



Weekly Update 10-23-20

Dear Campus Community,

Remembering Dr. Rhodes

As we continue to process and mourn the loss of our admired friend and colleague, Dr. Gena Rhodes, we invite the campus community to share messages and memories to canpresident@smccd.edu. The messages will be collected and shared with Gena's family. We will get through these painful times together.

Third Annual President's Luncheon Raises Funds for Students' Daily Essential Needs

Thank you to the campus and broader community members who attended our [Third Annual President's Luncheon](#). To date, the President's Luncheon has raised more than \$30,000 in donations and sponsorships with funds continuing to be collected in the coming weeks. The success of the President's Luncheon would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the Cañada College President's Advisory Group, college employees, generous donations from event sponsors and many others who donated to support student access to an affordable post-secondary education. Cañada College is thankful to receive such immense support from the community. A recorded version of the President's Luncheon can be viewed [here](#).

Digital Art & Animation Students Compete in 24 Hour Animation Contest

On October 3-4, 15 Digital Art & Animation students (three teams of five students) participated in the 18th Annual 24 Hours Animation Contest, hosted by California State University, Long Beach. The students logged into a Zoom meeting at 3 p.m. on October 3 and received this year's theme: Covid and "connection." They then had 24 hours to brainstorm, develop, animate, color, edit, create sound and upload their final 30 second film to YouTube. More than 160 schools from all over the world participated this year, and two of Cañada's teams placed in the top 100 films, besting teams from prestigious animation schools such as Academy of Art University and UCLA.

This was Digital Art & Animation's second year participating in the challenge and deepest thanks go out to professors Billy B, David Gainey and Dean Hyla Lacefield for helping Professor Paul Naas support the teams over the 24 hours the students were working.

Below are the links to each team's film. Each team picks a creative name to use during the competition so that their school doesn't become a factor in judging. We're very proud of these students. This is a totally voluntary activity and our students represented themselves, and Cañada's Digital Art & Animation program, extremely well.

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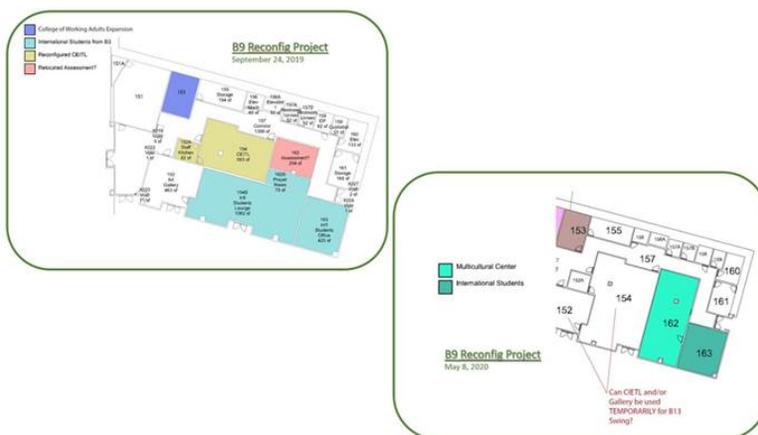
Cañada College Library Offers Online *New York Times* Accounts

Exciting news! The Cañada College Library now offers online *New York Times* accounts for all students, staff and faculty. This includes unlimited access via mobile apps on tablets and smart phones. For more information, please visit the [guide](#) or attached flyer. For questions, please email [Valeria Estrada](#) and [Diana Tedone](#).

A Place for Our Students: Multi-Cultural Center Space

The Multi-Cultural Center space on campus will be located on the upper-campus level adjacent to the International Student Program. In review of the plans for the International Student Program, the Multi-Cultural Center has been part of the space allocation in order for students to have a safe space to congregate on the upper campus in Building 9 where many of the Student Support Services are located. In addition to the space, the College will have a prayer room that will be available for students who require that needed privacy. The space identified for the Multi-Cultural Center is in Building 9, Room 154B. It is 1,062 square feet. From the plans listed, the Art Gallery will also be adjacent in addition to the space for CIETL which is separate from the Multi-Cultural Center space. Please take a moment and review both the (attached) PowerPoint and the clip from the [Facilities Forum](#) (Passcode: 0MVWx^.) that took place on September 24, 2020. These are among the various construction and space planning projects reviewed at the Facilities Forum.

Please stay tuned for updates about next steps in this important planning before the end of the Fall 2020.



CUNY ASAP National Replication Virtual Convening

The Cañada College Promise Scholars Program team logged on for an inspiring and insightful series of discussions and breakouts at this past week's CUNY ASAP National Replication Virtual Convening (Oct 20 – Oct 22). Leaders and educators from across the country shared best practices and transformative data that showcased CUNY ASAP as an exemplary completion model. SMCCCD's Promise Program was well represented and our very own team displayed student completion rates and examples of student engagement within a virtual environment. Thank you to everyone that participated.

Undocumented Student Week of Action (USWofA)

The Undocumented Student Week of Action (USWofA) took place Oct 19 – Oct 23 and was a system-wide advocacy campaign that brought together students, faculty, staff and administrators in support of Undocumented Students within our campus and communities. The College hosted virtual events that educated and empowered our students and communities by providing workshops about paying for college, sharing essential resources during COVID-19, and even inviting special guests: Dreamers Roadmap CEO Sarahi Espinoza Salamanca, and nationally acclaimed poet Yosimar Reyes. This year's USWofA is further evidence of Cañada College's commitment to innovate and expand support systems and provide more pathways for our undocumented students to succeed in their academic and career goals.

Please stay safe, stay healthy, stay strong.

Sincerely,
Jamillah Moore, Ed.D.
President