Cañada College

# A Message from President Kim Lopez

**Weekly Update 10-23-26**

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

## Fostering a Safe and Supportive Campus: The Red Flag Campaign

You may have noticed the red flags placed across campus recently. These visuals are part of the national Red Flag Campaign, designed to raise awareness about sexual assault, dating violence and stalking, while encouraging safe intervention when warning signs appear. To support our community, members of the Title IX team will host information tables over the next few weeks to share resources, answer questions and discuss college policies and victim support services. Cañada's commitment to a safe campus lives in how we listen, respond and support one another so that everyone can learn, work and thrive.

Key Resources & Actions:

- *Learn More:* Access college policies, reporting protocols and support services at Cañada Sexual Harassment Resources.
- *Report an Incident:* Submit an online report here.

Thank you to the Cañada Title IX team for organizing and launching this vital campaign for our campus community!







**Cañada College In the Community**

Several Cañada College employees recently connected with numerous community partners, high school students and parents across a series of community outreach events. Representatives highlighted unique academic programs and free resident tuition at local college fairs hosted by Pal Center, Junípero Serra High School, the San Mateo Union High School District and the City of Belmont. Additionally, Cañada College joined local community colleges, volunteers and partners at the World Food Movement (WFM) event to help ensure no student goes hungry and also attended the Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley Ball. Cañada College students and employees also joined fellow student leaders at “Igniting the Future,” the 2026 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Nevada/California Region Fall Leadership Conference. Thank you to everyone who connected with our partners to help educate and inform our community about all that Cañada College has to offer!



**JCLC 2026: Elevating Women of Color in Library Leadership**

Dr. Valeria E. Molteni recently attended the fifth Joint Conference of Librarians of Color (JCLC) in Spokane, Washington, themed “Gathering at the Waters: Uplift | Encourage | Empower.” With her colleague Eileen K. Bosch, she co-presented on Women of Color leadership in academic libraries, drawing on her dissertation findings and their own journeys. In her presentation, she spoke about counterspaces and how they sustain women of color in academia. Over the years, JCLC has been one of her own counterspaces, a place where she continues to grow as a librarian and as a person. It has also supported her journey as a Latin American immigrant.




**Thank You, Cañada College Building Captains!**

The College completed a campus-wide Great ShakeOut evacuation drill last week, guided by our dedicated Building Captains. Brief meetings held immediately before and after the exercise allowed the team to align beforehand and debrief directly following completion. Thank you to our Building Captains for their leadership and commitment to keeping our campus community prepared, safe and supported.



**Split at the Root Event**

The Womxn of Color Collaborative, working with the Office of Equity and Undocumented Community Center, held a closing gathering for Latinx Heritage Month. Participants learned more about mothers and their children separated at the border as well as the working mothers who started a non-profit to support immigrant mothers and the deep community formed.  Jasmin Padilla-Valencia led a discussion on resources, upcoming events for Undocumented Student Support Week and a community unpacking. Thank you for the Personal Counseling Center for being there to support in unpacking conversations.



**Undocumented Student Success Week Kicks Off with San Francisco Mission District-Inspired Lotería and Community**

Cañada College celebrated the start of Undocumented Student Success Week with a welcoming gathering at the Undocumented Community Center. Students, staff and community members played San Francisco Mission District-inspired Lotería, enjoyed food from Panda Express and took time to share their stories and connect with one another. The kickoff set a joyful tone for the week, centered on connection, collective care and celebrating the strength of our undocumented community.





**BAM Scholarship Event**

This week, the Brothers Achieving Milestones (BAM) program hosted their annual scholarship workshop where students learned the scholarship timeline, what's needed and how to apply. Students had time to ask questions and discuss the scholarship process.




**Free Flu Shots Available on Campus**

The Cañada Health Center team is excited to announce that flu shots are now available to help all students and staff stay healthy! Drop by the free pop-up flu vaccine clinic in The Grove every Monday from 12-1 p.m., with no appointment necessary. Alternatively, visit the Health Center in Building 5, Room 303 Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.




I wish you a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim