



Weekly Update 9-6-19

Cañada Ranked Among Top Colleges in the State

Cañada College was ranked 21st out of 26 Best Colleges & Universities in California by EdSmart! The College was also ranked sixth in best community colleges in California.

Schools were ranked based on four data points in four categories:

- Affordability (net price)
- Student Satisfaction (retention rate)
- Academic Quality (4-year graduation rate)
- Salary After Attending (the median earnings of former students who received federal financial aid, at 10 years after entering the school)

All data for this ranking was gathered from the [National Center for Education Statistics](#) and [College Scorecard](#). You can read the article [here](#).



What to Expect During the Accreditation Team Visit

Cañada is preparing to host a 10-person Accreditation Peer Review Team from Monday, September 30 through Thursday, October 3. The Team will have review our [Institutional Self-Evaluation Report](#) and will be seeking additional information and perspectives related to how we meet the [accreditation standards](#) set by the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges (ACCJC). To help us prepare for the visit and understand what to expect, ACCJC Senior Vice President, Stephanie Droker, will be on campus on Wednesday, September 11, from 12-1 p.m. in Room 2-10 to answer questions and help describe what will happen while the Team is here. This opportunity to ask questions and speak with Dr. Droker is open to everyone – all College stakeholders from on and off campus.

AB 302 on Hold: Homeless Students in Cars

Assemblyman Marc Berman, D-Palo Alto, suspended Assembly Bill 302, relating to the use of community college parking lots for homeless students. The local lawmaker, put his bill to rest following a round of amendments he felt significantly weakened his original bill. You can read more about the bill in the Mercury News article [here](#).

Athletics Update

Both men's and women's soccer opened the 2019 season with good showings against several of Northern California's elite teams. The Lady Colts started things off with epic battles against Big 8 Conference powers San Joaquin Delta and Santa Rosa. Both games ended in draws, 1-1 and 2-2 respectively. The men launched their 2019 campaign with a stunning 11-0 victory over the defending Bay Valley Conference Champion Merritt College. The Colts then lost a close game to the defending Big 8 Conference Champion San Joaquin Delta 2-1. This Friday both teams are on the road against quality opponents. The women travel to Clovis, while the men are at Santa Rosa. Go Colts!



Planning and Budgeting Council (PBC)

The PBC held its first meeting of the year, welcoming many new members. They adopted an Annual Strategic Plan for the current academic year, 2019-20, which is closely aligned with our Guided Pathways efforts and the strategic priority projects we discussed as a campus on Flex Day, August 13, 2019. Please contact Dean Engel or VP Pérez with any questions.

Guided Pathways Planning & Debrief Meeting

The campus leaders for Guided Pathways met for the first time since the start of classes for this fall 2019 semester on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. The group had an opportunity to debrief our recent flex presentation and exercise related to the College's strategic priority areas and alignment with next steps for Guided Pathways. The draft timeline and general overview for future meetings and group project work was vetted and moved forward for discussion and approval as part of the College Annual Plan at the Planning & Budget Council meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

Animation Show of Shows, Sept. 10

The Digital Art & Animation Department will be presenting a screening of the 20th annual Animation Show of Shows in the Main Theatre on September 10 at 7 p.m. Curated by Ron Diamond of Acme Filmworks, the Show of Shows presents a collection of animated shorts from around the world, selected from the most prestigious animation festivals. Admission is free, and the Digital Art & Animation Department is suggesting a voluntary donation of \$5 per person to benefit the department's student scholarship fund. Contact Paul Naas (naasp@smccd.edu) with any questions about the show.

Artistry in Fashion, Sept. 28

Save the date for the 30th annual Artistry in Fashion event! The fashion event, held on campus from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., will feature an outdoor shopping extravaganza with local designers selling clothes, jewelry and accessories. For more information, visit: www.artistryinfashion.com.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
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President