



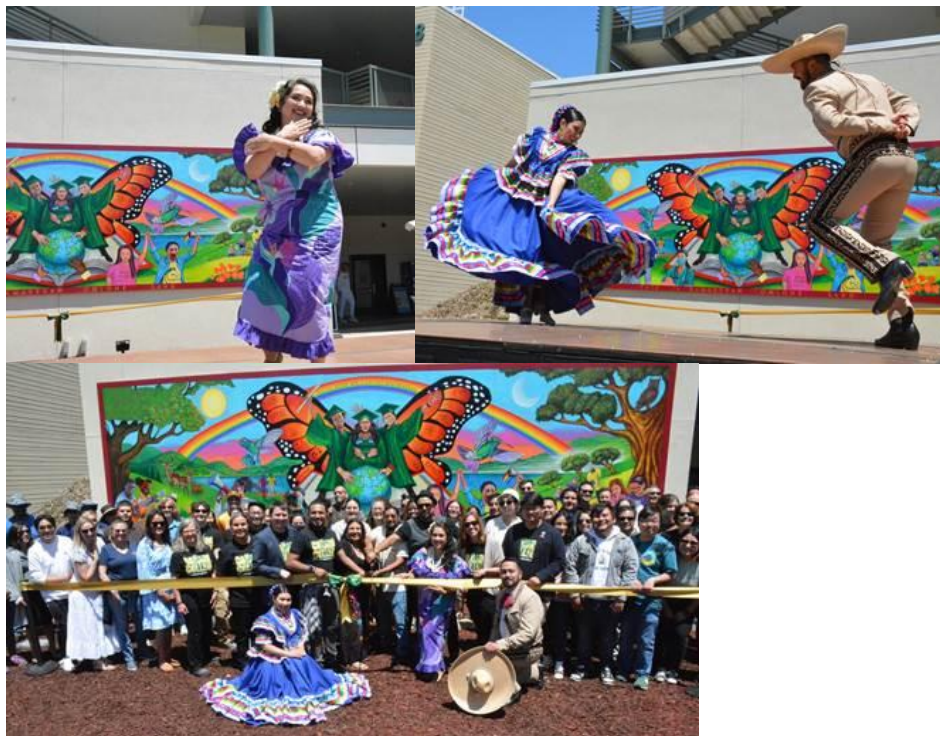
A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 5-19-23

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Mural Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Thank you to all of the campus community members who joined in the ribbon-cutting ceremony of Cañada's first mural! The historic mural ribbon-cutting event was filled with special remarks and cultural performances by our very own Dr. Michiko Kealoha and Dr. Manuel Alejandro Pérez. Thank you to the many campus community members who have contributed to the planning and support that led up to this significant event, including: former and current Cañada students who were involved in the visioning process, campus and greater community members who helped to paint the mural, art partner Precita Eyes, Muralist Francisco Franco and the leadership of the Mural Executive Committee. You can view the gallery of images from the event [here](#).



Dance Motion XVI

Last Friday, our Dance Department hosted Dance Motion XVI, a combination of performances choreographed by our students. I enjoyed seeing our students perform a variety of styles from Hip Hop, Kpop, Jazz, Tango, Ballet, Salsa and more!



Connecting with Our Campus Community: ESL 912 Final Project

Our ESL 912, an ESL reading, listening and speaking class had a wonderful time hosting an event as a final project. Students put their English speaking and listening skills to the test while leading fun, community-building activities, including karaoke, games and art activities.



Latinx Graduation Recognition Ceremony

On Wednesday, the campus celebrated our Latinx community with a beautiful graduation recognition. With their families and friends in attendance, each student was awarded a sash for commencement, and a certificate and celebrated this moment with their loved ones and Cañada community. You can view additional images from the event [here](#).



Employee End-of-Year Celebration

I enjoyed seeing many Cañadians at our end-of-year celebration yesterday. It was fun to share stories from the year and honor our retiring faculty and staff, faculty who have achieved tenure, Academic Senate Award to Outstanding Faculty and our SMCCCD Classified Employee of the Year.



EOPS End of the Year Celebration

Last night we joined our EOPS students and their families at our EOPS program end-of-year celebration. The event was filled with student speakers and alumni, distribution of EOPS sashes and certificates, a halftime "dance" and an ending toast.



Umoja Graduation Celebration

Also last night, the Umoja communities across the District recognized their students at a celebration at Skyline College.

A special thank you to Professor and Umoja Program Coordinator, Lezlee Ware and Professor and Umoja Program Faculty, Elizabeth Terzakis for the time and talent they have dedicated the past few years to establish and launch Cañada's Umoja program. We appreciate your unwavering dedication to our students.



Land Acknowledgements and Beyond

On Mother's Day Weekend, members of the Equity and Antiracist Planning Council Subcommittee "Land Acknowledgements and Beyond" and the EMP Cultural Center Workgroup joined in community with Native and Indigenous peoples at the Stanford Powwow. Together, they experienced the Grand Entry, Drum Contests, and special performances by the Stanford Pacific Islander Student Association, and the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe of San Francisco Bay Area and the Sacramento Youth Group. The group enjoyed fry bread together, found art to decorate the Dream Center, and met location association community members. If you're interested in joining the Land Acknowledgements and Beyond Subcommittee of EAPC in the coming academic year, please contact [Professor Alison Field](#) and [Dr. Michiko Kealoha](#).



Show Some Love for the Class of 2023 with Custom Zoom Backgrounds!

With Commencement around the corner, it's time to show our grads some love! Our Marketing Department Student Assistant, Michelle Aung, designed Zoom backgrounds for the campus and greater community to celebrate the Cañada Class of 2023!

You can view and download the backgrounds [here](#). Visit the [Commencement website](#) for the latest updates.



Upcoming Events

Please visit our [College Events Calendar](#) for an updated listing of campus events. The campus community is also encouraged to add to the college calendar and can do so [here](#). Upcoming events include:

Friday, May 19

[Student Recognition and Achievement Ceremony](#)

2:30 – 5 p.m.
Building 3, Main Theatre

[TRIO Recognition Ceremony](#)

6-8 p.m.
Cañada Vista Clubhouse

[Animation End-of-Year Show](#)

7 p.m.
Building 3, Main Theatre

Saturday, May 20

[End-of-Year Fashion Celebration](#)

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Building 3, Room 255, Fashion Department

[SMCCCD Migration Celebration](#)

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Building 23 Rooftop

Wednesday, May 24

[Puente End-of-Year Celebration](#)

9 - 10:30 a.m.
Building 6, Room 103

[Promise Scholars Program Graduation](#)

5-7 p.m.
Building 23 Rooftop

Thursday, May 25

Classified School Employee Appreciation

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Building 8 Lobby

[Middle College Graduation](#)

3-4 p.m.
Building 3, Main Theatre

Friday, May 26

Commencement [Rehearsal](#)

2-3 p.m.
Upper Lawn – Between Buildings 9 and 13

[50th Anniversary of Interior Design Celebration](#)

5 p.m.
Building 6, Room 101/102

Saturday, May 27

[Commencement](#)

10 a.m.
Upper Lawn

Saturday, June 10

[Lavender Grad Drag Brunch](#)

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Building 23 Rooftop

I hope you enjoy your weekend and get some rest!

Sincerely,
Kim