment to community service.

Michelle Weiby

Beverly Travlos Scholarship

The Beverly Travlos Scholarship funds are directed toward students pursuing education and degrees in fashion design and merchandising. They are meant to help those in need reach their full potential by removing obstacles to education. This scholarship is for Cañada College students who are enrolled full time or part time, is open to new, returning, continuing and transferring students. First-generation college students preferred, must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher, be majoring in fashion design and merchandising and intend to transfer to a 4-year college/University after completing their educational program at Cañada College.

Mirella Cena

Moises Cruz Jauregui

Dubraska De La Torre

Mia Frappereau

Kengo Lake

Jennifer Moya

Sterling Pierce

Zofia Pina

Andria Takesy

Big Smile Scholarship

This scholarship was established in the memory of the donor’s uncle whose big smile was the defining characteristic of his personality. In his work as an appliance salesman at Sears, and in his personal life, his big smile made people feel welcome and appreciated. This scholarship is for a deserving student whose own “big smile” and positive outlook are commendable.

Paloma Sanchez

Briana Scholarship

This scholarship provides financial support for justice-impacted students or former foster youth enrolled at College of San Mateo, Cañada College, and Skyline College.

Kingston Jack

Bruno and Kathleen “Be” Carnovale Scholarship

This scholarship is to help students improve their ability to more fully participate in the economy and society. A hope is that some of the beneficiaries will someday be able to enjoy the pleasures of paying the favor forward. Criteria for this award is based on full time or part time enrollment, GPA must be at least 2.5 or higher, student must have unmet financial need, and be currently employed. This scholarship is offered to graduating high school seniors, new, returning, continuing and transferring students and shall be rotated annually between the three colleges.

Deborah Esparza

Cañada Veterans HAS Scholarship

This scholarship supports part-time student veterans attending Cañada College who volunteer in their community and/or show commitment to assisting other veterans. Students must have a minimum 2.8 GPA.

John Khazrae

Changemakers Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is dedicated to promoting student success and educational equity at Cañada College by supporting undocumented students and/or those actively engaged with the Undocumented Community Center (UCC).

Areli Aguilar-Francisco

CSEA Chapter 33 Scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored by the California School Employees Association Chapter 33 and is for a full time, continuing student who has demonstrated leadership skills on campus through student government, clubs, student employment, tutoring or mentorship.

Savannah Basanez

Dale & Helen Mersereau Scholarship

This is a discretionary scholarship fund for Cañada students selected by the scholarship committee on the basis of financial need and academic merit. The students shall be incoming, continuing, or returning.

Manuel Aguilar Alfaro

Seyedehferyal Asadi

David Cisneros Tang

Xiangjun Deng

Isabella Eva Bigatti

Noe Farias-Cabrena

Tatiana Fedorova

Vitolio Foliaki

Ricardo Garibay

Jason Gonzalez Rios

Marisol Herrera

Jocelene Jimenez

Zhoomart Kadyrkulov

Michelle Kui

Sierra Legos

Alex Mendoza

Duy Minh Tri Nguyen

Gugulethu Ndlovu

Emely Olivares

Melissa Pacheco

Neena Rashed

Emily Romero

Elizabeth Severin

Tanner Shockley

Leah Simmons

Patrycja Slabik

Yesenia Valencia

Rocio Vega

Pamela Velarde

Samantha Ventura

Erik Villa Perez

Danny Carlos Memorial Scholarship

Danny Carlos was a Redwood City resident, husband, father and former member of the Cañada Colts Baseball Team whose life ended much too soon and before he had finished all he was meant to do. This scholarship given in Danny's memory is awarded to graduating high school seniors and continuing students who will attend Cañada College fulltime. Students must be passionate about service to others and seek to change the world for the better through education, hard work and laughter. Recipients must have demonstrated high academic achievement, service to the community through volunteerism, financial need and be first generation college students.

