



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 12-12-25

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Annual Campus Holiday Gathering

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Campus Holiday Gathering on Monday! It was wonderful to see you all and to celebrate the end of the semester together during this festive season.



Colts Men's Soccer End Season at State Championship

Congratulations to our Cañada College Colts Men's Soccer Team, who wrapped up an outstanding season at the 3C2A State Championships - marking their second consecutive appearance at the state level. The Colts battled fiercely to the end against Cerritos College. Thank you for an unforgettable season and congratulations to our student-athletes, coaches and staff for being among the best in the state. We are so proud of you - Go Colts!



Super Registration Events Support Students with Extended, Equity-Centered Hours

Cañada College hosted two Super Registration Events on December 2 and 4 from 2–8 p.m., intentionally offering extended evening hours to ensure that working students and families could attend after work - an important equity practice that reduces barriers to enrollment. Across the two events, more than 205 students were served. Super Registration Events are unique in that attendees can complete all of their enrollment steps in a single day, including submitting a college application, completing orientation and placement, meeting with a counselor, registering for Spring 2026 classes, applying for financial aid, obtaining a student ID and more. Thank you to the Outreach Team, the Planning Committee and everyone who supported the event.





San Mateo–Foster City School District Students Explore STEM at Cañada College

Last Friday, I had the opportunity to join the Cañada team in welcoming 48 science-interested middle school students from the San Mateo–Foster City School District (SMFCSD). During their visit, the Outreach Team provided an overview of the College and led a campus tour. Rance Bobo, MESA Project Director, also facilitated a hands-on STEM workshop that the students thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to the Outreach Team and our SMFCSD partners for organizing this visit, which strengthens K–16 pathways and supports our Educational Master Plan goals.



ESL 912 Final Project: Learning Through Interaction

ESL 912 students recently wrapped up their final project by hosting an interactive event that helped them practice English through real conversation and hands-on activities. Faculty, staff and students stopped by to connect, have fun and support the class. Guests explored stations where they could make a Chinese lacquer fan, snap photos in a New Year's Eve photo booth, play traditional games from around the world, test their knowledge with country trivia roulette, take on fitness challenges and even compete in remote-control car races. The event created a lively space for students to use English in meaningful, authentic ways. Thank you to everyone who joined and supported their learning!



Reminder: Library Technology Returns Due Dec. 15 at 3 p.m.

As the end of the semester approaches, the library requests that employees not accept late Library technology returns from students. The last day for students to return Library technology items is Monday, December 15, at 3 p.m. There will be two final tech return opportunities on Tuesday, December 16, and Wednesday, December 17, both from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If students attempt to return Library technology to you after these dates, please ask them to keep their equipment and email canlibrary@smccd.edu with their name and G-number so a Library staff member can follow up with them. It is important that all equipment be returned directly to the Library Front Desk, where staff can thoroughly check for any damages or missing peripherals before the items are checked back into the system. After December 17, the Library will be closed until the Spring semester begins on Monday, January 12, 2026.

Support the Classified Senate Holiday Gift Basket Raffle

It's that time of year again! The Cañada College Classified Senate is excited to host the annual Holiday Gift Basket Raffle. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Cañada College Bookstore. Ticket Prices: \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets. The raffle is open to students, staff, faculty, administrators and community members. All proceeds support the Classified Senate Student Scholarship. Winners will be announced at the Cañada College Bookstore on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 1 p.m. Winners will not need to be present to win and will be notified by phone. Click [here](#) for more information. Please note: Gift baskets containing alcoholic beverages must be picked up by someone 21 or older with a valid ID. Tickets submitted without a basket number will automatically be entered into the drawing for Basket #1. Thank you for your continued support!



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.

This will be my last Weekly Update of 2025. I wish you a wonderful holiday break and look forward to continuing our work together in January.

Sincerely,
Kim