



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 9-29-23

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Participatory Governance Orientation: TODAY!

All are welcome to join PBC's Participatory Governance Orientation today from 1-2 p.m. in person in Building 3, Room 104 and also via [this Zoom link](#). Planning and Budgeting Council members are required to attend. Members of IPC, SSPC, EAPC, Academic, Classified and Student Senates, as well as College Committees are all strongly encouraged to attend. Questions? Please contact [Dean Engel](#).

Club Rush

On Wednesday, the Associated Students of Cañada College hosted Club Rush, an event that highlighted the various student clubs on campus and an opportunity for students to engage in their individual communities. Thank you to the students, faculty and staff who supported the event.



Latinx Heritage Month

Wednesday's Latinx Heritage Month Speaker Series featured North Fair Oaks/Redwood City artist, Jose Castro. Jose shared how art plays a pivotal role in Latinx and Hispanic cultures, and how he uses his work to inspire across generations.



Please join us for our upcoming Speaker Series celebrating Latinx Heritage Month:

Wednesday, October 4

[Selena Sing-a-Long](#)

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Cultural Center, Building 17, Room 107

Thursday, October 5

[Speaker: Angel Fabian](#)

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Amphitheatre (Between Buildings 3, 9 and 13)

Friday, October 6

[LLCBA Latino Heritage Month Speaker Series: Dr. Curtis Acosta & Jose Medina](#)

5:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Carrington Hall at Sequoia High School, 1201 Brewster Street, Redwood City

For events updates, please visit the [college events calendar](#). We look forward to collaborating and celebrating Latinx Heritage Month!

Why is it important to celebrate Latinx Heritage Month?

Throughout Latinx Heritage Month, we will share reflections from members of our campus community on why it is important to celebrate Latinx Heritage Month.

“I celebrate Latinx Heritage Month because I am proud of our roots and traditions, but I also value the multiple ways that we have evolved, adapted, and responded to change. I identify as a gay Latinx first-generation professional, proud to be part of an immigrant family from Nayarit, Mexico. I have benefitted immensely from the moral support, guidance, y *consejos* from my professors, staff, peers, parents, sisters, and extended *familia* who cheered me on, especially if they didn't always understand my challenges.

Latinx Heritage Month provides us an opportunity to spotlight what bonds us, what makes us unique, and why we have a responsibility to support *all* members of our beautiful *comunidad!*”

--Gonzalo Arrizon, Interim Program Supervisor, Colts-U Transfer Center



AANHPI S.T.A.R Program Launch and Mid-Autumn Moon Festival Celebration

Yesterday, we celebrated the launch of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander S.T.A.R. (Success, Transfer, Access and Relevance) program. Attendees learned about the mid-autumn moon festival, enjoyed mooncakes and participated in the shaping of Cañada’s AANHPI S.T.A.R. story.



Chancellor Search Town Halls - Friday, October 6

You are invited to attend a virtual Town Hall to provide input as we begin a search for the District’s next Chancellor. Three sessions will be held, one for each college. If you cannot join your college’s Town Hall, you can join one of the other sessions. District Office employees can join any session.

Friday, October 6, 2023

Cañada College

1–1:45 p.m.

[Zoom Registration Link](#)

College of San Mateo

2–2:45 p.m.

[Zoom Registration Link](#)

Skyline College

3–3:45 p.m.

[Zoom Registration Link](#)

The District has hired RH Perry & Associates to support the Chancellor Search process. The Town Halls will be led by SMCCCD Human Resources and [Paul Doeg](#), President & COO of RH Perry & Associates. These Town Halls will allow you to share your thoughts on what you'd like to see in the District's next Chancellor. Your feedback is important and will be used to develop the position announcement. If you cannot attend the Town Hall meetings, please provide input by completing the [Chancellor Search Feedback Form](#). This form is anonymous. Thank you for your participation as we search for our next Chancellor.

October 11 Flex Day

October 11 is Flex Day. Campus will be closed for all employees to enjoy a day of learning and community. We have created the attached sign for you to post in your offices to remind students that campus is closed for Flex Day. Highlights from the agenda include sessions honoring National Coming Out Day, a Building-13 Self-Guided Tour, and much more! Please check out the [Flex Day Website](#) for session descriptions and a printable [Flex Day Agenda](#). [Please register](#) for any sessions or meals you plan to attend. If you have any questions, please direct them to Flex Day Coordinator [Ellen Young](#).

OER/ZTC Financial Impact, Fall 2023

Our Open Educational Resources (OER) and Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) team recently shared impressive full enrollment data for our ZTC and Low Textbook Cost LTC courses:

- 3,700 students enrolled at census into ZTC and LTC courses (*record!*)
- ZTC: 68 courses, 108 sections (*record for both!*)
- LTC: 12 courses, 19 sections (not a record, but strong)
- 59 unique faculty (out of 188, or 31.383%--*record!*)
- Estimated savings: \$343,500 (*record!*)



14,512 students
participated
in ZTC & OER classes
since Spring 2021



Students savings:
\$1,351,450
ZTC Impact Spring 2021 - Fall 2023



127 ZTC & LTC class
sections offered
by 59 unique faculty,
Fall 2023

Thank you to all who have supported our ZTC and LTC courses. We have met some major milestones and are so appreciative of your work on behalf of our students.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,
Kim