



Weekly Update 8-28-20

Dear Campus Community,

Fire Relief Aid to Employees and Students

Our heart goes out to everyone impacted by the wildfires in the Bay Area during the past week. The San Mateo County Community College Foundation has established funds to aid employees and students impacted by the wildfires:

- Employees in need of assistance, please contact your dean or direct supervisor—who will facilitate forwarding your request to the SMCCCD Foundation.
- Students affected by wildfires can qualify for emergency funding if they are enrolled this fall in at least one unit and if they live in an area affected by the current or recent evacuation orders. Please direct them to [this online form](#).

The SMCCCD Foundation has established a permanent fund to aid victims of fires. *If you are able to help please consider making a donation: [San Mateo County Community College Foundation fire relief fund](#).*

Rental Assistance for individuals impacted by COVID-19

Our SparkPoint Centers on all three SMCCCD campuses are facilitating rental assistance to individuals impacted by COVID-19. Please see the attached flier for more information.

Virtual Town Hall

Please Save the Date! We will have another Virtual Town Hall on Thursday, September 10, from 4:00 – 5:00 via Zoom. As we strive to stay connected and share important information while we operate remotely, please feel free to offer suggestions for topics you would like addressed to canpresident@smccd.edu.

Anti-Racism at Cañada College

After three campus Critical Conversations on Race convened in late spring and summer this year, a two-day Leadership Retreat on August 12 and 13, and a Flex Day discussion held on August 18, a draft Anti-Racism Framework for Cañada College has been developed and will be discussed at the Planning and Budgeting Council meeting between 2-3 p.m. next Wednesday. A draft proposal for how we might apply the Framework to our work this year will also be discussed at PBC.

Feedback Session on Anti-Racism Framework

To continue the discussion on the proposed Anti-Racism Framework which could be applied to all of our efforts, especially certain areas of impact, the PBC will host an Open Forum on Friday, September 4th from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. [via this Zoom Link](#).

2020 – 2021 Critical Conversations about Race - Community Read:

How to Be an Antiracist, Dr. Ibram X. Kendi

Please join the Cañada College campus community in an open invitation for students, faculty, staff, and administrators to engage in a community read of Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's *How to Be an Antiracist*. The sections of the book have been distributed throughout the 2020 – 2021 academic year and will be paired with a critical conversation zoom session. The dialogue will center on race with Dr. Kendi's book as a springboard for the conversation. The dialogue may and is encouraged to explore the deeper impacts of race for each of us on campus, in our communities, and in the world. Please mark your calendars and review the attached document and [this website](#) for additional details, including how to log on to the conversations and how to access the readings.

Please stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong.

Sincerely,
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.
President