*Josue Cardona Lima
Eduarda De Linardo
Brayan Ledesma
Heissel Rivas Soriano*

Darryl Usher Memorial Scholarship

In memory of Darryl Usher, son of Alma Usher, an emeritus classified staff member at Cañada, this scholarship is awarded annually to a student athlete of merit with demonstrated financial need.

Jonathan Pedraza Barrera

Dorothy Howard Scholarship (AAUW San Mateo Branch)

This scholarship is for a transfer student.

*Maria Brandoni
Elizabeth Jones*

Dr. Genevieve H. Cory Interior Design Scholarship

This Cañada scholarship is for a continuing full-time or part-time student in Interior Design who is chosen by the Interior Design Department. The criteria are industriousness, diligence, devotion to the program and to the interior design field, at least a modicum of talent, and other criteria determined by the Interior Design faculty.

*Nydia Mayen
Dolly Paucar Romero
Sittinon Ruamsuk
Nancy Ruiz*

Dr. Steve Shire Endowment Scholarship

The Dr. Steven J. Shire Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to the Cañada College Digital Art and Animation student who would like to expand her/his knowledge and skill in photography. The award is generously donated by the Shire family in memory of Steve, a scientist and lover of digital art who passed away in June 2017. Steve particularly enjoyed multimedia classes in Cañada College's Digital Art and Animation department and the Shire family has chosen to honor his passion.

*Sebastian Gonzalez
Joy Jamestown*

ECE Student Scholarship

This scholarship is for students who have declared Early Childhood Education as their major and are preparing for an AS degree or transfer. Minimum 3.25 GPA, demonstrated financial need, and has shown service to the community.

Elisa Ramirez

Elizabeth Egan Scholarship in Art

Scholarship is for one student per year. This scholarship is for a continuing or returning student majoring in Studio Art, Students must have completed one year at Cañada, be full time, have a minimum 3.5 GPA and demonstrated financial need.

*Gianni Berini
Tymur Borisov
Sarah Bradbury
Sandra Brown Sexton
Jeovanny Carlos
Natalie Cash
Walter Herrera
Jane Jeffers
Abhishek Joshi
Miranda Manjarrez Montero
Leah Mora-Valtierra
Thien-Tuan Nam Nguyen
Tangying Shen
Alexandria Thomas*

F.L. Griffin Scholarship

This scholarship is for a Cañada student who is an immigrant that has a 3.0 GPA or higher and financial need, living in San Mateo County or Santa Clara County; preference should be given to continuing students at Cañada.

*Xiaoyan Gu
Dilrilene Rodrigues Araujo Teixeira*

Gail Kamei Scholarship

This scholarship is given to honor the memory of classified staff member, Gail Kamei, whose warmth and kindness were a hallmark of her career at Cañada College. This scholarship will be awarded each year to a current or former student assistant in recognition of their outstanding service and contributions to the college.

Maritza Ochoa

Gerald Messner/Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

This scholarship is for a continuing or transferring Cañada student who is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and is majoring in the humanities.

Charlotte McLaughlin

Hamilton Award for Excellence in STEM

This award is for Cañada students of merit majoring in math or science fields. Students must have at least a 3.2 GPA with plans to pursue a bachelor's or graduate degree. Selection of the award is made by the Science and Technology Division faculty and is based on academic achievement and service to the Division. Two awards will be given this year to recognize an outstanding continuing student and an outstanding transfer student. The Hamilton Award for Excellence in STEM is a \$1,000 scholarship given to each of the Science & Technology Division outstanding students.

*John-Carlo Calderon
Bryan Romero Pacheco*

Hamilton Family Chancellor's Scholarship Fund

Daniel Boyd

Hennessy Family Scholarship

This scholarship recognizes Cañada students of merit who will be the first in their family to receive a college degree. Students must be full-time, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and are working towards earning their associates degree and/or transferring to earn a bachelor's degree.

*Brian Cooke
Nayeli Garcia
Andy Hernandez
Miguel Infante
Oliver Loza*

Hobbach Family Endowed Scholarship

The Hobbach Family Scholarship is open to full-time Cañada College students looking to further their education or professional careers, but lacking financial resources or family aid to achieve them. As part of the application process, candidates who wish to be considered should include a personal statement addressing their need, along with a description of future goals they plan to accomplish. Higher consideration will be given to students who are involved in campus life and programs celebrating Latino culture, including PUENTE, MESA, TRIO, Latino culture activities and EOPS.

