



## A Message from President Kim Lopez

**Weekly Update: 4-11-25**

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

### **Honors Student Present at National Conference**

Over Spring Break, Cañada College Honors Students Tuongvan Do, Alice Gottlieb, Amanda Molina and Nathan Tam did a phenomenal job presenting at the Western Regional Honors Conference at Metropolitan State University in Denver, Colorado. Congratulations to the presenters! You can see their outstanding work at the Honors Research Showcase on April 10 and 11. [RSVP here for the Zoom link or in person lunch.](#) There will be nine student presenters, six honors alumni and two art presentations. Come support the students, enjoy their research and a delicious French lunch!



### **Promise Students Experience University Campus Tours**

During Spring Break, the Promise Scholars Program went on an overnight campus tour to UC Davis and Sacramento State.

Students interested in both schools got the full VIP experience—touring both campuses, exploring a research Biology lab and getting a behind-the-scenes look at the Engineering Student Design Center at UC Davis. At Sacramento State, the Transfer Center graciously hosted the group, with local transfer students leading the way and sharing the amazing resources the campus has to offer. Students engaged in interactive discussions with current students, gaining valuable insights into campus life and academic opportunities at both institutions. The Promise Team looks forward to offering more campus trips next semester.



### **Phi Theta Kappa Students Attend Catalyst Convention**

During Phi Theta Kappa's (PTK) annual Catalyst Convention, Cañada College PTK Honor Society students engaged in professional development opportunities and networking events such as educational forums, college and career fairs and a celebration of their accomplishments. Cañada's Beta Zeta Nu Chapter was recognized with the following prestigious awards:

- Top 100 Chapter out of 1,250 Chapters worldwide
- Distinguished College Service Project
- Continued Chapter Excellence
- Autumn McMahon honored as a Distinguished Advisor

Students describe their PTK Catalyst experience as: inspiring, illuminating, electrifying and illustrative! Beta Zeta Nu thanks its collaborators across Campus for supporting PTK initiatives.



### **Career Center Hosts a Successful Spring Job Fair**

The Spring Job Fair, held in The Grove on Wednesday, garnered a strong turnout and a fantastic opportunity for students to connect with a wide range of employers. Attendees enjoyed free lunch and engaged in meaningful conversations, learning about different companies, job openings and career paths. Hosted by the Career Center, the event has continued to be a wonderful space for networking and exploration year after year — and this spring was no exception! Thank you to everyone who stopped by and made the day a success.





## **Celebrating Eid al-Fitr with Culture, Community and Connection**

The International Student Center, Cultural Center, STAR Transfer Pathway Program and student leaders hosted an Eid al-Fitr celebration to mark the end of Ramadan. Community members and students from across the District were invited to join by sharing delicious halal beef and chicken shawarma, baklava, Arabic tea and coffee. Many enjoyed the beautiful henna designs, which is a traditional part of this celebration. Many students and staff also shared personal stories about how they celebrate Eid al-Fitr across different countries.



## **Cañada College Honors Showcase Kicks Off with Inspiring Student Research and Community Conversations**

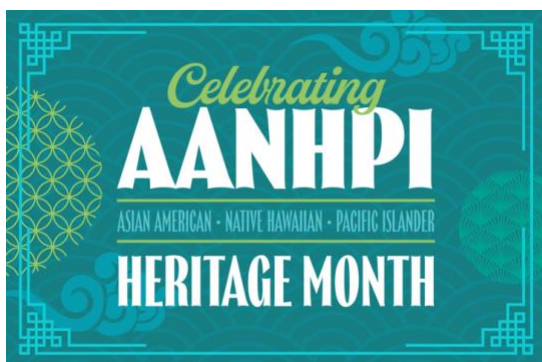
Yesterday brought Day 1 of the Annual Cañada College Honors Research Showcase which featured top Honors students presenting their research across a variety of disciplines. Attendees engaged in lively discussions, provided valuable feedback and connected over refreshments. Don't miss Day 2 today from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Building 13, Room 334, followed by lunch in Building 13, Room 335!





## Celebrating AANHPI Heritage Month at Cañada College

In 1990, Congress officially designated May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month. May was chosen to honor two significant milestones: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrant, Nakahama Manjiro, to the U.S. on May 7, 1843 and the completion of the first transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869—a project built in large part by Chinese immigrant laborers. Cañada College is proud to be an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI). Among our student body, 15% identify as Asian, 5% as Filipinx and 1% as Pacific Islander. Cañada's AANHPI community reflects a rich diversity of ethnicities, cultures, identities, languages and immigration stories—contributing to the broader AANHPI population, which includes more than 45 distinct ethnic groups across the United States. Recognizing that May is a busy time with finals and end-of-year activities, Cañada College is celebrating AANHPI Heritage Month across both April and May. Be sure to check out the calendar of events, which will culminate in the AANHPI Graduation Celebration on May 13, 2025. The campus community can download AANHPI Zoom backgrounds [here](#) and AANHPI an e-[signature banner here](#)!



## “What is ZTC/LTC?” Explainer Videos Created to Help Students

The Textbook Affordability Subcommittee (TAS) of Academic Senate has completed new explainer videos that describe what makes a course either zero-textbook-cost (ZTC) or low-textbook-cost (LTC), and the benefits for students in these courses.

OER/ZTC Coordinator Sarah Harmon and Librarians Diana Tedone-Goldstone and Adriana Lugo wrote the content in [English](#) and [Spanish](#); ZTC Student Assistant and Product Designer Nida Apa created these amazing videos that directly address students and their needs. These videos are the first in a series that will help students, faculty, staff and the community understand the power of ZTC and LTC. For questions or comments, reach out to [Sarah Harmon, OER/ZTC Coordinator](#).

### **Dr. DeVon Lamar Scott, Director of DRC & PCC**

Please welcome Dr. DeVon Lamar Scott, Cañada's new Director of the Disability Resource Center (DRC) and Personal Counseling Center (PCC). DeVon brings more than 23 years of experience in special education, with a career dedicated to supporting students facing academic and non-academic barriers, including linguistic, systemic and cultural challenges. Starting as a middle school special education teacher, he focused on creating culturally responsive, flexible learning environments tailored to individual student strengths. His innovative methods led to measurable gains in student performance. In higher education, DeVon continued this work by promoting inclusive practices and streamlining support services, earning El Camino College's Employee of the Year award for his collaborative, culturally relevant efforts within Student Services.

As a full-time Faculty/DSPS Counselor for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, DeVon led professional development workshops that helped faculty adopt universal design strategies. A passionate advocate for multi-modal instruction, he centers his work on cultural humility and the intersectionality of disability and Deaf culture—drawing from his personal experience with sensorineural hearing loss.

He also co-chaired the 2024 Men of Color Action Network leadership conference, which drew over 600 attendees to Long Beach City College.

DeVon holds a Doctorate in Organizational Innovation from National University, a master's in Rehabilitation Counseling from San Diego State and a bachelor's from CSU Dominguez Hills.





## Eco Elegance Fashion Show: April 22

This Earth Day, join the Cañada College Fashion Design & Merchandising Department for an inspiring student-led fashion show celebrating sustainability and creativity.

The [Eco Elegance](#) event showcases innovative designs that blend style with environmental consciousness, highlighting the talents of our emerging student designers. This free program includes booths offering insights into sustainability, fast fashion and mindful design practices. Discover how art and fashion intertwine to tell a story of eco-friendly elegance. Support our students, witness their vision come to life, and leave inspired by the future of sustainable fashion. Don't miss this celebration of artistry and eco-conscious design!

Tuesday, April 22 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Building 3, Main Theater



## Antonio López: New San Mateo County Poet Laureate

Congratulations to community partner, Antonio Lopez, who was recently appointed San Mateo County's new Poet Laureate. Antonio is a former Mayor of East Palo Alto and served as Cañada's 2022 Commencement Keynote Speaker.

The Board of Supervisors [voted to appoint López](#) as County's fifth Poet Laureate, a position with the mission of "promoting awareness and heightening appreciation of poetry and the spoken word throughout San Mateo County."



### **Adult CPR/AED and First Aid Training**

Skyline College will be hosting an Adult CPR/AED and First Aid training on Thursday, April 17, 2025 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. in 6-202 and 6-204. Skyline College has contracted with the American Heart Association to provide the training. The course is open to all district employees and will be capped at 25 participants. Those who are interested can register at: <https://forms.gle/ka9SPdhrsPSuKKKo7>. The Adult First Aid/CPR/AED course incorporates the latest science and teaches students to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies such as burns, cuts, scrapes, sudden illnesses, head, neck, back injuries, heat and cold emergencies and how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies for victims about 12 years and older. Successful students will receive a certificate for Adult First Aid/CPR/AED valid for two years.

I wish you a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,  
Kim