



Dear Cañada Colleagues,

ACCJC Peer Review Team Visits

A five-person team from the Accrediting Commission for Community & Junior Colleges (ACCJC) visited Cañada on Monday as part of the College's rigorous comprehensive evaluation. This team of our peers from across the State reviewed our Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER) and is assessing Cañada's adherence to regional accreditation standards, educational quality and continuous improvement. In January of 2027, the College will learn of their final determination via an action taken by the ACCJC Commission. Thanks to all who came out to meet the team!





Don't Forget to RSVP For October 7 Cañada Flex Day

Registration is open and the schedule is available for the upcoming Flex Day on Wednesday, October 7. Campus offices will be closed on October 7 so that faculty, classified staff and managers can participate fully in the day's professional development activities. Attached, please find a sign to print and post in your offices. We look forward to seeing our Classified Professionals at Flex Day! With offices closed, the Professional Development Planning Committee has made an intentional effort to offer a variety of sessions for Classified Professionals, including Classified Connection, Student Journey and Beyond, Walk and Talk, Three Ways for Classified to Engage with PRIE, Accessibility by Design, Your AI Toolkit and Radical Parenting and Plant Painting.

Please review the [full Flex Day schedule](#), RSVP and join the sessions that interest you. We look forward to learning together! Please visit the [Flex Day website](#) to explore the session offerings and [register here](#) to help presenters prepare. Please reach out to Flex Day Coordinator [Nadia Biglari](#) with questions or feedback.

Puente at Cal State East Bay

Last Saturday, Cañada's Puente students attended the annual Puente Transfer Motivational Conference at Cal State East Bay, proudly representing Cañada College while wearing their Puente shirts. Beyond the school spirit, this was also a great opportunity to explore transfer possibilities. The students toured the campus, attended educational workshops and experienced firsthand what it's like to attend a four-year university. The Puente Coordinators, Gonzalo Arrizon and Sandra Mendez, were proud

to see Puente students show up with confidence, curiosity and mucho corazón. The power of Puente is real!



AANHPI Research Showcase

Honors Transfer Program and STAR Student Ambassador, Van, hosted an interactive workshop for the 3rd Annual AANHPI Research Showcase. The educational afternoon featured migration AANHPI mural collages printed by Digital Art and Animation, Vietnamese refugee history, audience participation with art unpacking and a life size refugee boat and a pearl stringing activity. Van reminded everyone that pearls are created because of conflict and survival and shared intercultural theories on beloved community and transformative refugeeism. Everyone enjoyed Vietnamese food from Asian Box.



Librarian on the Loose: Manga and Graphic Novels in The Grove

Librarian on the Loose popped up in The Grove with a collection of manga and graphic novels. The selection ranged from autobiography and history to science, fantasy, action and horror, highlighting the storytelling traditions of both Japanese and American comics. Students stopped by to browse, trade recommendations and check out books right there. It was a relaxed way to meet students where they already are and get new titles into their hands. Look out for the next Librarian on the Loose pop-up around campus.



We Belong Here: Mindfulness, Connection and Community

The Office of Equity and Pride Center partnered with the San Mateo County Pride Center to host a "We Belong Here: Mindfulness, Connection and Community" event to connect with others, get curious and explore what helps you feel at home. A mindfulness facilitator led a 90-minute interactive night workshop with playful ways to get to know each other, held guided meditation, gentle movement and reflection time. Participants explored belonging and community and considered what helps us feel welcomed, supported and at ease with ourselves and others.

Mid-Autumn Festival

The Chinese Culture Club, Cultural Center, STAR and International Student Center joined together to host the 4th Annual all campus Mid-Autumn Festival. [Mid-Autumn Festival](#) is a time to honor the autumn harvest and gather with loved ones under the bright full moon.

Students, faculty, staff and administrators enjoyed lunch and mooncakes together, learned about the ancient legend of the moon goddess Chang'e, decorated fans, made clay mooncakes, practiced calligraphy painting and shared stories of how each of our cultures celebrate the harvest.



I wish you a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

Kim