Perla Perez Toledo

Humanities and Social Sciences Scholarship

The award gives recognition to students who exemplify exceptional interest and merit in the humanities/social sciences.

Jane Jeffers

Iliff Scholarship

This is an award for international students based first on need, then on academic excellence. The award is administered by the International Student advisors, with one award at each college.

Yanze Ma

James R. and Hope A. Tormey Memorial Endowment Fund

Jim Tormey was a Trustee of the District from 1971-1995; he established this scholarship in memory of his parents in 1988. The scholarship is for a full-time second-year student who has completed at least 30 units, or a graduate of one of the district's colleges who will matriculate as an education major in the education department of the California State University system or the University of California.

Daniela Acevedo

Jean Evelyn Letsinger Scholarship

This scholarship is from the estate of Jean Letsinger and is to be used to recognize students pursuing a career in teaching. Students must demonstrate financial need.

Shirley Zuniga Calderon

Joan B. Del Gaudio Trailblazer Scholarship

To provide scholarship awards for first-generation and re-entry students who are enrolled at Cañada College and overcoming adversity to be a trailblazer for themselves and/or their families in their pursuit of education. Applicants must show evidence of the following for consideration: enrollment at Cañada College, although some coursework may be taken at Skyline and College of San Mateo, have financial need to pursue educational goals, and have the intention of part-time or full-time enrollment (documentation of 6-12 credits required).

Naarai Alcantara Amador

Cynthia Ferrera

Kitchen & Bath Design Student Scholarship

This scholarship is for an Interior Design student pursuing the Kitchen & Bath Certificate. Minimum cumulative GPA: 3.0. The award will be determined annually by the Cañada Interior Design faculty.

Angelina Rossovich

Laura Hill Griffin Scholarship

This Cañada scholarship is for a re-entry student who is a parent with a 3.0 GPA and financial need living in San Mateo County or Santa Clara County; preference should be given to continuing students at Cañada.

Gabrierla Cervantes

Bryanna McGee

Serena Okigbo

Lewis Family STEM Scholarship

This scholarship is for incoming, continuing or transferring students majoring in a STEM field. Students must have demonstrated financial need and a minimum 2.5 GPA.

*Chanel O'Dell
Mathew Silipin
Delvin Vasquez-Fuentes*

Math Club Scholarship

This scholarship is for STEM majors that are part-time, continuing, or transferring students who actively participate in Math Club or related events and engage in service to the community. Students must have a 2.5 minimum GPA.

*Junqi Cui
Meng Qu*

Monterra Credit Union Scholarship

This scholarship is for students with a minimum 3.0 GPA who have financial need and have performed and are committed to service in their community.

*Blanca Luna
Justin Wooldridge*

Nellie Leong Scholarship

This scholarship is in honor of Nellie Leong, a dedicated and popular 10-year employee of the SMCCCD. This scholarship is for full time students and shall be awarded based on a combination of financial need and academic performance.

*Rana Abuirbaileh
Natsumi Agemoto
Nadera Ali
Crystal Avila Silva
Denys Borisov
Luzia Carrero Inglessis
Wendy Castaneda
Nathalie Chavez
Lesley Chavez Miranda
Joshua Christensen
Zhaobin Dang*

*Kandy Eugenio
Lauren Gamel
Israel Hernandez
Rowena Lagutan
Sian Leafa
Sara Lopez
Ashley Lopez
Christopher Mendoza
Bianca Miller
Chan Myae Khin
Salvador Nunez Vasquez
Alejandro Ordonez Fernandez
Justin Parrish
Rickesh Patel
Bryan Payan Morales
Carlos Perez-Mendez
Jennifer Reynoso-Avina
Kathy Ruiz Alarcon
Jessica Santillan Gonzalez
Lupita Segura
Kai Shih Wang
Jack Snyder
Agustin Suarez
Tabbeta Torres
Jeimy Veliz
Taiam White
Yue Yu
Diego Zarate
Julieta Zuniga Gonzalez*

Osher Scholars Endowment Scholarship

This scholarship is funded through the generosity of the Bernard Osher Foundation and is part of a \$25 million endowment to the Foundation for Community Colleges. Student eligibility is based on a combination of criteria including eligibility for the California College Promise Grant fee waiver, determination to achieve in spite of adversity and a commitment towards completing their college education. Students must be enrolled at least half time and be making satisfactory academic progress.

Yousef Anshasi

Ilona Krassavskaya

Melissa Quinonez

Paola Rico Ruiz

Alejandro Viveros Hernandez

Pat Hanada Classified Service Scholarship

Named in memory of long-time classified staff member Pat Hanada, this scholarship will be awarded each year to a Cañada student in recognition of outstanding service and/or contributions to the College, either as a volunteer, as a club officer, or as a paid student assistant. Minimum GPA of 2.5, continuing or transferring student.

Diana Castro

Pepsi Scholarship Fund

This scholarship is to recognize a student of academic merit who demonstrates financial need. Students may be incoming, continuing, or transferring.

Irene Chavez

Christopher Ochoa

Private Client Reserve Scholarship

This scholarship is for incoming, continuing, or transferring Cañada students of merit who are committed to attaining a college degree.

Carlos Angulo

Dylan Antunovich

Shadia Awamleh

Manuel Barron Armenta

Aika Berry

Xavier Castillo Sevilla

Alejandro Diaz Perez

Montserrat Garcia Felipe

Beatriz Garcia Felipe

Christian Knod

Atekeh Mojgan Laali

Ruby Powlen

Rannier Rayos Del Sol

Jessica Reta Meza

Ivan Salas

Maritess Samson

Maritza Solis

Nicole Soult

Tsyregma Talamanova

Martha Vasquez

Project Change Scholarship

The Project Change Scholarship was established by Tom Bauer. This scholarship is for a student who illustrates commitment to social service both on campus and in the community. Has engaged regularly in student leadership opportunities and is an active member of the Project Change learning community. The recipient must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and plan to transfer to a four-year university.

Alexis Leon

Cristian Romero Cardenas

Rhonda Chaney Design Scholarship Fund

The Ronda Chaney Scholarship for Fashion and Interior Design is a scholarship to benefit students with unmet financial need and enrolled in the Canada College Interior Design or Fashion and Merchandising programs. The scholarship was established by Mr. Richard Pope, a former student and lover of great design. As a student, he benefited from the instruction, inspiration, and camaraderie of Prof. Chaney. With the creation of this scholarship fund, Mr. Pope wants to enable other students to pursue their passion and creativity as well.

*Maliya Anderson
Marih Bulosan
Apryl Haynes
Christian Juarez*

Robert & Toni Oyster Endowed Scholarship

Named for local community members, Robert and Toni Oyster, this scholarship is given to a continuing or transferring student who has demonstrated financial need. Preference given to students who have returned or re-entered college after a break who are committed towards achieving a college education.

*Maria Aguilar
Alejandro Almaguer
Angie Barrios Ramos
Savannah Basanez
Edith Benitez
Daniela Bigatti
Kanjamad Bosel
Emily Christman
Dakota Doss
Shauntae English
Semi Evsen
Itzel Garcia
Alejandra Godinez Tinajero
Kenya Hardy
Altaira Hernandez
Maria Hernandez
Yanina Jimenez Hualpa
Gloria Jimenez Rocha
Yaling Lin*

*Kamilla Linder
Eri Lopez Lomeli
Steven Lopez Lopez
Tristan Ludvig
Jennifer Maranion
Dolores Medina
Jacob Mora
Stephanie Nicolas
John Olson
Sierra Orduna
Katy Oseguera
Carmen Pinto
Nancy Price
Daniel Pulido
Jessica Raheb
Crystal Rangel-Cruz
Nisha Rao
Celene Reyes
Ali Rismanbaf
Angel Samora-Delgadillo
Angelica Sham
Hesper Shin
Alex Silva
Aswin Siwakoti
Jared Spendlove
Gloria Tamayo
Sofia Velasco Quijada
Jose Victoria
Amy Williams
Chishuo Yao
Jaime Zepeda*

