



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Comprehensive Program Reviews, Annual Updates and Resource Requests Due Today!

Please be reminded that program review and resource request documents are due in [Nuventive](#) today!

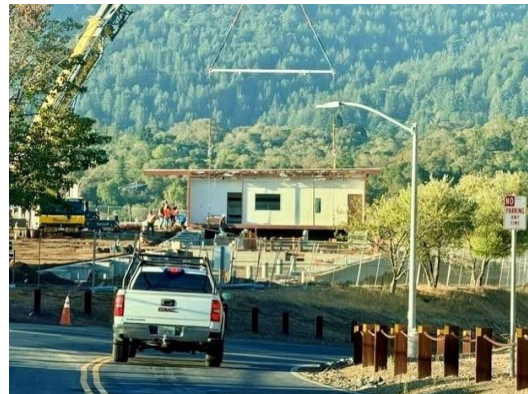
This year's due dates are:

1. Submit your complete Comprehensive Program Review or Annual Update before October 16, 2026 in Nuventive.
2. Deans and VPs [complete feedback of all program review materials](#) and send out before October 30, 2026.
3. Review your supervisor's feedback and incorporate it into your program review before November 6, 2026.

Need help? Feel free to contact PBC's Program Review Sub-Committee: canprogramreview@smccd.edu.

CDC on the Move: Major Progress on Cañada's New Child Development Center

Exciting progress is taking shape on campus as the new Child Development Center officially reaches its new home on the western end of campus. Last Saturday, all 16 building sections were successfully delivered and positioned, marking a major milestone toward opening this modern space for students and families.



Growth and enhancements will continue through the remainder of the year as the space comes together. To track ongoing progress and learn more about the project, visit the [Child Development Center \(CDC\) website](#).



The Mirror: A Student Exhibition

There's still time to visit [The Mirror](#), a student exhibition featuring 17 artists from Cañada College. Each work incorporates a mirror as a central element of the composition — not merely as a reflective surface, but as a physical object with edges, context and presence. The exhibition is running through October and can be viewed in the Art Gallery (Building 9, Room 152) Mondays - Thursdays from 1-5 p.m. Additionally, the Roborant Review, an online art publication based in San Francisco, recently published an article on the exhibit and [can be read here](#).



Honoring Indigenous Peoples Day: Reflection, Land Acknowledgment and Action

On Monday, the campus community recognized Indigenous Peoples Day, an opportunity to celebrate the lives, cultures and traditions of Indigenous peoples and sovereignty. It also served as a time to acknowledge how the institution has benefited from the use and occupation of the traditional unceded land of the Ramaytush and Muwekma Ohlone peoples. For the fourth year, the Office of Equity had the privilege of taking students and staff to the [Indigenous People's Sunrise Gathering](#) to stand in community. The event served as a powerful reminder of the social movement to [occupy Alcatraz Island](#) in the San Francisco Bay Area and ongoing initiatives around Indigenous Sovereignty.



Students Explore Their Next Step at Transfer Day

The Grove was packed with possibilities on Tuesday as colleges and universities from across California and out of state set up for the annual Transfer Day college fair! Students, staff and faculty stopped by to learn about academic programs, support services, financial aid and what it takes to transfer successfully. For many students, it was a chance to picture life at a four-year university and start mapping out the path to get there.



Pride Center Hosts National Coming Out Day Celebration

On Wednesday, the Pride Center held a National Coming Out Day event. Pride Center Ambassador Mel collaborated with the Library to curate a selection of LGBTQ+ books and participants shared meaningful passages in small groups. Maria Huning guided attendees in painting visual expressions of freedom, liberation and authentic selfhood. Allies wrote affirmations for students, and participants completed writing reflections addressed to their younger selves. A special thank you to Puente for bringing the Puente class to the event.



Financial Aid Services Hosts "Blast Off Into Your Future with Financial Aid!"

Also on Wednesday, Financial Aid Services hosted "Blast Off Into Your Future with Financial Aid!" to promote the opening of the 2027-28 financial aid and scholarship applications.



The team welcomed students on the quad with food, games, giveaways and an opportunity to connect with staff. Students could also get support completing their applications in the Financial Aid Lab. Financial Aid Services will host weekly application support workshops on Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. in Building 9, Room 110, through November 19. The 2027-28 scholarship application closes Friday, February 19, 2027. The priority deadline for FAFSA and CA Dream Act applications is Tuesday, March 2, 2027. For questions or support, email canaid@smccd.edu or stop by the office in the Welcome Center!

Students Meet Employers at Fall Job Fair

The Grove was buzzing on Wednesday as students and alumni came out for the Career Center's Fall Job Fair! Attendees met face to face with employers who are actively hiring, asked about company culture and explored career paths they may not have considered before. Some walked away with leads on jobs and others with new ideas about where their future could go.



I wish you a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim