



Dear Campus Community,

### **ESL Recognition Ceremony**

I had the wonderful opportunity to personally recognize our students and celebrate their achievements with their family, friends and faculty. Twenty four students were recognized with the Academic Excellence Award, 39 students received the English for the Workforce Award and 54 students received the Academic Command of English Award. Congratulations on your achievements and we wish you continued success.

### **Guided Pathways Update**

The Guided Pathways (GP) steering committee for Cañada College has been meeting since fall of 2017. The GP effort at all California Community Colleges is intended as a redesign effort, funded by state (and other dollars), and a multi-year process. The steering committee now numbers 26 Cañada College members. Over the course of this past year the team has developed three subcommittees that include: Meta Major Inquiry (led by Denise Erickson, Maureen Wiley, and Chris Rico), BPA Redesign Analysis Inquiry (led by Ruth Miller and Margie Carrington), and Student Voices Inquiry (led by Hyla Lacefield and Marisol Quevedo).

Please look for a Guided Pathways website soon that will be used to keep the college updated about current meetings, agendas, outcomes of work, research support, and FAQ's. As we move into next year each of the subcommittees will continue to meet to follow through with their inquiry plans. Additionally, each of the leads will meet with the executive leadership of the College each month to update and coordinate progress. Please look forward to multiple GP events next year as a part of our Flex Days and other events.

### **Board Discussed Public Safety Report**

The Trustees discussed the public safety recommendations at this week's Board meeting. Staff have formally briefed the Board of Trustees on three prior occasions (November 8, 2017, March 14, 2018 and April 25, 2018) about the results of the (Margolis Healy) Public Safety Study. During those discussions, staff provided preliminary recommendations, with which the Board concurred in principle, to maintain the current model of a non-sworn and unarmed Public Safety Department and for implementing the 71 operational recommendations offered by Margolis Healy in their report.

The District is poised to implement a community safety strategy based on: Planning, Preparing, Preventing and Partnering. Based upon feedback received by the Board, staff offers the following recommendations, which align with the preliminary recommendations offered in November 2017, for final consideration:

1. Publically reject the Margolis Healy recommendation to create a sworn police department and reject the recommendation to arm officers. Staff recommends that no changes be made at this time to the Department of Public Safety's status and it should remain as an unsworn, unarmed safety organization. With this, DPS would continue to adhere to a strict "Observe and Report" position and rely on local law enforcement agencies to timely respond to unlawful incidents on the District's campuses.
2. Clarify the mission and role of the Department of Public Safety. Staff believe that a new operating model is in order, with a more community-focused approach to safety that engages the campus communities in creating and maintaining safe environments.
3. Implement, where agreeable and financially and practically feasible, the remaining recommendations of the Margolis Healy study. The District agrees with nearly all of the recommendations outlined in the study and is interested in pursuing implementation strategies for those areas of agreement.
4. Explore alternatives to enhance local law enforcement services on or near the District's campuses. This would include determining if alternative safety service models would be appropriate, including SROs, etc.

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve the four implementation recommendations referenced above regarding the Public Safety Study and allocate an additional \$1.5 million to enhance the current public safety operations of the District.

### **Article: Latinos Left Behind in Higher Education**

I wanted to share an opinion piece which details that Latinos are feeling the brunt of low wages and limited college access. You can read the article [here.](#)

### **End of Year Events**

May 18 – Employee Appreciation Luncheon in The Grove from 12:30-2 p.m.

May 18 – Multimedia Student Show in the Main Theatre from 7-9 p.m.

May 24 – Middle College Graduation in the Main Theatre from 3-4 p.m.

May 25 -- Cañada Commencement Rehearsal on the Upper Lawn from 2-3 p.m.

May 25 – Interior Design Recognition in Building 6, Rooms 101/102 from 4-5 p.m.

May 26 – Education & Human Development Breakfast in Building 22, Rooms 116/118 from 8-9 a.m.

May 26 -- Cañada College Commencement on the Upper Lawn at 10 a.m.

June 2 – TriO/Upward Bound Recognition in Building 6, Rooms 101/102 from 12-2 p.m.

June 2 -- Fifth Annual Athletics Hall of Fame Induction/Banquet at the San Mateo Elks Lodge from 5-8 p.m.

Have a nice weekend!

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