Robert Stiff Scholarship

This scholarship, in honor of emeritus Cañada President Robert Stiff, is awarded each year to recognize students of academic merit with economic/ financial need, students who have demonstrated a commitment to the betterment of Cañada, CSM and Skyline College by being involved in leadership or volunteer activities. Students may be continuing with the intent to transfer or transferring to a four-year college or university. This scholarship is available to Cañada, CSM and Skyline College on a rotating basis.

Lena Hofstrom

Jose Pirir

Keitlan Wallace

San Mateo County Community College Foundation Finish Line Fund Scholarship

San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation raises funds for scholarships and educational programs for our District's three colleges. Contributions to the Foundation are received from many sources: individuals (including alumni), businesses, civic groups, community organizations, and other foundations. This scholarship is awarded at the discretion of the Foundation Scholarship Committee to promote student success.

Edgar Alvarado

Ishaan Aradhye

Haley Bates

Larissa Celtron

Kricia Chamagua

Jisu Chang

Lucia Corona Espinosa

Lashanda DeRosans

Flor Flores Gonzales

Tawanna Foster

Zachariah Foster

Jonathan Garcia Martinez

Teodora Gregorio Encarnacion

Elaine Haag

Cecelia Haristoy

Kyra Harris

Griselda Huggins

Yanmin Ma

Maria Martinez Banda

Santiago Martinez Cardona

Paige McGaraghan

Azucena Medrano

Benigno Medrano Mojica

Giovana Menassa

Matias Montañez Morales

Daniel Morales Tijerina

Santiago Myers-Ascencio

Sophie Needleman

Diosis Ortega Santos

Fabiana Rojas

Johan Romero

Ailyn Rosas Ortega

Diana Santiago Gallardo

Victor Serrano

Patsy Soberanes Higuera

Avantika Swaminathan

Lyric Tully

Treysi Vasquez

Taylon Wilson-Banks

Luisa Zamora Acosta

Sara Zarei

Rosa Zuniga Ortega

SMCCCD Retirees' Scholarship

This annual scholarship is sponsored by the retirees of the three colleges – Cañada, CSM, and Skyline. This scholarship is for continuing or transferring students at Cañada College, College of San Mateo, and Skyline College. Applicants must show evidence of the following for consideration: have a minimum GPA of 3.0, completed 12 units, and be enrolled full-time.

Yuliia Borysova

Social Sciences of Cañada College Scholarship

This scholarship is for a fulltime student who plans to transfer with a minimum GPA of 3.5. Major or career track in Anthropology, Communication Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology. The recipients should participate in various clubs on campus, especially the Social Sciences Club, Political Awareness Club, and/or Phi Theta Kappa.

Stephanye Mata

Sterling Redman Scholarship

To provide scholarship awards to new, continuing, and transferring students at Cañada College, College of San Mateo, and Skyline College who demonstrate a commitment to community involvement and volunteerism.

