



Cañada College

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College Successfully Concludes Accreditation Visit

Cañada College hosted a team of nine peer faculty, classified professional staff, and administrators from across the State who represented the Accrediting Commission of Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) as part of its six-year re-accreditation process. Chaired by Dr. Keith Flamer, President of the College of the Redwoods, the Team met with many faculty, staff, students and administrators across the campus. During the Exit Report, the Team shared that the College was well prepared for the visit and its Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) was well written and made their job easier. The Team felt welcome and had an excellent experience while on campus.

The Team gave two commendations:

- * The College is commended for its holistic student support services that help students address the challenges they face. The Team listed many wonderful student support programs including Sparkpoint, the Food Pantry, and others. They commended on the College's significant outreach to the community and making outreach materials available in multiple languages. The Team also commended the Associated Students of Cañada College (ASCC) and their efforts to support student success.

- * The College was also commended on Cañada's successful integration of instruction and student services to enhance student success. The Team commended that culture of flexibility and continued focus on equity as well as the formal and informal collaboration that occurs between instructional faculty and personnel from student support programs. The Team noted that this collaboration happens frequently and in a timely manner that supports students effectively.

The Team announced that the College meets all of the accreditation standards set by the ACCJC and that they had no recommendations for meeting the standards as a result.

Next steps, the Team Chair, Dr. Flamer, will provide the College President with a draft of their report to the ACCJC so that the team can check it for errors in fact. Once that is done, they will submit it to the ACCJC. In January 2020, the ACCJC will review the Team's report and make a final determination regarding the College's accreditation status.

Writing Center Opens

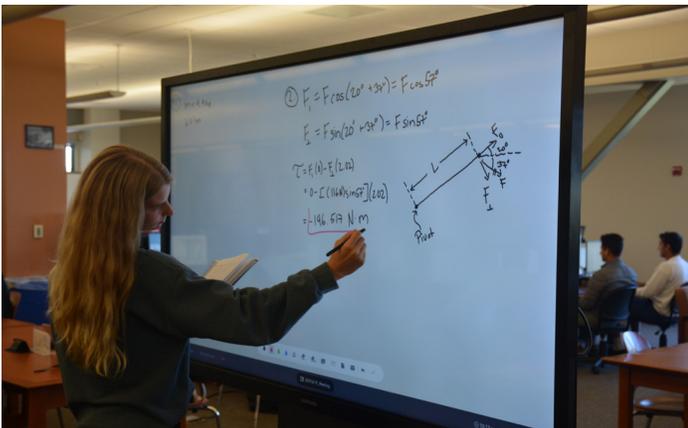
In collaboration with the Learning Center and the English Faculty, the Writing Center has opened for Fall 2019. With the guidance and expertise of Professor Yolanda Valenzuela and the English Department, the long-awaited Writing Center is committed to providing writing support to students across all disciplines.

On a typical day at the Writing Center, you will see students meeting with their Professors for their office hours, Peer Tutors assisting fellow students, and others simply enjoying a quiet space to relax and carry out their studies. At the Writing Center students can receive assistance with planning, brainstorming, and structuring their essays and writing assignments, alongside both faculty and peer tutors. The Writing Center will also be holding specialized workshops and study groups in the near future, in an effort to develop a campus community around student writing.

Coordinators Erika Bojnowski and Professor Valenzuela bring a life-long passion for learning and writing and are committed to fostering a collaborative environment, accessible to all students. They feel when students find their voice through writing, regardless of experience or subject matter, it better prepares them for their futures as students and in their prospective careers.

Writing Center Opens (cont.)

The goal of the Writing Center is to find creative and innovative ways to further support students through the AB705 initiative, and the Writing Center team is excited to continue to cultivate this new space Cañada College that is already committed to providing such valuable resources to its students.



October Brought Active Month of Events for Student Life



October has been packed full of events with The Center for Student Life and Leadership Development. The team kicked off the month with Constitution Day where student leaders partnered with nonprofit community organizations to get students registered to vote, learn about their constitutional rights and local government, and shared ways to get involved if people are unable to register to vote. Everyone who attended was able to participate in an interactive shirt-show sharing “What Freedom Means to Me.” Following Constitution Day, Student Senate partnered with the Business, Design, and Workforce Division to host its Fourth Annual Campus Movie Fest. Cañada College remains the only community college in the nation to compete! With more than 200 people in attendance and 15 teams of students competing on

October Brought Active Month of Events for Student Life (cont.)



campus, it was another incredible year to showcase Cañada's artistic and story-sharing talent with four teams heading to nationals to compete!

Following Campus Movie Fest, Student Senate hosted their bi-annual Club Rush. This semester's theme was 90's Bash—where almost 30 clubs and programs came out to share with the campus how to get involved. Features of the event included a "Glow Up" wall where Cañadians could learn more about fellow student, faculty, and staff member's lives throughout the years, a hip hop corner to delve deeper into social justice and hip hop, as well as a twist on luncheables—where every participant could fill a reusable bento-style lunchbox with vegan, gluten free, and organic goodies.

