



## A Message from President Kim Lopez

### **Weekly Update: 10-13-23**

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Yesterday, Cañada College served as the host location for the [Silicon Valley Community Foundation's](#) Annual Meeting and I had the opportunity to welcome nearly 500 attendees to our beautiful campus. Our Associated Students of Cañada College President, Yuliana Leon Subias, also read Cañada's Land Acknowledgement and shared how the land acknowledgement was developed.



### **Program Review & Resource Requests Due Today!**

Programs submitting comprehensive program reviews or annual updates this year: please be sure you have uploaded and saved everything in Nuventive by the end of the day today. Questions? Please contact the PBC Program Review Sub-Committee: [canprogramreview@smccd.edu](mailto:canprogramreview@smccd.edu). Thank you!

### **Indigenous Peoples' Day Sunrise Gathering on Alcatraz**

On Monday, the Cañada Office of Equity hosted Cañada students to celebrate, be in community with each other, and learn about ways to get involved and take action at The Indigenous Peoples' Day Sunrise Gathering on Alcatraz.

A group of 15 students and employees departed campus at 3:45 a.m., drove to San Francisco and boarded a ferry for Alcatraz. This event is organized by the International Indian Treaty Council and commemorates the 1969-71 occupation of Alcatraz by the Indians of All Tribes. At the event, the students participated in learning about the history of the occupation, heard from Lakota Harden about the importance of cultivating roots for connections and taking care of the land, and how to get involved in social movements around the Bay Area, including Concord's movement for supporting the queer Indigenous community.



### **National Coming Out Day**

This Tuesday we celebrated National Coming Out Day in the Cultural Center. It was an inclusive gathering open to everyone, where people came together to celebrate and share their unique coming out stories and experiences. The event featured cookies from a LGBTQ+-owned bakery named "Made Out of Dough," adding a sweet touch to the occasion. It was a meaningful and supportive event that encouraged openness and discussion about LGBTQ+ experiences and identities.



### **October Flex Day**

We had a wonderful day of learning at this Wednesday's Flex Day. Faculty, staff and students participated and were involved in the planning. Thank you to: Ellen Young, Jacky Ip, Anniqua Rana, Cañada's Equity and Antiracism Planning Council, ITS as well as student tech team members Carlos Covarrubias and Matias Tineo Rojas, Cañada's Marketing Department and all of our faculty and staff session presenters.



## Latinx Heritage Month

As we conclude the final days of [Latinx Heritage Month](#), I'd like to recognize and express my gratitude to the members of the LHM Planning Team for their time and talent in planning engaging, inspirational and enriching programs and events. Thank you to Michiko Kealoha, Mary Ho, Nadya Sigona, Lorraine Barrales- Ramirez, Gonzalo Arrizon, Nimsi Garcia, Manuel Alejandro Pérez, Maria Lara, Maria Huning, Mayra Arellano, Estela Garcia, Jasmin Padilla-Valencia, Diego Payan, Joshua-Forman-Ortiz and Diana Castro.

Throughout Latinx Heritage Month, we shared reflections from members of our campus community on why it is important to celebrate Latinx Heritage Month:

“Celebrating Latinx Heritage Month is important because it provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the rich cultural, historical, and societal contributions of the Latinx community. It also allows the Latinx community to show our pride while educating others about our heritage. By acknowledging Latinx heritage, we can break down stereotypes, promote understanding, and work towards a more inclusive and equitable society that values and appreciates the diversity of our population.”

--Mayra Arellano, Director of High School Transition and Dual Enrollment

“Latinx Heritage Month is an opportunity to reflect, highlight, and honor the families, cultures, and experiences that have united us. It's also an opportunity to celebrate who we are as people despite the barriers that have tried to keep us from being here. Because we are more than what the mainstream thinks we are, we are varied and complex individuals, and we are proud of our heritage beyond the single month we have been delegated.”

-- Maria Huning Program Director, TRIO



### **Monday: The SMCCCD Antiracism Council Lecture Series**

The entire SMCCCD Community is invited to this semester's Antiracism Lecture Series, organized by the SMCCCD Antiracism Council in collaboration with Skyline College's Equity Institute. Join for an interactive talk led by Dr. Quito Swan, Professor of History and Director of the Africana Studies Program at George Washington University. The talk will guide you through the history of anti-colonialist movements across the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian Oceans. Please see attached flyer for additional details.

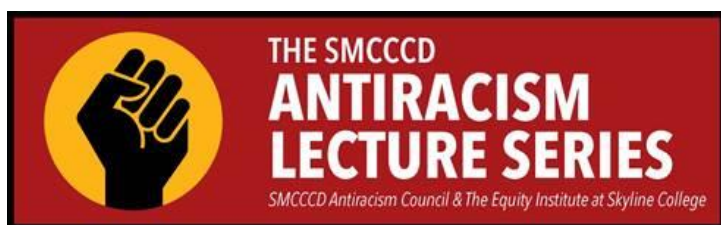
A Q&A session and book signing will follow, and lunch will be provided. Electronic and physical copies of Dr. Swan's book, [Pasifika Black: Oceania, Anti-Colonialism and the African World](#), will be available. Please see the following link for more information on the event: [The SMCCCD Antiracism Lecture Series: The Black Pacific: Oceania & the African World](#)

Hybrid Event - SMCCCD Antiracism Council

Monday, October 16

11:10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

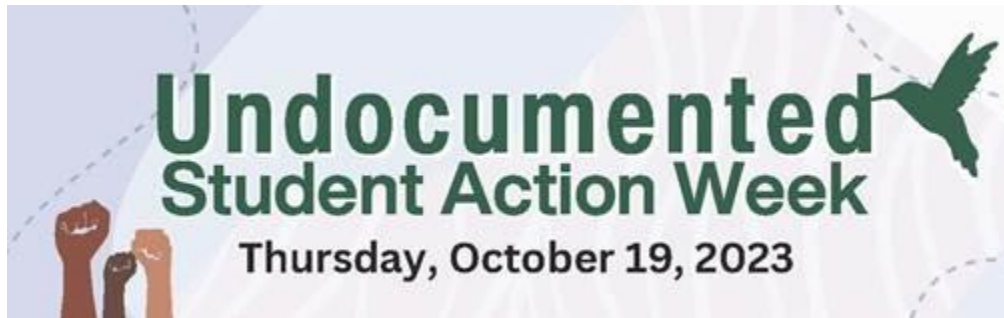
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### **Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW): October 16 to October 20, 2023**

Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW) is a week-long series of events happening from October 16 to October 20, 2023 that aims to celebrate and provide resources for undocumented students. USAW will be hosted at Cañada College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College and will feature a mix of virtual, hybrid and in-person events that are open to all students and community members. USAW is part of a statewide effort led by the California Community College Chancellor's Office to advocate for undocumented students and create systems that will lead to their success.

A flyer detailing the districtwide events is attached. Please visit the [USAW website](#) for the latest updates.



### **SMCCCD Athletic Centers 2nd Annual Showcase**

Join for the SMCCCD Athletic Center Fall Showcase! This two-day event is geared towards showcasing the very best our Athletic Centers have to offer. Any non-member SMCCD Student, Faculty, or Staff are welcome to join and participate in our featured programming or just experience the Athletic Center at their own pace! Light bites and refreshments will also be served. A flyer with additional detail is attached.

Please complete this form to RSVP: [https://smccd-czqfp.formstack.com/forms/can\\_csm\\_showcase\\_fall\\_2023\\_smccd\\_nonmembers](https://smccd-czqfp.formstack.com/forms/can_csm_showcase_fall_2023_smccd_nonmembers)

Saturday, October 28, 2023

7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

College of San Mateo Athletic Center

Sunday, October 29, 2023

7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cañada College Athletic Center

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,  
Kim