



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 7-10-25

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Juneteenth Celebration in East Palo Alto

The Cañada College Umoja Team attended the City of East Palo Alto's Juneteenth celebration where they came together in community, food, music, culture and connected with future Cañada students!



Summer Learning Institute 2025

This summer, the Cañada College Umoja Team attended the Umoja Statewide Summer Learning Institute in San Marcos, Calif. This intensive institute is tailor-made for faculty, program staff and administrators affiliated with Umoja Community programs, offering a unique opportunity for professional development and collaboration. Along with inspiring Umoja colleagues, the Cañada group participated in the theme for this year's institute "Voices of the Future: Elevating Students," which means that the focus was on developing in ways that will prepare to nurture and grow students as change agents for the future.



Cañada College Shines at Fourth of July Parade

Cañada College proudly continued its tradition of participating in the Redwood City Fourth of July Parade, bringing the theme *Academic Excellence. Community Driven.* to life. With students, employees, alumni, friends and family walking side-by-side, Cañada showed up strong and united, celebrating both the College's impact and its deep ties to the local community. The Cañada team was grateful for the Redwood City community's enthusiastic support and for cheering Cañada on along the route.



Interior Design Program Recognized by National Kitchen & Bath Association

Congratulations to the Cañada College Interior Design Program for receiving the National Kitchen & Bath Association (NKBA) "Excellence in Education Award" for 2025! This prestigious award honors institutions that demonstrated exceptional student achievement in the 2023–2024 Student Design Competition.

The recognition highlights the strength of Cañada's program and the talent of its students. You can read the full announcement [here](#).



Cañada College Banners Installed in East Palo Alto

Cañada College pole banners are now on display in East Palo Alto, featuring proud alumni and highlighting our Free College program! The banners are located along Bay Road between University Avenue and Pulgas Avenue - just enter "EPA Center" into your map app to find them. A special thanks to Cañada Marketing team members, Hannah-Joy Haw and Megan Rodriguez Antone, for leading the project: from collaborating with the City of East Palo Alto to establish a posting policy, to designing the banners and coordinating with multiple vendors to bring the installation to life.



Hillsdale High School Students Complete Full Early Childhood Education Pathway through Cañada College

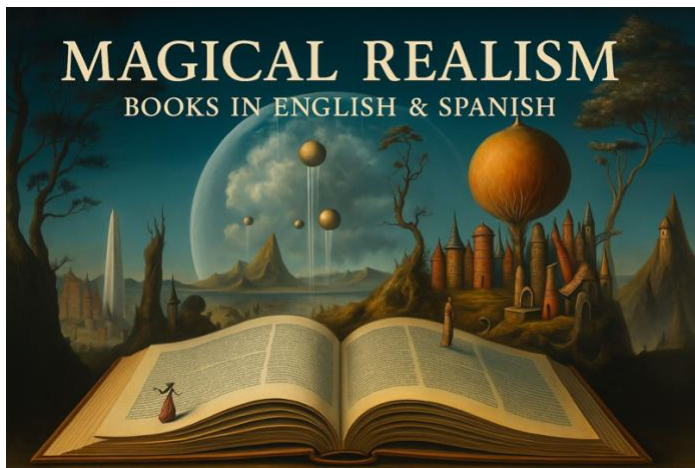
Cañada College is proud to celebrate four outstanding members of Hillsdale High School's Class of 2025 who have completed all four semesters of the Early Childhood Education (ECE) pathway. These students are the first to complete the full sequence through the College's Dual Enrollment partnership with the San Mateo Union High School District. Their achievement highlights the success of the program in creating meaningful pathways for high school students to explore future careers and build a strong foundation for college.

Cañada College looks forward to welcoming more students into the program in the years ahead.



Enhance Your Summer with Books & Films from Cañada College Library

Swing by the Cañada Library this summer to explore fresh new displays featuring magical realism, award-winning titles and books that inspired films - available to read or stream for free. Discover classics by Isabel Allende, Gabriel García Márquez and Toni Morrison, or plan your next adventure with travel books and free museum passes with a public library's Discover & Go pass. More than 800 new titles across subjects like history, literature and cooking were added this spring, with more arriving throughout summer. All students, staff and faculty can borrow books and stream movies using a G number and photo ID. The Library is open Monday–Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Building 9, 3rd Floor through July 17. Please stop by or [Chat with a Librarian](#).



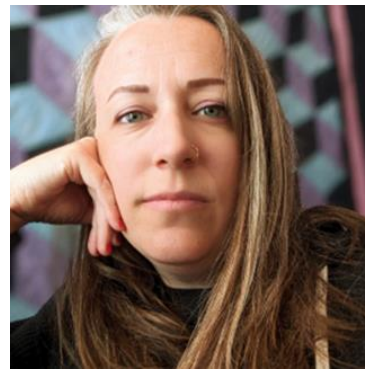
Regular Substantive Interaction (RSI) Showcase at Cañada College

The campus community is invited to be part of a special event celebrating excellence in online teaching — happening Tuesday, July 23 from 9 a.m. – 12p.m. via Zoom.

Cañada's very own RSI Superstars:

- Amira Alkeswani, Assistant Professor of Math
- Emanuela Quaglia, Associate Professor of Digital Art and Animation
- Tracy DeHaan, Professor of Sociology

will be sharing examples of [Regular and Substantive Interaction \(RSI\)](#) from their online courses. Whether you're looking to enhance your own teaching or simply cheer on your colleagues, this showcase is for you! This is also a great opportunity to prepare for Fall 2025 and ensure courses align with [RSI](#) standards for Cañada's upcoming accreditation review. Please RSVP by emailing: nekrepn@smccd.edu



I hope that you are having a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,
Kim