



## A Message from President Kim Lopez

### Weekly Update 11-7-25

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

**Final Deadline! Program Review & Resource Requests Due TODAY in Nuventive by 5 p.m.**

Programs submitting comprehensive program reviews, annual updates, or resource requests this year: please be sure you have addressed the feedback received from Supervisors, Deans, or VPs [in Nuventive by the end of the day today](#), November 7, 2025. This is the final deadline to submit information prior to our peer review and resource prioritization processes begin. Questions? Please contact the PBC Program Review Sub-Committee: [canprogramreview@smccd.edu](mailto:canprogramreview@smccd.edu).

### Film Screening Highlights Filipinx American History Month

Cañada College concluded Filipinx American History Month with the screening of *Nurse Unseen*, which told the invisible story of Filipino nurses during the Covid-19 pandemic. More than 60 students, staff and faculty had an opportunity to learn about the impact and contributions of Filipino nurses in the U.S. healthcare system and the challenges they endured during the pandemic. Participants also had an opportunity to engage in Q&A with Michele Josue, the Director of the film. The closing event was coordinated by the AANHPI STAR program, Cultural Center and ASCC.



## Cañada College Sponsors Día de los Muertos Celebration in Redwood City

On Sunday, Cañada College sponsored and tabled at the Día de los Muertos celebration in downtown Redwood City. While many Mexican American families continue to honor the holiday through personal and traditional practices, this vibrant public event - hosted by community partner Casa Círculo Cultural - has grown into a citywide celebration of diversity, culture and community connection.



## Cañada Community Comes Together for Loy Krathong

On Wednesday, the Cultural Center, AANHPI S.T.A.R. Program, CalWORKs and Puente hosted Loy Krathong on campus, and what a wonderful day it was! Celebrated nationwide, Loy Krathong is a time when people come together to float small, candle-lit offerings (krathongs) on water, giving thanks and letting go of negativity from the past year. It's a moment of reflection, gratitude and hope.

For many campus community members, this was their first Krathong, and it was a joy to see their excitement as they learned about Loy Krathong, decorated their own Krathong and enjoyed delicious Thai food. It was truly heartwarming to see our students, faculty, staff and community members gather for a cultural celebration of Loy Krathong, one of Thailand's most beautiful and meaningful festivals.



### **Personnel Request Presentations Scheduled for November 19**

Programs submitting new requests for new positions will have an opportunity to present their requests at the November 19 Planning & Budgeting Council between 2:10 – 4:30 p.m. Information about the presentation schedule will be [posted here](#) after November 11.



## **PBC Approved Accreditation Report and Student Equity Plan**

At their November 5 meeting, the Planning & Budgeting Council (PBC) approved the College's [Institutional Self-Evaluation Report](#) (ISER) to the Accrediting Commission for Junior and Community Colleges (ACCJC) as well as the College's new [Student Equity Plan 2025-28](#). I will submit both documents to the Board of Trustees for their approval on November 19.

## **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). For questions to set up an account, please contact [canbusinessoffice@smccd.edu](mailto:canbusinessoffice@smccd.edu)

## **Fall 2025 ZTC/LTC Statistics**

With census now complete for all late-start ZTC (Zero Textbook Cost) and LTC (Low Textbook Cost) courses, the Textbook Affordability Subcommittee recently shared its final tallies. They are quite impressive and show the consistent importance of ZTC and LTC courses.

- ZTC: 155 sections of 96 courses
- LTC: 31 sections of 13 courses (record number of sections!)
- 5,305 enrolled (duplicated) students
- \$738,900 in estimated savings (record!)
- 95 unique faculty (44.19% of instructors) (record!)

This success stems from strong administrative support, consistent messaging at department meetings and growing student demand. Make sure to check WebSchedule for Spring 2026 ZTC and LTC courses. Thank you to the Textbook Affordability Subcommittee of the Academic Senate for leading this work.

## **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.

### **Join the Fall Star Party Tonight!**

Cañada College Astronomy Club's Fall Star Party is tonight Observatory, Building 24 / Lot 10 from 7-9 p.m.! Bring family and friends to explore the cosmos through our campus observatory telescopes and enjoy guided viewing with Cañada's Astronomy faculty. This free, community-friendly event offers a fun and educational way to connect with science under the stars.

### **SMCCCD Athletic Center's Fall Showcase**

You're invited to a series of special Athletic Center Fall Showcase events on Saturday, November 8, at [Cañada College's Athletic Center](#) and Sunday, November 9, at [College of San Mateo's Athletic Center](#). The two-day event highlights the top offerings of our Athletic Centers. All SMCCCD students, faculty, or staff who aren't members can still participate in our special programs or explore at their own leisure. Enjoy light snacks and refreshments! Please [RSVP](#) if you would like to attend one of these free events!



4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
**FALL SHOWCASE**

*You are cordially invited to our fourth annual  
Fall Showcase, highlighting the very best of  
what our Athletic Centers have to offer.*

Saturday, November 8, 2025  
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Cañada College Athletic Center

Sunday, November 9, 2025  
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
College of San Mateo Athletic Center

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**ATHLETIC CENTER**  
Your community connection to education and fitness.

RSVP  
[bit.ly/ac-showcase](https://bit.ly/ac-showcase)

### **Veteran's Day Recess: Saturday, November 8 – Monday, November 10**

In observance of Veteran's Day, Cañada College offices will be closed and no classes will be held from Saturday, November 8 through Monday, November 10. Regular classes and office hours will resume on Tuesday, November 11. We honor and thank all Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,  
Kim