



## Weekly Update 10-4-19

### Accreditation Visit Concludes

This week our college hosted a team of nine of our 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 our six-year re-accreditation process. Chaired by Dr. Keith Flamer, President of the College of the Redwoods, the Team met with many of you across the campus. Thank you for all you did to prepare for and help complete this visit with grace and integrity. Our campus truly shined this week thanks to all of you! Yesterday, during the Exit Report session in Building 6, Room 101/102, we heard the Team's initial feedback and impressions based on their visit from Dr. Flamer. These are summarized here (not verbatim):

The College was well prepared for the visit and our 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 our holistic student support services that help students address the challenges they face. The Team listed many of our wonderful student support programs including Sparkpoint, our Food Pantry, and others. They commended our significant outreach to the community and our making our 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 is commended on our successful integration of instruction and student services to enhance student success. The Team commended our culture of flexibility and our continued focus on equity. The Team commended 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 gave no recommendations:*

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.

### *Areas of Improvement*

The Team noted that the College should consider providing additional professional development to improve the program review process so that it can more effectively address issues of student access and achievement.

### *Next steps*

Next month, the Team Chair, Dr. Flamer, will provide my office with a draft of their report to the ACCJC so that I 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.

Once again, I would like to thank each and every one of you! It is with great pride that I witnessed our campus come together to collaborate on a long, complicated project that has yielded such impressive results. Well done!



### **Statewide Analysis of the Potential Impact of AB 705 Released**

Earlier this week, the Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges (RP) and the Educational Results Partnership (ERP) released a statewide analysis of student outcomes from fall 2015 to fall 2018. The areas of inquiry in this report include access to and enrollment in transfer-level English and math courses, student success and performance in these courses, and throughput rates from first starting level through transfer-level. Although the findings represent only early indicators, these findings offer insight into how the full implementation of AB 705 might impact CCCs and their students.

Overall, the results of this study offered encouraging insight into the potential impact of AB 705. Direct enrollment into transfer-level English and math courses rose substantially while success rates (measured in a variety of ways) remained consistent. Although the findings of Access, Enrollment, and Success in Transfer-Level English and Math in the California Community College System The RP Group | September 2019 | Page 5 this study are only preliminary, they offer a number of positive signs that changes to assessment and placement directly into transfer-level English and math courses have the potential to enable more students to not only access, but also succeed in transfer-level courses. The report is available here: [Access, Enrollment, and Success in Transfer-Level English and Math in the California Community College System: Fall 2015 to Fall 2018 Statewide Analysis](#).

### **Assistance Needed for President's Luncheon**

Cañada College is launching its [Second Annual President's Luncheon](#) on Tuesday, October 22 at the Hiller Aviation Museum in San Carlos. This luncheon will bring community leaders together as a fundraiser to support the [Cañada College Promise Scholars Program](#). We are looking for students, faculty, staff and administrators to be on site and assist on the day of the event. Click [HERE](#) to sign up to assist. We also invite you to attend and share the invitation with your networks. Please click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets. For questions on assisting with the event, please contact [Mayra Arellano](#) or [Yessenia Mercado](#).



## **October 9 Flex Day**

As we get ready to enjoy a robust and engaging day of professional development at our upcoming Flex Day on Wednesday, October 9, I want to remind everyone that all offices will be closed and no day and evening classes will be in session on this day. Additionally, the Cañada Shuttle will not be in service that day. We do this to allow all college employees to attend in an otherwise busy time of year. October 9 is still considered a work day even though college offices will be closed to students and to the public. For offices that will be closed, please remember to post the attached signage, notifying people of the upcoming closure at least a week in advance. If you haven't signed up for Flex Day yet, please RSVP [here](#). We look forward to seeing you at the October 9 Flex Day!

## **Cañada Athletics Update**

On Tuesday the Lady Colts traveled to Coast Conference rival Ohlone College and dismantled the Renegades 7-0. Cañada is currently 2<sup>nd</sup> in the North Division, and hosts conference leader City College of San Francisco today at 4 p.m. The men opened Coast Conference Play, Tuesday evening, at Skyline College with a 1-0 victory. The inter-district rivalry is always a tough game, and this time was no exception. The win puts the men on top of the Coast Conference. They are also ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in the State with a record of 6-2-1. The team is again on the road today, playing at Los Positas College. Kickoff is at 6:30 p.m. Please come out to support our student-athletes. Go Colts!

## **CTEOS 2018-19 Student Survey Results Just In**

The results of the [annual survey](#) of Cañada Career Education graduates and skills builders have just arrived and are posted. Once again, the College has seen improvements in these outcomes. Of responding students, 96.1% reported being "satisfied with the education and training they received." Responding students reported a 44% increase in hourly wages earned as a result of their Cañada education (compared with a 33% increase reported last year).

## **Meet the Author**

Anniqua Rana, a former dean and faculty member at Cañada College, has written a book and is hosting a book release event at the Downtown Redwood City Library on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. The campus community is invited to support Anniqua. Additional detail on the event can be found on the attached flyer.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,  
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.  
President