



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 11-3-23

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Program Review and Resource Request Deadline TODAY

All comprehensive program review, annual updates, and resource requests are due in Nuventive by the close of business today. Programs should be sure to address feedback they received from their supervisors and make any necessary changes by 5:00 p.m. today. Questions? Please contact Dean Engel.

Student Visit to UC Santa Cruz

On Friday, October 27, five students joined TRIO and Colts-U Transfer Center staff members for a campus visit to UC Santa Cruz. After a lively journey full of introductions and conversations about goals, the students experienced a tour of the beautiful campus, a transfer-focused admissions conversation and a student panel of transfer students - including SMCCCD alumni! The students enjoyed lunch at the new Rachel Carson Dining Hall, followed by a group photo in front of one of the many sculptures on the campus. The students expressed gratitude for the opportunity to experience UC Santa Cruz and other college campuses, as it helps them make the big decision of where they will go after their time at Cañada. A special thanks to those who collaborated to bring this and other campus visits to our students - TRIO Student Support Services, Colts-U Transfer Center, ARC, EOPS, VROC, Promise Scholars Program, Umoja, SparkPoint, Undocumented Community Center, and the Learning Center. They are excited to do it again in Spring 2024! If your program is interested in collaborating with them, please email Candice Johnson at johnsonc@smccd.edu.



ASCC Halloween

On Tuesday, the campus community celebrated Halloween with great enthusiasm! The Financial Aid Office and Welcome Center displayed their creative costumes, while students actively engaged in various on-campus festivities. The vibrant celebrations included delicious food and a dazzling display of costumes. Which costume stole the show?



Harmony in Hues Opens in Art Gallery

Wednesday marked the debut of the art exhibition opening by Cañada College alumna Jenny Wantuch. Her show, 'Harmony in Hues: Exploring Landscapes through Perception, Imagination, and Memory,' beautifully captured the essence of her artistic journey. The Cañada College alumna's career as an artist comes full circle with her exhibition. The artist, who lives in San Mateo and paints out of her studio at Hunters Point Shipyards, studied graphic design at Cañada College and graduated with a degree in 2013. The show consists of 17 paintings in total. Nine of these paintings were commissioned for Cañada College in 2021 and were completed in 2022. The commissioned paintings are 8x8 inch oil paintings inspired by the repeating patterns and architectural elements that frame the striking vistas seen at Cañada College. The commissioned paintings will be permanently installed on the campus. The other paintings in the show are larger in scale and focus on landscapes in Northern California and other locations.

Her painting entitled "Wanaka Valley" is based on one of her plein air paintings from the South Island of New Zealand and the painting "Road Heading North" is inspired by her memory of growing up in Sweden. All the paintings in the show were completed in 2022-2023. The exhibition runs through December 15, 2023. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.



Dia de los Muertos Celebration

The Cultural Center's Dia de los Muertos celebration highlighted the indigenous tradition of honoring the departed. A heartfelt altar displayed memories of loved ones and was complemented by traditional Catrina face painting and engaging coloring and chalk art activities, creating a vibrant and inclusive event.



Veterans Week: November 6 - 11

The Veteran Resource & Opportunity Center (VROC) has organized a celebratory week to honor our student veterans. Events include: tips for mental wellness, a discussion about BIPOC soldiers' contributions during World War II, a short film festival and Ruck N' Walk. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



Cañada Athletics – Upcoming Home Games

Cheer on our Colts at upcoming home games for men's soccer, women's soccer and men's basketball!

Friday, November 3

Men's Soccer - Skyline vs. Cañada
3-6 p.m.
Colts Field

Tuesday, November 7

Men's Soccer - Las Positas vs. Cañada
1-4 p.m.
Colts Field

Wednesday, November 8

Men's Basketball - Monterey Peninsula vs. Cañada
5-8 p.m.
Gym (Building 1)

Thursday, November 9

Women's Soccer - De Anza vs. Cañada
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Colts Field

Friday, November 10

Men's Basketball - San Joaquin Delta vs. Cañada
5-8 p.m.
Colts Field

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim