



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 12-1-23

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Holiday Gathering – RSVP by Dec. 5

The entire college community is invited to the Campus Holiday Gathering! Mix and mingle over light refreshments and merriment.

Friday, December 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Building 8 Lobby

Please RSVP [here](https://tinyurl.com/CANGathering23) by December 5.



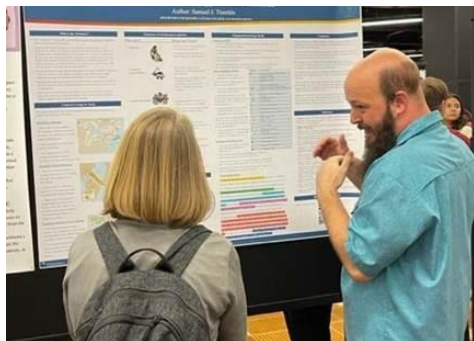
Winter Basket Fundraiser

Classified Senate hosts multiple fundraisers throughout the year, with proceeds going to student scholarships! Classified offers two scholarships a year in honor of Pat Hanada and Gail Kamei who were Classified staff that always hosted events and supported student workers.

Stop by the Bookstore to view and purchase your tickets for the Winter Basket drawing through December 13! Please see the attached flyer for details

Cañada Student Recognized with National Award

Congratulations to Honors student Samuel Trumble who earned second place for his research and invited to present at the [National Collegiate Honors Convention](#) in Chicago where he won the Sloane Prize for Undergraduate Research. Samuel was selected for this award among hundreds of university and college students from across the nation. Samuel's research focuses on the 17th century folklore of Northeastern North America and the "Trickster Tales" of Algonquian and Iroquoian Native Americans, New England colonists, and enslaved African Americans. Samuel was mentored by Professor Michael Stanford and worked with Research Librarian Chris Burns. [For more information on Samuel's project click here](#). Samuel's work, "The Trickster Archetype in North America" was also published in [Thinkyou?!](#)



Student Visit to San Jose State University

On November 17, the Cultural Center sponsored a trip for students to visit the Native American Indigenous Student Support Center at San Jose State University (SJSU). The group met with their Inaugural Director Elisa Aquino and SJSU students to learn about the history of their center, what it's like to start a new center supporting Native American and Indigenous Students, what the transfer experience is like on campus, and how they partner with community organizations.



Transgender Day of Remembrance, Queer Social and SAGA Rent Visit

Last week, students, faculty and staff joined together at Skyline College for a private preview of *RENT the Musical*. Before the musical, the Skyline College Sexuality and Gender Alliance Club (SAGA) and our Gender and Sexuality Alliance Club of Cañada (GSA) joined together with CSM's Club for a special mixer on how we can work together to support our LGBTQ+ community in the District. Next, students from Cañada's GSA hosted a campus-wide Transgender Day of Remembrance, where students spoke about those killed and erased by hate this year. The student presenters also discussed the connections of racism, transphobia and misogyny as roots to this systemic violence and presented ways to confront it. After the Transgender Day of Remembrance, GSA also hosted a Queer Social in the Cultural Center where students could share what they love about being a part of the community while playing board games and crafting.



Phi Theta Kappa Induction Ceremony

Each year, the SMCCCD Phi Theta Kappa Chapters celebrate new members during Induction. The ceremony, held on November 17, honored our student's academic achievements. Included in this year's Induction was an opportunity for PTK members to acknowledge special faculty and staff who have supported student success at the San Mateo County Community Colleges.



Phi Theta Kappa Book Drive

The Beta Zeta Nu Phi Theta Kappa Chapter of Cañada College organized a campus-wide book drive in celebration of National Book Month. In collaboration with the Educators Now Club, students collected and distributed 116 books for infants and children to eight years old.



Brazilian Beats Drum Workshop

This week, the Cultural Center, with Professor Michael Hoffman, hosted their second drum workshop. Students, faculty and staff learned to play the clave, bell, low drum and high drum, in the style of Brazilian artist Jose Lorenzo. Participants shared how they instantly felt connection with other participants because they had to work together, as well as the ability to find peace for the rest of the day because the power the drums had on them.



History of the Land in the Middle East

Yesterday's Middle East History Workshop was organized by the Associated Students of Cañada College and Cultural Center. The event featured a virtual session led by Professor Noonan via Zoom.

Attendees enjoyed food from Old Jerusalem in San Francisco while engaging in the workshop that included a slide show, enhancing their understanding of Middle Eastern history.



Apply Now: Learning, Equity & Growth Series

Skyline College's Learning, Equity & Growth Series (LEGS) for Spring 2024 is open to all SMCCCD employees and applications are being accepted now through December 8.

What is the Learning, Equity & Growth Series?

Skyline College's Learning, Equity & Growth Series is an intentional sequence of experiences designed to increase awareness of the various intersections of equity by providing attendees with:

- Additional access points and knowledge on how equity gaps are created and systematically embedded in our societal structures.
- Opportunities to engage, reflect, and discuss how to incorporate our intersectional equity knowledge into our professional and personal pathways.
- Space to cultivate communities of practice that approach equity-focused work with a lifelong mindset versus an “equity as training” one.

This series runs on Friday afternoons from 12:15 – 3:15 p.m. and is a valuable professional development opportunity for all classified professionals, faculty, and administrators in our district.

If you're interested in joining the Spring 2024 cohort, please complete the [online application](#) by December 8.

Please see below information for topics and dates for Spring 2024.

Come engage and discuss how we can address systematic equity gaps and make a collective impact!

Spring 2024 Session	Date
Grounding Us in the Work	Friday, January 26
Cultural Humility	Friday, February 2
Whiteness	Friday, February 23
Activism in Education	Friday, March 1
Gender Violence and Body Autonomy	Friday, March 15
Black Infant & Maternal Mortality	Friday, April 5
Institutional & Community Trauma – Building Resiliency	Friday, April 19
Graduation Ceremony	Friday, May 3

Please Join Brave Space Collective at January 10 Meeting

The Brave Space Collective is inviting interested co-conspirators (folx who love, want to advocate with, and are committed to the LGBTQ+ community and cause) to collaborate on proposals for the College's Spring 2024 LGBTQ+ programming. Our kick-off session will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Cultural Center, Building 17, Room 107. Please join us to share your ideas and how you'd like to get involved. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 13 to help us with ordering a yummy lunch for you. Can't attend and would like to be involved? Please connect with us at canvpss@smccd.edu.



I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim