



## A Message from President Kim Lopez

### **Weekly Update 11-14-25**

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

### **Cañada Connects with Sequoia Union High School District Families**

Last Thursday, the Cañada Outreach team, together with Promise and Counseling, presented at Noche de Información for the Sequoia Union High School District. More than 40 high school seniors and their families attended to learn about the many opportunities available at Cañada College. The evening sparked great conversations, tour requests, and excitement from families eager to join the Cañada community!



### **Star Party Brings the Night Sky to Life**

Last Friday, the Astronomy Department put on the semesterly Star Party at the campus Observatory. More than 40 attendees, including a lot of enthusiastic children, marveled at star clusters, the rings of Saturn and of course the moon. Everyone enjoyed the snacks, candy and stories about the night sky.

## Honors Transfer Program Students Shine at National and State Conferences

Cañada Honors Transfer Program (HTP) participants presented at national and state conferences. HTP students Rolando Barriga-Rojas and Blake Mathews shared their research, "Can You Scrub Away Sin? The Psychological Underpinnings of the Macbeth Effect," and HTP student Haolin Pang presented, "Using Calculus to Study the Population Dynamics of Sea Turtles in the Gulf of Mexico" at the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) conference last Saturday. Honors Coordinator Rebekah Sidman-Taveau presented her research, "Honors for English Learners: Case Studies of Successful Multilingual Honors Students" also at NCHC and at the California Association of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (CATESOL).



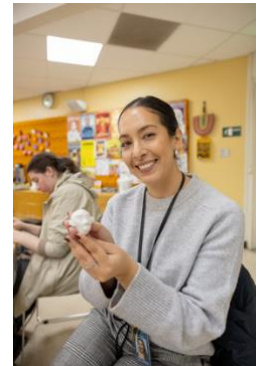
## Puente Hosts Annual Noche De Familia

On Wednesday, the Puente Co-Coordinator invited family and friends to Noche de Familia (Family Night), a cornerstone Puente Project event that validates the notion that students' families are an integral part of their education. The students and their families received important information about the several support services available, such as the Undocumented Community Center and the Financial Aid Departments. Moreover, the participants took part in an interactive Puente Loteria game, where they tested their knowledge of what they had learned. This is important because being part of the "familia" is what Puente is all about — with the love and support from family members and the community, students are more easily able to reach their academic goals. The Puente Co-Coordinator would like to give a huge shout-out to our wonderful mentors, students and community members who showed up and made the night memorable.



### **Womxn of Color Collaborative Hosts Sculpture Workshop with Ahmad Walker**

Yesterday, the Womxn of Color Collaborative welcomed Bay Area artist Ahmad Walker for a hands-on sculpture workshop centered on personal growth. Ahmad shared his journey into art, his commitment to giving back through community workshops and guided participants through the step-by-step process of sculpting a face. Attendees learned sculpting fundamentals and connected with one another as they reflected on their interpretations and personal growth heading into finals.



### **Back to School: A Group Exhibition Opens at the Cañada College Art Gallery**

Last night, the Cañada College Art Gallery welcomed students, staff and community members for the opening of Back to School: A Group Exhibition. Guests explored a compelling collection of paired artworks created by seven student artists, each of whom selected a historical masterwork to study, recreate and reinterpret through a contemporary lens. The exhibition showcases how engaging with the past can spark new creative pathways, with master copies displayed alongside original works in charcoal, graphite and oil paint - offering insight into each artist's process and the connection between tradition and personal expression. Back to School: A Group Exhibition will remain on view through December 11.



The gallery is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 1–5 p.m. in Building 9, Room 152.



### **Position Request Presentations at PBC Next Week**

As part of our annual college integrated planning and budgeting cycle, the Planning & Budgeting Council (PBC) will be hosting an all-governance group meeting next Wednesday, November 19 from 2:10 – 4:30 p.m. in Room 13-233 and on [Zoom](#). Programs requesting new, permanent positions will have an opportunity to present their proposals and participants will have a chance to provide feedback on each proposal. All members of the college community are invited to participate in the discussion. More information can be found [here](#).

### **Action Needed: District Radios**

District Public Safety is modernizing the radio system and will collect all district-issued radios and charging cradles from offices and shared workspaces in the coming weeks. If you have a radio, please turn it in with its cradle to your campus DPS office now; reprogramming is scheduled for the week of Thanksgiving (November 24–30), with redistribution in December based on safety and operational needs (not all radios will return to the same users/locations). For questions, contact Cañada Public Safety Captain, [Jason Wendt](#).

### **Business Cards Now Available Through Staples Advantage**

Cañada College employees can now order business cards through [StaplesAdvantage.com](#) as part of the District's transition from SKYGAP. A user guide is attached to help you navigate the ordering process, along with a FAQ document for quick reference. For questions on print, please contact [canmarketing@smccd.edu](mailto:canmarketing@smccd.edu). Currently, account set-ups are only available to procurement cardholders. Please submit orders through your Division Assistant.

## Holiday Gathering – Please RSVP by Dec. 1

The entire college community is invited to the Campus Holiday Gathering! Mix and mingle over light refreshments and merriment. Please join me and your colleagues!

Monday, December 8 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.  
Building 8 Lobby

Please RSVP [here](#) by December 1.



## Whistleblower Reporting System

SMCCCD has introduced a confidential third-party system for reporting fraud, waste or abuse. Reports can be made at (833) 416-6409 or through the [Whistleblower Portal](#). Workplace or discrimination concerns should go to HR or the Title IX office.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,  
Kim