Anayeli Ambrosio Olvera

Traves Arredondoalencia

Valeria Arroyo

Jabelyn Beltran

Alicia Bladen Rivers

Paul Bocanegra

Jennifer Caldwell Riley

Kimberly Cano

Odalís Catalan Orrego

Chundi Chen

July Cotos

Elizabeth Da Cruz Leal

Kaiwen Deng

Lola Figueroa

Olivia Flores

Anastacia Fomin

Shereen Foroutani Ali Abad

Ghislane Galindo

Miriam Garcia

Sophia Goodwin

Leila Hauser

Arnav Kumar

Benick Kyle Florencio

Federico Longhi

Claudia Lopez

Jessica Martinez

Ricardo Melendrez

Carlos Mendez

Otto Morales

Valerie Moya

Apollo Myles

Mikayla Nguyen

John Nguyen

Mia Obando

Sean Pham

Sandra Pina

Laura Ramirez

Sofia Reyes-Zamora

Alexis Rincon

Samantha Rodriguez

Bilba Rongomas

Jennifer Rosa

Wendy Sanchez-Magana

Kali Smith

Ariana Velasco Rios

Therasha Williams

The Carmela Santino Scholarship Fund

To provide annual awards for full-time or part-time students at Cañada College who are pursuing a career in fashion design and merchandising. Applicants must show evidence of the following for consideration: indicate a plan to pursue a certificate, associate degree, or four-year degree in fashion design and merchandising, be a first-generation college student, and demonstrate an entrepreneurial nature and desire to exceed their limiting beliefs, and those of others, to make their professional dreams and goals come true.

Erika Zamora Garcia

The William & Cora Saperstein Foundation Scholarship Fund

The William and Cora Saperstein Foundation awards one to two-year \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students pursuing their associate degree in the San Mateo County Community College District.

Yuliia Borysova

Miguel Infante

Thomas C. Mohr Memorial Scholarship

Given in memory of Emeritus Cañada College President and former San Mateo County Community College District Trustee, Thomas C. Mohr, this scholarship is intended for a student who has demonstrated academic achievement and service in their community. Preference given to students with financial need who have demonstrated commitment to social change, justice and equity issues.

Johanna Lopez

Timothy Wagner Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was created to financially support Cañada College students and enable them to focus on their studies, achieve their educational aspirations, and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

Sophia Bautista Maldonado

Dante Coy

Mirella McClanahan

Evgeniya Olneva

Maria Pacheco

Jimmi Rojas Fernandez

Toby Merman Memorial Scholarship in Interior Design

This scholarship is for students in or entering the Interior Design Department who intend to pursue a professional career in the Interior Design fields. The student should demonstrate artistic or technical ability through a combination of portfolio, letters of recommendation, and/or GPA. Financial need is a criterion and the scholarship should be awarded to a student whose current circumstances present an obstacle. If all applicants are equally qualified, preference should be given to a veteran of the armed services.

Dolly Paucar Romero

Nancy Ruiz

Cameron Scargle

Vera Quijano Visual and Performing Arts Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to assist students pursuing careers in Visual and Performing Arts. Visual and Performing Arts are defined as dance, music, photography, drama, painting, sculpting, drawing, architecture, graphic design, mixed media, animation and gaming, multimedia, and museum studies. Students must have at least a 3.0 G.P.A, demonstrate financial need, and be accepted by and transferring to a baccalaureate and/or graduate degree program at an accredited institution majoring in a Visual and Performing Arts program as defined above.

Cameron Scargle

Virginia Hudson Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is for a transferring student of merit eligible under AB540 with limited access to financial aid resources. Special consideration for students planning to transfer to a California State University or University of California campus.

Joab Asencios



HONORS TRANSFER PROGRAM

The Cañada College Honors Transfer Program recognizes its 14th year of graduates. To graduate as an Honors Transfer Program Scholar, a student must have a 3.3 or higher GPA, and complete a minimum of 15 semester units of honors level coursework. In addition, many of our Honors Transfer Scholars have written original research and presented their work at selective regional conferences. We are proud of our scholars and wish them the best as they transfer to the most competitive universities in the country.

canadacollege.edu/honorsprogram

Amaliya Ananskaya

Associate in Science for Transfer in Business Administration 2.0
Associate in Science for Transfer in Mathematics AS-T
Associate in Arts for Transfer in Economics AA-T
Transfer Major: Economics and Applied Math

Aarya Ayyar

Transfer Major: Linguistics

Rolando Barriga-Rojas

Transfer Major: Computer Science

Isabella Burns

Associate in Arts for Transfer in Studio Arts
Transfer Major: Graphic Communications/Graphic Design

Jeovanny Carlos

Associate in Arts for Transfer in Studio Arts
Transfer Major: Art and Design

Drew E. Choueriri

Associate in Arts for Transfer in Economics, Associate in Science for Transfer in Mathematics

