



# A Message from President Kim Lopez

## **Weekly Update: 12-15-23**

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Thank you for all the hard work and dedication you have demonstrated throughout the year. I truly appreciate the support and kindness you provide to our students every day. It's been a joy to work with each of you this past year and I so look forward to 2024!

### **Holiday Party**

Thank you to all who attended today's campus-wide Holiday Gathering! It was a wonderful way to celebrate the end of the semester with colleagues. The end of the semester marks retirement for a few Cañadians and we look forward to honoring them at our End of the Academic Year celebration on May 16, 2024.



**Happy  
Holidays**



## **Dance Motion XVII**

Last Friday, our Dance Department hosted its show, Dance Motion XVII where students performed a variety of dance styles. A special thanks to our Dance Faculty members for working with our students to put on an amazing show!



## **Support the V-ROC and PTK Toy Drive**

Today is the last day to bring an unwrapped toy to support the Veterans Resource and Opportunity Center (V-ROC) and Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Holiday Toy Drive for Redwood City and San Mateo County families in need. Donations are being collected at these on campus locations: The Grove (Building 5), V-ROC Office (Building 9, Room 151) and Library (Building 9, Third Floor).



## **Angelica Soria Mendoza, Executive Assistant, Office of Student Services**

Please give a warm welcome to Angelica Soria Mendoza in her new role as Executive Assistant in the Office of Student Services! Angelica comes to us from Skyline College where she served in the Social Science Creative Arts Division, the Office of the Vice President of Instruction and the President's Office. She holds an Associate Degree in Communications Studies from Cañada College and is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Arts in Communications Studies from San Francisco State University.

Angelica enjoys spending time with her family, being outdoors and taking care of her plants. Angelica also enjoys learning about her Mexican Heritage, cooking/baking and painting. She is excited to come back to Cañada College and support our students, community members, classified professionals, faculty and administrators.



### **January Flex Days Reminders**

Spring 2024 will begin with two enriching and educational [Flex Days](#). On Thursday, January 11 the District Committee on Teaching and Learning is hosting the mini-conference [Leveraging AI and VR/AR: A New World of Teaching](#) at Skyline College. [Cañada College's Flex Day](#) will be held on Friday, January 12. Please take a look at the [agenda](#) and [register](#) in advance to help presenters and the Flex Day Planning Team prepare.

### **Thank You for a Successful 2023!**

What a year 2023 has been! This year has brought us many joyful memories, significant events and reasons to celebrate student success at Cañada College. I hope you enjoy a collage of photos as we look back at 2023: <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjB6g2D>



This is my last Weekly Update of 2023. Again, thank you for all of your hard work to support our students this semester. I wish you a restful Winter Break and look forward to continuing our great work together in 2024!

Sincerely,  
Kim