



Weekly Update 11-20-20

Dear Campus Community,

Critical Conversation: Community Read – Today!

Please join us for our [Critical Conversations on Race: Community Read](#) today, November 20 from 1:30-3 p.m. We will be reviewing and discussing Ch. 6 – Ch. 11 Topics: body, culture, behavior, color, White, Black.

November 20 from 1:30-3 p.m.

Log in [here](#).

The Cañada College campus community is invited 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 [this website](#) for additional details, including how to access the readings.

Appreciation to Public Safety and Facilities: THANK YOU!!!!

This has been a hectic year and I'd like to send a special shout out and thank you to our Public Safety and Facilities teams for all of their hard work throughout the pandemic. While most of us have been working from home, our Public Safety and Facilities teams have continued exemplary service on campus, especially serving the college and greater community with their needs during the pandemic. We see you and appreciate your unwavering work ethic and service.

Dr. Robinson Earns Top State Award

Congratulations to Cañada's Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Tammy Robinson, who was recently honored with the statewide Carter Dolan Chief Instructional Officer Leadership Award at California Community Colleges Chief Instructional Officers (CCCCIO)'s virtual conference. The prestigious award is given annually to honor leaders in community college instruction. Dr. Robinson was cited for rallying her statewide chief instructional officer colleagues to action after the murder of George Floyd earlier this year.

She helped to organize state instructional leaders' Call to Action town halls, and she has been a strong voice for institutional change. She has spoken at a number of statewide events on campus climate, equity and workforce development. Dr. Robinson also created, planned, facilitated and presented at the inaugural African American Leadership Institute. She is past president of the Western Regional Council on Black American Affairs and currently serves as the organization's Vice President of Development.

SMCCCD International Education Program Honored with Prestigious National Award from U.S. Department of Commerce

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced that the San Mateo County Community College District's International Education program – San Mateo Colleges of Silicon Valley – has been awarded the U.S. government's highest honor for export success. Secretary Ross conferred on the program The President's "E" Award, which was first established by President Kennedy in 1961, for contributions to American export growth. The SMCCCD program is the only educational institution among the 28 companies and businesses nationwide honored with this year's prestigious award. You can read the entire announcement [here](#).

Student Grading Options

Due to the extraordinary hardship students are facing during the COVID-19 pandemic, students once again this semester may [change their grading options for a course](#) up until the last scheduled day of instruction for the course. Students may choose an Excused Withdrawal (EW) or Pass/No Pass option on WebSMART. Students are encouraged to contact their counselor before making these changes. Students district-wide [were advised of their options in an e-mail](#) this week.

New College Scorecard Adopted

At its meeting on November 18, 2020, the Cañada Planning & Budgeting Council (PBC) considered updated college-wide metrics in a newly created [College Scorecard](#). The PBC accepted the recommendations made by a Task Force of faculty, students, staff and administrators who identified all of the metrics the college should be tracking over time for accreditation, college planning and state reporting requirements. Updated metric definitions and goals are part of the new Scorecard.

College Research & Evaluation Plan

The Planning & Budgeting Council (PBC), at its November 18, 2020 meeting, considered a new, draft [College Research and Evaluation Plan](#) presented by the Planning, Research & Institutional Effectiveness (PRIE) team. This Plan identifies the sources of innovation or interventions the College is pursuing to achieve better and more equitable outcomes for its students. On an annual cycle, the PRIE Team will work with college staff who are leading each intervention to evaluate the effectiveness of that intervention to inform the College if it should continue and/or scale it. The PRIE Team is seeking feedback on this Plan, so please feel free to email them at canpri@smccd.edu.

Cañada Hosts High School & Community Partners Forum

For the second year, Cañada College recently hosted an information event for high school counselors, teachers, administrators and community partners to network with Cañada counselors, faculty and staff and learn more about new initiatives happening at Cañada College. Due to the pandemic, the event was held virtually with more than 60 community members in attendance via

Zoom. The event included updates on how the College is supporting students during COVID-19, our antiracist framework, Guided Pathways, Virtual Campus and learning platforms. There were a number of informative presentations from members of the campus community, including a presentation on the cost of attending Cañada and scholarship opportunities, an overview of transfer programs, degrees and certificates including the debut of the College's Program Mapper as well as program showcase with Career Education, College Working Adults (CWA) and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs. The highlight of the event was the student panel where Cañada College students, from a variety of programs, shared how they have been personally impacted by COVID-19 and provided insight on the campus resources available to support students so they can continue to study. Feedback from our high school and community partners was positive and they shared that they enjoyed hearing stories directly from the students and loved learning more about all the incredible opportunities that San Mateo County youth have at Cañada College. The Forum was recorded and can be viewed [here](#).

New Faculty and Staff Position Proposal Presentations – Dec. 3 & 4

Please save the dates for the New Faculty and Staff Position Proposal Presentations:

December 3 and 4, 2020 from 2-4:30 p.m.

Staff and Students will need to login first and the presentations will be recorded.

Zoom Link:

<https://smccd.zoom.us/j/86388481480?pwd=aWloMkNueEwxdVFEWlBGmW5ZSVj4QT09>

Meeting ID: 863 8848 1480

Passcode: 647097

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Partnership with San Mateo County Health Brings Free Flu Shots to SMCCCD Campuses

In collaboration with SMCCCD district nurses, San Mateo County Health is offering free flu shots for SMCCCD students, faculty, and staff. If you work or take classes at Cañada College, College of San Mateo, or Skyline College, you can come to any college campus for a free flu shot on the following dates/times:

Wednesday, December 2

Skyline College

1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

[Campus Flu Shot Map](#)

Wednesday, December 9

Cañada College

12 – 3 p.m.

[Campus Flu Shot Map](#)

Drive-ups and walk-ups are welcome! No ID or pre-registration required.

You must wear a facial covering and clothing that provides easy access to your shoulder for a flu shot.

Do not come to campus if you are sick, tested positive for COVID-19, or have been in close contact with a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case in the last 14 days.

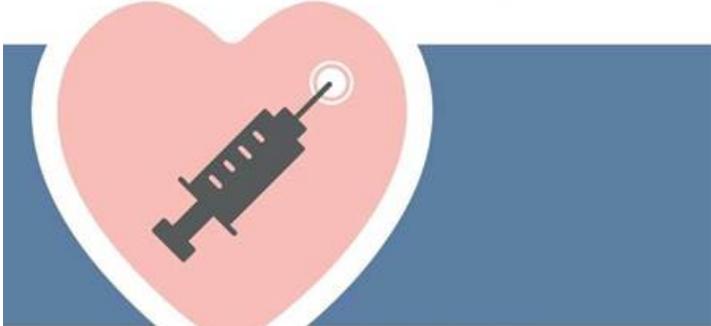
Prior to receiving a flu shot you will need to pass a temperature check, COVID-19 symptom and history screening, have no contraindications to the flu vaccine, and provide information to be entered into CAIR (the California immunization registry).

Information at <http://covid-19.smccd.edu/flushots>

SMCCCD Free Drive-Thru

Flu Shots

for SMCCCD students, faculty, and staff



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This will be the last Weekly Update until after Thanksgiving. I wish you and your loved ones a restful holiday. Stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong. Happy Birthday Tom Mohr!!

Sincerely,
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.
President