



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update 1-30-26

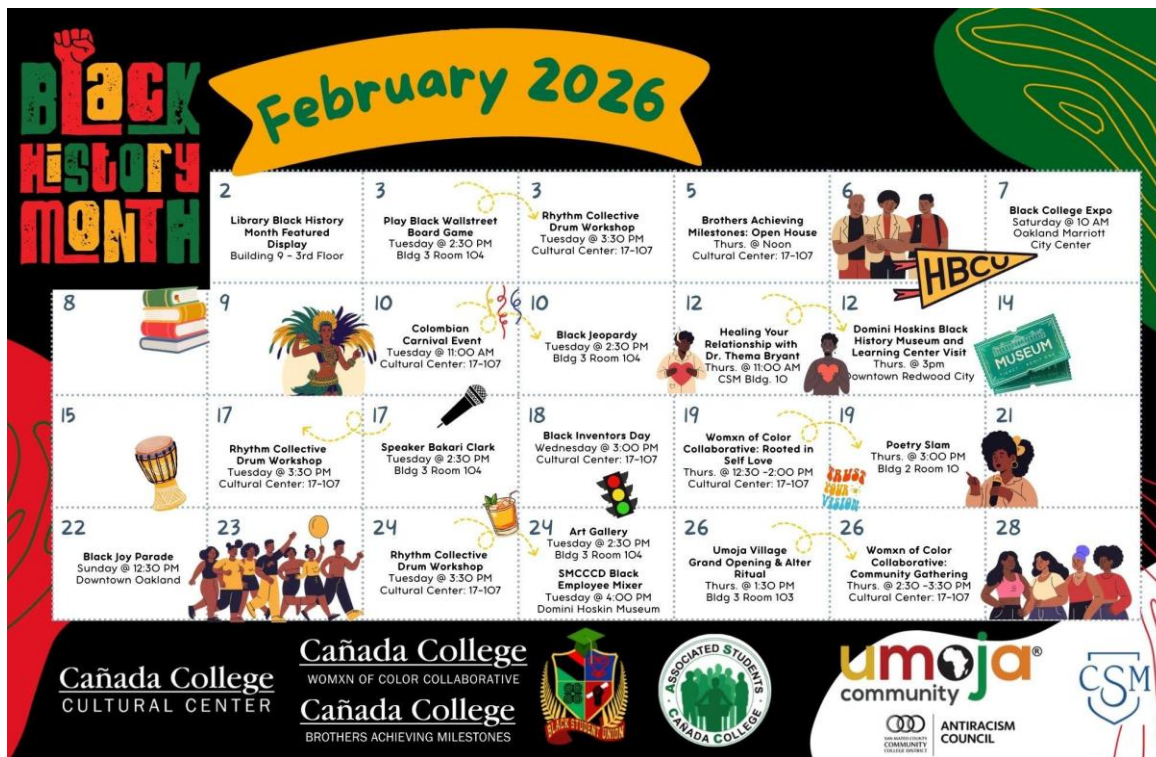
Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Reviewers Needed for SMCCCD Scholarship! Please Respond by January 30.

The Financial Aid Services Department, in partnership with the SMCCCD Foundation, is inviting faculty, staff, and administrators from Cañada to serve as scholarship reviewers for the 2026-27 Cañada Scholarship Program. Reviewers will be assigned between 20 to 40 scholarship applications to evaluate from February 4 to February 23 on AcademicWorks, the online platform used by the three SMCCCD colleges. The time commitment is expected to be no more than 6-8 hours, offering a rewarding opportunity to connect with our students. This role is purely voluntary. Reviewers will receive detailed instructions and a scoring rubric. If you're interested in this enriching experience, please reach out to [Christopher Wardell](#) by January 30.

Celebrating Black History Month

February is Black History Month and Cañada College is hosting events to honor the rich cultural heritage, remarkable achievements and lasting contributions of the Black community. A current list of events is below and attached. Be sure to check the [college calendar](#) regularly, as new [events](#) will be added throughout the month. Additionally, [Zoom backgrounds](#) are available for download to join in the celebration.



Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, February 3

Play Black Wall Street the Board Game

2:30pm

Building 3, Room 104

Rhythm Collective: Drumming Workshop

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Cultural Center, Building 17, Room 107

Veteran Resource & Opportunity Center Spring 2026 Open House

On Tuesday, the Veteran Resource & Opportunity Center (VROC) welcomed military-connected students and visitors to its Spring 2026 Open House. The event offered attendees an opportunity to meet VROC staff, get to know fellow students and learn more about the wide range of resources and support available to them.

With its welcoming, community-focused atmosphere, the Open House highlighted VROC as a place where veterans and military-connected students can find support, build relationships and feel a sense of belonging on campus.



United Way Bay Area Visits SparkPoint at Cañada College

Cañada College recently welcomed partners from United Way Bay Area for SparkPoint's annual site visit. United Way leadership and supporters, community partners and college leaders learned more about SparkPoint's meaningful impact on students and the broader community. Guests heard firsthand experiences from SparkPoint coordinators and a student participant and took part in a walking tour to see the full range of services and resources available. Thank you to the Cañada SparkPoint team for their thoughtful coordination, hospitality and continued dedication to serving students and the community.



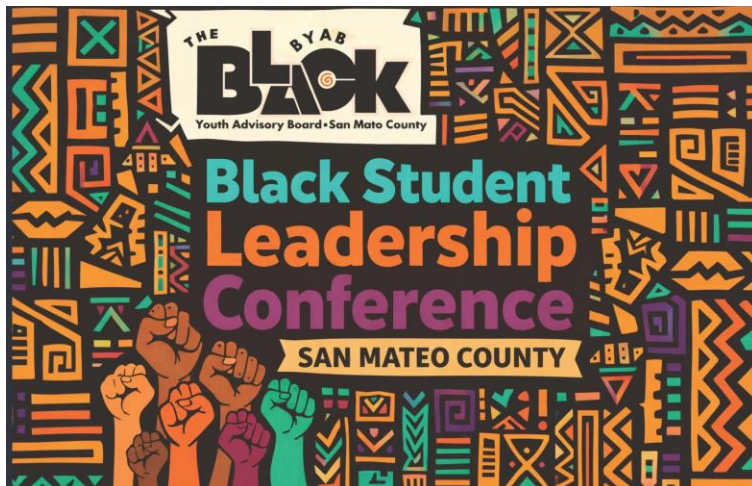
Sign Up for Free Employee Headshots: Offered on February 18

Ready for a fresh, professional headshot? Employees are invited to receive a complimentary on-campus headshot taken by a professional photographer on Wednesday, February 18. Spots are limited - reserve yours using the sign-up link [here](#).

Cañada College Hosts Black Student Leadership Conference in Partnership with BACHAC

Cañada College will host the Black Student Leadership Conference on Saturday, March 7, in partnership with the Bay Area Community Health Advisory Council (BACHAC). This free event, themed “The Power of Our Voice, If Not Me, Then Who?” empowers middle and high school students through leadership development, motivational speakers, and culturally affirming programming.

Taking place from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., the conference will feature breakout sessions, live entertainment, parent workshops and a community resource village. Please see the attached flyer for registration details.



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 be reported to HR or the Title IX office.

I wish you a wonderful weekend,

Sincerely,
Kim