



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 10-20-23

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Yesterday, SMCCCD Communications sent a message to all students and employees to share support and resources for our District community who are affected by ongoing global conflicts, most recently those in the Middle East. For those who missed the email, the entire message is attached.

Filipinx Heritage Month Celebration

On Monday, October 16, the Cultural Center and the Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander S.T.A.R. PROGRAM came together to joyously celebrate Filipinx Heritage Month. Professor Ray Lapuz conducted an engaging workshop on 'tinikling,' the national dance of the Philippines. This rhythmic and vibrant dance, characterized by its unique bamboo clappers, garnered enthusiastic participation from students, who eagerly embraced the spirit of this iconic cultural tradition. A heartfelt thanks to all participants and organizers for making Filipinx Month a memorable and culturally enriching experience for everyone who attended.



Transfer Day

On Tuesday, students had the opportunity to meet with more than 30 representatives from colleges and universities throughout California as well as representatives from out-of-state universities. Students spoke with the representatives and learned about admission requirements and what it takes to successfully transfer.



Fall Career Fair

Wednesday was Cañada's Fall Job Fair where the goal was to provide students with an opportunity to speak with employers who are hiring and find out more about their companies. At the event, students got to connect with more than 60 employers who are hiring. The Career Fair provided our Cañadians with a great opportunity to explore career opportunities and build their networks.



Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW)

This week was Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW) and events that were held provided resources for undocumented students. USAW was hosted at Cañada College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College and featured a mix of virtual, hybrid and in-person events that were 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. One of the events on campus included yesterday's Undocumented Community Center Open House where the community learned about services offered by the Undocumented Community Center and the Unlocking Futures Fellowship through a presentation as well as fun activities.



Tilt Five Tour

Recently, students from the Digital Art & Animation department and the XR Apprenticeship Program were invited to tour Tilt Five, an award-winning augmented reality development studio in Fremont. The group was hosted by CEO and Founder Jeri Ellsworth, who shared her remarkable collection of history-making consumer electronics, the hardware and thought process behind the design of the Tilt Five system, and their custom prototyping, assembly, and calibration facilities. In the end, everyone got to try their hand at a few Tilt Five games, ask questions of Jeri and her team and enjoy a slice of pizza.



Please Share: Upcoming Financial Aid Workshops

Financial Aid Services is happy to announce upcoming scholarship workshop opportunities for the fall semester. Please share the attached flyer with students and encourage them to take advantage of our scholarship workshop. Please register on [Calendly](#). For questions, please contact Jackie Flores, Program Services Coordinator in Financial Aid Services, at floresj@smccd.edu or (650) 306-3172.

Scholarship Workshop and Personal Statement Support: All workshops will be held in the Writing Center in Building 9, 2nd floor:

- November 1, 2023 from 12 - 2 p.m.
- November 8, 2023 from 12 - 2 p.m.
- November 14, 2023 from 2 - 4 p.m.
- November 21, 2023 from 2 - 4 p.m.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim