



Dear Campus Community,

Connect to College

Thank you to all of the campus community members who rolled out the red carpet for our prospective students and their families at last night's Connect to College event. This event is so important as it's our annual Open House to the community and I heard incredibly positive comments from our guests. Thank you to the students, faculty and staff who hosted resource tables and/or breakout sessions. A special thank you to Mayra Arellano, Mallory Stevens, Maria Huning, Megan Rodriguez Antone, Alex Kramer, Marisol Quevedo, Elaine Le, Ada Ocampo, Rafael Avendaño, Ariela Villapando, Michael West, Gonzalo Arrizon, Jose Garcia, Michael Ryan, John Winchester, John Kenny, Rachel Corrales and our Facilities team for their time and talent to organize the successful event.

Humanities & Social Sciences Awards

On Tuesday, I had the opportunity to attend the Humanities & Social Sciences Award Ceremony. The 12th annual celebration recognized students in Language Arts & Social Sciences. It was a wonderful event that provided some of our students the opportunity to be acknowledged among their family and friends.

Guided Pathways

On April 11, the three colleges of San Mateo Community College District presented to the Board of Trustees (BOT) on their respective Guided Pathways (GP) efforts. As many of you are aware, the State is funding GP implementation at all community colleges. Cañada will receive \$515,000 over the next five years. The funds available for the upcoming year will be \$129,874. Each of the colleges presented their current work and projects over the next 14 months, and then presented a component of their respective programs that highlighted different aspects. For Cañada College, we presented our "Student Voices" project. This project will focus on developing and analyzing up to seven student focus groups over the course of the next 14 months. Our project will also develop an experience room to display the information and evidence, and have students and staff from across the college give continuous feedback. As we finish our 2019-2020 academic year, we are hopeful that we will have solid data about student need and demand for service, a better sense of how to integrate services and eliminate silos, and have the beginnings of meta-major exploration completed. Our Board of Trustees received the presentation well and they are excited to see our results for next year.

Employee Recognition Luncheon: May 18

Save the Date for the Cañada Employee Recognition Luncheon! Friday, May 18 from 12:30-2 p.m. in The Grove. Online RSVP will open soon.

OYE Latinx Youth Conference

Tomorrow, Cañada College will be the host location for annual OYE Latinx Youth Conference! The conference will bring together 300 youth/young adults (ages 12-22 years) and their parents to explore ideas of Latino culture and identity, obstacles Latinos face and opportunities for the future. The OYE (Orgullo y Educación) Youth Conference, a project of the Redwood City Parks and Arts Foundation, originally started in 2010 with roots in the Latinx Community of Redwood City and North Fair Oaks. Cañada College has been a long-standing partner in the event and the host location for the past three years.

Have a nice weekend!

Jamillah