



# A Message from President Kim Lopez

**Weekly Update: 8-25-23**

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

## **Cañada Develops New MOU with Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula**

I am pleased to share that we have finalized a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Cañada College and Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula (BGCP). The purpose of the MOU is to provide middle school, high school and college students with high-quality expanded opportunities for academic success and support services. The activities in the agreement include: Middle School Career Exploration, Summer Academy for high school Juniors and Seniors, expanded Dual Enrollment course offerings with academic advising and group workshops for current college students. As a component of our MOU, BGCP has provided dedicated event space for Cañada College to host monthly workshops and programs at its East Palo Alto clubhouse location. In turn, we have reserved an office space for BGCP staff to meet their students on the Cañada College campus as well. A copy of the agreement is attached.

This is the first of many MOU's that we plan to initiate with our community partner organizations in East Palo Alto, Belle Haven and North Fair Oaks. My thanks to Vice President Pérez who has been instrumental in working with our partners to bring this impactful agreement to fruition. We couldn't have accomplished this without his leadership and patience throughout this year-long process.

## **EOPS Open House**

Thank you to the EOPS/CARE/NextUp/FYSI team who hosted Tuesday's Open House that introduced students to the various resources the programs offer.



## **Maneki-Neko Art Workshop**

On Wednesday, the Cultural Center was packed with students, classified staff and administrators as we learned about the Japanese legend of the Maneki-Neko (welcome cat) and how this beckoning cat can be seen in front of homes and businesses all over the world today. David Johnson from the facilities team shared his experience in Japan and participants shared their own cultural practices in gesturing for someone to join them and how we each welcome people into our own spaces and homes. All participants were able to paint their own Maneki-Neko and bring it home with them. Participants also learned the history of mochi ice cream while eating the sweet treat. It was a fun way to welcome people into our new Cultural Center space.



## **Learning Center's Open House**

On Thursday, the Learning Center hosted an Open House to connect students with student support programs, including: College for Working Adults, TRIO, Tutors, Peer Mentors and the STEM Center.



## **Honors Transfer Program Fall Kickoff**

Yesterday more than 30 students, faculty and staff members attended the Honors Transfer Program's Fall Kickoff!

Attendees learned about Honors Courses, Honors Contracts, Honors Transfer Program Membership and Completion, exciting Priority Transfer Agreements, the supportive Honors Research Seminar, Honors research conference presentation and publication opportunities, and the many other benefits.



### Important Reminders from Cañada's Marketing Department

As we start the new semester, Cañada's Marketing Department has important reminders for the campus community:

- Campus print services are centralized through [Skyline Graphic Arts & Production \(SKYGAP\)](#). Please place print orders using this [form](#).
- Review and update your division/department/program website content as we transition from summer to fall. Submit a [Marketing Request](#) (clicking 'Web' under Service Requested) and a member of the Marketing team can assist.
- Submit your in-person and virtual events into our [event calendar](#) as early as possible so we can help share it with the campus community this fall semester. All events for the [What's Happening at Cañada event blast](#) are sourced from the college calendar – please submit your events to be considered for the email blast.
- Submit project and/or assistance requests through the [Marketing Assistance Request form](#). Categories for requests include graphic design, web, communication, marketing assistance, event support, training and material proof and approval.
- The College offers a centralized link to order newly-designed business cards. You can order business cards [here](#).

I wish each of you a restful weekend – stay cool!

Sincerely,  
Kim