



# A Message from President Kim Lopez

## **Weekly Update: 12-8-23**

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

### **The Unlocking Futures Fellowship (UFF)**

The Unlocking Futures Fellowship (UFF) is a new opportunity that was launched this academic year to provide undocumented students scholarships and mentorship as they develop their professional, leadership and academic skills. Recently, Unlocking Futures Fellow Luis Romero led a presentation for 15 fellow students in English and Spanish covering what the Cañada College Scholarship is and how undocumented students can benefit from it. During the event, students asked many questions and this was the first of a series of events he will host in order to support more undocumented students in accessing crucial resources to continue their education.



### **Cañada Hosts Campus Visit for 70+ Dual Enrolled Woodside High School Students**

In the Spring 2024 semester, an impressive cohort of 100 Woodside High School students will be dual-enrolled in our History 202 class. As part of their academic journey, these students recently participated in a field trip to campus where more than 70 students engaged with distinguished speakers such as Dean James Carranza, college instructor Justin Coburn and current college students. The trip left a lasting impression on our students, as reflected in their responses.

One student shared, "It got me really interested in learning more about what Cañada can offer me. The flexibility of it especially." Another highlighted the value of the student panel, stating, "I enjoyed the student panel because the panel was very informing, and those students all had different answers and experiences." Lastly, a student expressed the excitement of reconnecting with the alumni, saying, "It was cool to see former Woodside students and say hi." These activities are meant to broaden our students' horizons and fuel a strong interest in learning that goes beyond the classroom. We expect a semester where students experience significant progress, meaningful exploration and a dedication to doing well in their classes.



### LibreTexts' ADAPT Workshops

Last Friday, Cañada College hosted one of LibreTexts' ADAPT workshops. A total of 18 faculty from various CSUs and community colleges, including many from Cañada College, joined in the event. These workshops were held across the state for any faculty who were interested in learning more about this versatile and free-to-students platform. Dr. Delmar Larsen of UC Davis, the founder and director of LibreTexts, came to teach faculty about the LibreTexts homework and assessment platform, guiding everyone in creating questions, building assignments and connecting everything to Canvas. Course materials, both for textbooks and homework platforms, are a significant cost for students. Through ADAPT, faculty can use Open Educational Resources (OER) for homework and other assignments, adding another way to drastically reduce the amount that students pay for course materials. To learn more about OER and other zero-textbook-cost (ZTC) methods, please visit the [Cañada ZTC website](#).



## **ESL 912 Final Project**

On Tuesday, the ESL 912 final project event was a delightful gathering filled with delicious empanadas and an array of creative stations showcasing students' talents. Each student had a station highlighting their creativity, featuring activities such as bracelet making, coloring, trivia and fun games like Jenga. The atmosphere was lively with the inclusion of karaoke and dancing, making it an enjoyable and memorable event for all participants.



## **Therapy Dogs on Campus**

In preparation for Finals Week, the Library welcomed therapy dogs, bringing a wave of joy and relaxation to students. The atmosphere was filled with gratitude as students expressed their appreciation for the special visitors. The therapy dogs proved to be a source of comfort, and students happily took the opportunity to de-stress by spending quality time with these furry companions.



## Boba and Paint De-Stress

At the Cultural Center, students enjoyed a Boba De-Stress event featuring Boba and creative activities like canvas painting, rock art and Origami. The event provided a relaxing atmosphere for students to de-stress while indulging in artistic expression and cultural enjoyment.



## Cañada Interior Design Club Community Service Project

The Cañada Interior Design (ID) Club has the opportunity to put their academic learnings into practice by engaging with Puente de la Costa Sur, a nonprofit located in Pescadero. The team of 12 ID Club volunteers is collaborating with Puente and will deliver a design plan that recommends: a new paint color palette, more efficient space planning, a revised kitchen layout, suggested furniture/materials and a landscape design. The students presented their initial design concept which was received with big smiles! The team met again to hear Puente's feedback and desired direction and then will reconvene in January to finalize the design deliverable. NOTE: The ID Club is not responsible for any costs/labor to implement the design plan. A detailed look at the initial design concept presentation can be viewed [here](#).



## 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. Please 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.

## 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 would like to get involved. Please RSVP by Wednesday, December 13 so we can order a yummy lunch for you. Can't attend and would like to be involved? Please connect with us at [canvpss@smccd.edu](mailto:canvpss@smccd.edu).



## COVID-19 Health Information Reminders

- COVID District Policy - Do not come to campus if you feel sick, are symptomatic, or have tested positive for COVID-19
- COVID Safety Officer - Chief Facilities and Operations Officer [Michele Rudovsky](#) is the SMCCCD COVID Safety Officer
- Employee COVID Reporting - As per [CalOSHA](#), SMCCCD continues to monitor employee COVID-positive cases. Employees will continue to report COVID-19 positives via an online form. If you have tested positive for COVID-19 (either home antigen or PCR lab test), stay home, do not come to campus, and fill out the [Employee Positive-COVID Test Reporting Form](#)
- Students and Community Members - Students and other campus community members are no longer required to report positives but must follow guidance to remain home if sick, symptomatic, or tested positive for COVID-19. See the [Isolation/Exposure/Quarantine Decision Tree](#) for when you can return to campus

- [Order Free COVID-19 Tests](#)
- [Employee Positive-COVID Test Reporting Form](#)
- [SMCCCD COVID-19 Health Information Website](#)

I hope you have a restful weekend!

Sincerely,  
Kim