Closing out the month, the Student Senate held their annual Leadership Training Retreat, where they held workshops on communication, leadership development, comfort zones, micro-aggressions and authentic voice. This year was extremely special, as Student Senate brought participants to the Chicano Research Center in Stockton, where students learned the importance of documenting history, inclusive education, celebrating culture, what it means to be a LatinX supporting institute, and how crucial it is to do continual and thorough research and learning. Students were able to speak with Mr. Richard Soto, the creator of the Chicano Research Center, the only research center of its kind, as well as meet and hear the story of Xavier Tafoya, a Board of Trustees Member for Yuba Community College District and a former City Council leader.

Cañada in Your Community

On September 15, Redwood City hosted its Fiestas Patrias event. This annual celebration is a commemoration of Independence Day for various Latin American countries, including México. Cañada College was strongly-represented by College Recruiter Mayra Arellano and the College Student Ambassadors. The team met with local families and prospective students to share about the benefits of joining the Colts familia.

Cañada in Your Community (cont.)



Cañada College ESL Faculty and Redwood City Council member Alicia Aguirre was also present at the event; both Alicia and Mayra are members of the Latino Leadership Council that helped to organize the event. Vice President of Student Services Manuel Alejandro Pérez joined the Outreach team for the celebration. Vice President Pérez met and built bridges with Sarahi Espinoza Salamanca, Cañada Alumna and Founder/CEO of DREAMer's Roadmap, an app that connects undocumented students to financial support for higher ed. The team also met the Cónsul General of the Mexican Consulate in San Francisco, Remedios Gómez Arnau, as well as Redwood City Mayor Ian Bain.



30th Annual Artistry in Fashion



Hundreds of community members attended the 30th annual Artistry in Fashion on Saturday, September 28. At the event, more than 50 clothing, jewelry, and accessory vendors participated in the Artistry in Fashion Designer Sale, which brings together local designers and fabric artists, creating a “one-stop shop” for beautiful handmade, re-purposed, and one-of-a-kind clothing, jewelry, and accessories.

The Fashion Design and Merchandising Department had several student volunteers help run the day’s events. There, they gained valuable experience by connecting with vendors and cultivating relationships that lead to internships and jobs, evaluating booth layouts for the Visual Merchandising Course, and working on event planning.



This year’s special guest was Sarah Veblen Custom Clothier, author and national known teacher. Sarah specializes in fit. The day was a success and funds raised allows the Fashion Department to distribute scholarships to deserving Fashion students.



College Participates in Week of Action & Advocacy

Cañada College participated in the Second Annual Week of Action and Advocacy on behalf of undocumented students in California Community Colleges, October 14-18. As the largest post-secondary education system in the nation and serving the largest number of undocumented students in the state, California Community Colleges, and Cañada College, are committed to serving all students, regardless of immigration status. There was a full week of events and activities planned, including “Snacks & Stories” with the Dreamer’s Club, a collaborative art project, film-screening, “Community Dialogue” and “Know Your Rights: Immigration in the Trump Era” with Carmen Torres, Immigration Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA). The statewide Undocumented Student Action Week is supported by California Community Colleges, the Foundation for California Community Colleges, the Community College League of California, the Student Senate for California Community Colleges, and Immigrants Rising.

College Participates in Week of Action & Advocacy (cont.)



Cañada College Joins Immigrants Rising in Presenting:

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT WEEK OF ACTION

MONDAY, OCTOBER, 14TH
 Kick-off and Collaborative Art Project, 12-1p.m. — Outdoor Amphitheatre.
 “Paying for College: Financial Aid & Scholarships” Webinar & Info 2-3p.m. in Bldg. 9, Room 257A.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER, 15TH
 Transfer Day, 10:30a.m.-1p.m. — The Grove.
 Community Dialogue: Conversations to Build Bridges, 1-2p.m. — Social Sciences Hub, Bldg. 9, Room 307.
 • An afternoon of storytelling, art, and celebration of our community, hosted by the Promise Scholars Program in collaboration with Redwood City Together.
 “Accessing Reputable Legal Aid” Webinar, 2-3p.m. in Bldg.8, Room 119.
Evening
 Evening Kick-off Event & Collaborative Art Project, 5:30-6p.m. on the Quad.
 Film Screening, “Documented” 6:30-8:30p.m., Bldg.2, Room 10
 • “How do you define American?” This is a question that Pulitzer Prize winning journalist, filmmaker, and activist Jose Antonio Vargas asks us in his film Documented.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER, 16TH
 Collaborative Art Project, 11:30a.m.-12:30p.m., on the Quad.
 Stories & Snacks with the DREAMers Club, 1:15-2:15p.m., Bldg.9, Room 251B.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER, 17TH
 Collaborative Art Project, 11:30a.m.-12p.m., on the Quad.
 “Know Your Rights: Immigration in the Trump Era” with Carmen Torres, Immigration Institute of the Bay Area (IIBA), 12:15-2:15p.m., Bldg.2, Room 10.
 • Free t-shirts to the first 25 students! Lunch will be provided!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER, 18TH
 “Art as Healing” Webinar, 2-3pm, Bldg.8, Room 119.

For more info about this week’s events, contact:
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Cañada ESL Department Present at Statewide Gathering



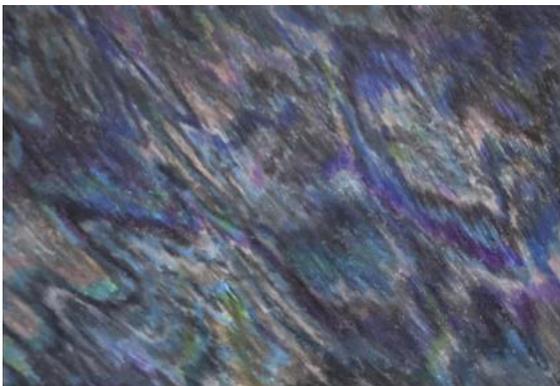
The Cañada College English as a Second Language (ESL) Department collaborated with community partners from Sequoia Adult School, Upwards Scholars, and ALLIES to lead a panel session entitled: “Everyone is Welcome Here: Community College, Education for the People” at the recent statewide California Association of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (CATESOL). The panelists shared the work of ESL faculty and community leaders who partner to serve their immigrant neighbors. These close collaborations and networks of support for immigrant English language learners in San Mateo County has resulted in steady enrollment, high transition rates from off-campus to on campus classes, and an overrepresentation of ESL

students at graduation. In the end, the panel session at CATESOL was a welcomed opportunity to connect with our community partners and share our work across the state of California.

Interior Design Students Net Prestigious Awards



Two students from Cañada College’s Interior Design Department were recently recognized with impressive industry awards. Every year, the American Society of Interior Designers (AISD) rewards a number of industry leaders for their innovative design work. The Design Excellence Award is a prestigious design awards program that receives applicants from all over California. Cañada student Amy Friedberg received award for her design of a Modern/Contemporary Residence over 3,000 square feet. Rather than tailoring designs to uphold current trends, Amy works to create spaces that complement the personality of each individual client and her talents were showcased in her application and unanimously wowed the judges. Judges recognized Amy for her talent that combines her natural eye for style with her interior design knowledge and psychology degree to tailor functional and exclusive spaces that truly speak to her clients. Her passion for interior design has continued to strengthen over the years and is fueled by the entire process, not just the final results.



Student Julie Sautter was awarded Second Place in the Delos Competition where her work was reviewed and ranked by professionals at the AISD Leadership Conference in Atlanta as well as the Metrocon Trade-show in Dallas. The 5’x8’ rug, which Julie designed in Professor Denny Holland’s class, is made with Tibetan 100 Knot New Zealand Wool and right in line with today’s painterly trend. In addition to the prize, Julie’s rug will go into production.

College Hosts Transfer Day



Cañada College hosted its annual Transfer Day on October 15. There, students had an opportunity to meet directly with more than 60 representatives from in-state, and out-of-state public and private universities. Among the universities were a few who specifically recruited International students; one of these universities was also from Vancouver, Canada. All university representative enjoyed the event, our campus, and meeting with our students.

There were about 300 students in attendance who expressed that Transfer Day gave them the opportunity to meet with university representatives and have in depth conversations. They learned more about their field of study, and available services at the universities pertaining to them. This helped them to become more focused on their transfer path, and learn more about the admission policies and financial resources at the four-year institution. In general, students found the event very helpful and encouraging.



This event was well received and supported by faculty and staff, which was a great collaboration across the campus. Many staff and faculty gave their time by volunteering at the event, and many of the Counseling and Instructional faculty supported the event by giving students class time to attend the event.

Programs Collaborate to Provide Students with Transfer Opportunities



In partnership with the Cañada College Business Department, the ESO! Adelante program brought Lupe Ramos, the Assistant Director for the San Francisco State University's (SFSU) Lam Family College of Business Student Success Center, to provide an informational on the college for prospective transfer students. Forty-one students learned about the updates on impaction for various concentrations including Accounting, opportunities for undergraduates to pursue an M.B.A., and additional information on the different transfer paths. Cañada's SFSU

Adelante Coordinator, Jasmine Kamariotis, also led a panel of the SFSU Adelante Peer Mentors to provide the student experience perspective. The students who attended were engaged and reported having increased their transfer knowledge to SFSU.



Upcoming Events

October 16-20

Cañada Theatre Arts Department Presents: *The Late Wedding*

October 16 at 11:10 a.m.; October 17 at 11:10 a.m.; October 19 at 8 p.m.; October 20 at 2 p.m.
Flex Theatre - Building 3, Room 129

October 18

Cañada Women's Soccer vs Hartnell College

4 p.m. | Cañada College Soccer Field

October 22

Second Annual President's Luncheon

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos

October 23

STEM Speaker Series Featuring Ellen Young, Biology Instructor at Cañada College

5-6 p.m. | Building 6, Room 101/102

October 24

Leadership Over Lunch (LOL) - an ASCC Development Event for Students

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Building 6, Room 101/102

October 31

Halloweentown Fest

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Upper Lawn | 7-8 p.m. in Building 8

November 6

Education Job Fair

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | The Grove

November 7

Fall Wellness Fair

10 a.m.-1 p.m. | The Grove

Second Annual President's Luncheon



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