Jacob Goldenshteyn

Associate in Arts for Transfer in Economics
Transfer Major: Economics

Yixin Liu

Associate in Arts in Economics
Associate in Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies: Natural Science and Math
Associate in Science for Transfer in Business Administration 2.0
Associate in Science for Transfer in Mathematics AS-T
Transfer Major: Business Economics

Federico Longhi

Associate in Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies: Social and Behavioral Science

Blake Mathews

Associate in Arts in Political Science

Luke Murphy

Transfer Major: Communication Studies

River Nakamura

Transfer Major: Economics

Haolin (Peter) Pang

Associate in Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies: Natural Science and Math, Associate in Science for Transfer in Mathematics, Associate in Science for Transfer in Physics
Transfer Major: Physics

Nicholas Posch

Associate in Arts for Transfer in Economics, Associate in Science for Transfer in Business Administration 2.0
Transfer Major: Business Economics

Meng (Sarina) Qu

Associate in Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies: Natural Science and Math
Associate in Science for Transfer in Computer Science
Associate in Science for Transfer in Mathematics
Certificate of Achievement in Computer Science: C++

Jack Snyder

Associate in Arts for Transfer in Economics
Transfer Major: Economics

William Tseng

Transfer Major: Integrative Biology/Philosophy

Youtong Zeng

Transfer Major: Psychology

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COLTS-U TRANSFER CENTER

The COLTS-U Transfer Center collaborates with faculty and staff in various programs and services to support students in achieving their transfer goals. We offer transfer counseling, application assistance, connections to university representatives, and coordinate university campus visits for our students. We are pleased to announce that the following students have successfully applied to various universities, including the University of California, California State University, as well as private and out-of-state universities for the academic year 2026-2027:

Cilia Abild-Pedersen

Duaa Abu Irbaleh

Christopher Abundiz Cardenas

Daniela Acevedo

Daniela Acevedo Baez

Jennifer Acevedo Delgado

Veronica Acuna

Steven Acuna Delgado

Jeff Aguilar

Maria Aguilar

Hana Ahmed

Aseela Alameri

Max Albowicz

Kizzara Alfonso

Corey Alger

Assem alghaithi

Phoebe Aliakbar

Alejandro Almaguer

Jennifer Alvarado

Zachary Alvarez

Micaela Alvarez

Anuoluwapo Amuwo

Funmilayo Amuwo

Amaliya Ananskaya

Carlos Angulo

Sol Arreola

Joab Asencios

Jorge Avalo

Luis Avalos

Aylin Ayar

Aarya Ayyar

Danna Baca Salgado

Michelle Badue

Ayla Baghirova

Michelle Bal

Kenia Balderrama Castro

Rolando Barriga-Rojas

Manuel Barron Armenta

Samantha Becerra

Alicia Bladen Rivers

Enzo Blakelock

Sarah Blumenthal

Maria Boksha

Thomas Boland

Julia Boland

Giovanni Boneso

David Borcean

Ethan Bordner

Denys Borisov

Leon Bowles

Daniel Boyd

Sandra Brown Sexton

Orlando Bueno

Isabella Burns

Ryan Burton

Zachery Butterfield

Elizabeth Cabeza

Karla Campos

Karla Campos Armas

Kimberly Cano

Gavin Cao

Jessica Cardenas

Jeovanny Carlos

Juan Castillo

Britney Castillo Suarez

Ellen Catney

Izabella Cervantes

Alvin Chan

Chloe Chan

Britney Chavez

Lesley Chavez Miranda

Ariel Chen

Shuyu Chen
Yi Chien Chen
Savannah Chester
Milena Andrea Chica Castro
Cristal Cholico
Drew Choueiri
Emily Christman
David Cisneros Tang
Skyler Clark
William Coffey
William Coffey
Alice Coleman
Christopher Combs
Yareli Contreras
Brian Cooke
Isaac Covacha
Gary Marcus Cruz
Carmen Cuevas Contreras
Junqi Cui
Stone Daniel
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