



Weekly Update 2-28-20

Awareness Summit

Thank you to those who attended our Third Annual Awareness Summit! This year's Summit, themed around Housing and Food Insecurity, the best yet and brought together several members of the on and off campus community to tackle issues that our students and community members struggle with daily. It was also a wonderful opportunity for college and community partner organizations to share what resources are available to those who need it. The group activity was also important as it brought attendees together for thought and solution sharing. The event presentation, program and resources are available on the Awareness Summit [website](#). A special thank you to the Planning Committee for their work to create another meaningful Awareness Summit.



Community Market this Monday

SparkPoint at Cañada College, in partnership with Center for Student Life and Leadership, is launching a free Community Market on Monday, March 2, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This free market will be located in front of the Bookstore next to Lot 4 and will be open to students, staff, faculty and community members! Our goal is to increase access to healthy and nutritious food for students, their families and our community!

Black Student Union Hosts History Month Film Screening and Discussion

On February 25 the Cañada BSU (Black Student Union) held their Black History Month event: a screening of the acclaimed film, “The Hate U Give,” followed by a robust discussion and pledge to take action toward social justice. BSU members kicked off the event by serving delicious soul food to 30 attendees while they watched the film. After the film, the members, along with Professor Lezlee Ware, facilitated a discussion around two questions: do you feel that your K-12 education prepared you for college, and have you ever had an encounter with the police, and if so, what was it like for you? Finally, attendees pledged a range of commitments, from being sure to get to know individuals in an effort to challenge their own bias, to fighting against racist systems of oppression and advocating for those negatively affected by those systems. Read more about the event [here](#).



Campus-wide Coordinators

Cañada has recently approved two campus-wide coordinators for very important efforts: [Sarah Harmon](#) - ZTC (Zero Textbook Cost) and OER (Open Education Resources) Coordinator and [Nick DeMello](#)- Online Instruction Coordinator. Both of these positions will be starting Fall 2020 and going until Spring 2022.

Aspire High School Visit

Yesterday the Outreach office welcomed 50 freshman and sophomore students from Aspire Public Schools in Oakland. Aspire Public School is a community-based public charter school in Oakland whose purpose is to prepare its students for success in college, career, and life. Students got a chance to learn about our Career Education Programs, Promise Scholars Program and resources available at our Wellness center. Professor Paul Naas got the chance to welcome students to our college and shared information about our Digital Arts and Animation Program. After the presentations, students toured campus where they visited STEM, EOPS, Financial Aid and the Dream Center. Lastly the students got a feel for student life and enjoyed lunch in The Grove. A special thank you to the staff and students who supported this event and made our guests feel welcome.



Save the Date for Connect to College!

Please save the date for our annual [Connect to College Night!](#) The event, held Thursday, April 30 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. is our Open House to community. Information is on the attached flyer please contact [Mayra Arellano](#) for more information.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

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