



Weekly Update 8-21-20

Dear Campus Community,

Welcome back to the Fall semester. District and College leadership are closely monitoring the CZU August Lightning Complex Fire and other fires in the area and we have heard reports of students and employees needing to evacuate their homes. The District's [COVID-19 resource page](#) on "Help for you and Your Family" has support resources. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you know of someone in need. We are here to support our community.

Leadership Retreat Outcomes

On August 12 & 13, more than 50 student, faculty, and classified staff leaders and administrators joined together for Cañada's second annual Leadership Retreat. Held on Zoom this year, the event involved participants from every stakeholder group that is part of the College's [participatory governance framework](#). The group tackled the challenges and opportunities facing the College due to the COVID-19 pandemic and renewed the College's commitment to being an anti-racist institution. More information, including all of the materials and notes from the Retreat can be found [here](#). PBC will discuss the results of the Retreat and next steps in identifying college-wide strategic priorities at its first meeting on September 2, 2020.

Anti-Racism at Cañada College

Following the murder of George Floyd on May 25, the Cañada campus community embarked on a series of conversations and strategic planning activities to fulfill the [College Mission, Vision and Values](#), the [District's commitment to social justice](#) and [President Moore's statement in support of Black Lives Matter](#). In addition to the Leadership Retreat (above), a Flex Day Session that Continued the Discussion begun at the Retreat was held on August 18 (see [here](#) for the [slides](#) and [notes](#) from that session). In addition, the College hosted three [Critical Conversations](#) about Race over the summer and intends to continue to do so all year as we read

and discuss *How to be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi. More information about our continued efforts will be posted [here](#) and will be discussed at PBC on September 2.

College Zoom Backgrounds

While we are not physically on campus this semester, the Cañada College Marketing Department has created Zoom backgrounds to help the campus community feel connected. The Zoom backgrounds can be found [here](#).

Virtual Office Hours

The President's Office will be holding virtual office hours on Tuesday/Thursday, from 3 -4 p.m. for the fall 2020 semester. Please contact Linda Bertellotti at bertellottil@smccd.edu to schedule a time to connect during the open office hour. If this time does not work for you, please contact Linda to set up a meeting.

The Office of the Vice President of Instruction is holding office hours on Tuesday/Thursday from 11 a.m. -12 p.m. Please set up a Zoom meeting and Dr. Robinson will join you. Or, you can [email](#) her and she can set it up. Thank you.

The Office of the Vice President of Student Services will be holding virtual office hours on Wednesdays from 11 a.m.– 12 p.m. for the Fall 2020 semester. Click [here](#) for the Zoom link. The Zoom room for each office hour session will be an open dialogue format for all guests. If you would prefer an individual meeting time, please email canvpss@smccd.edu and we will accommodate your request accordingly.

The Office of Administrative Services is holding office hours weekly every Wednesday from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Please contact Vice President Mendoza [directly](#) to schedule a visit and he will send a Zoom link.

Student Welcome

Below is a message and video that was sent to our students this week:

Welcome to Cañada College! We're Glad You're Here.

Welcome to Cañada College and the Fall semester! As we begin our new academic year, we wanted to welcome each and every one of you with a video celebrating our diversity and commitment to equity, establishing our opposition to intolerance and our promise to provide an inclusive environment for all of our students.

We are glad you're here and wish you a wonderful semester.

View video [HERE](#)

Please stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong.

Sincerely,
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.
President