



President's Advisory Council
September 16, 2026

Agenda

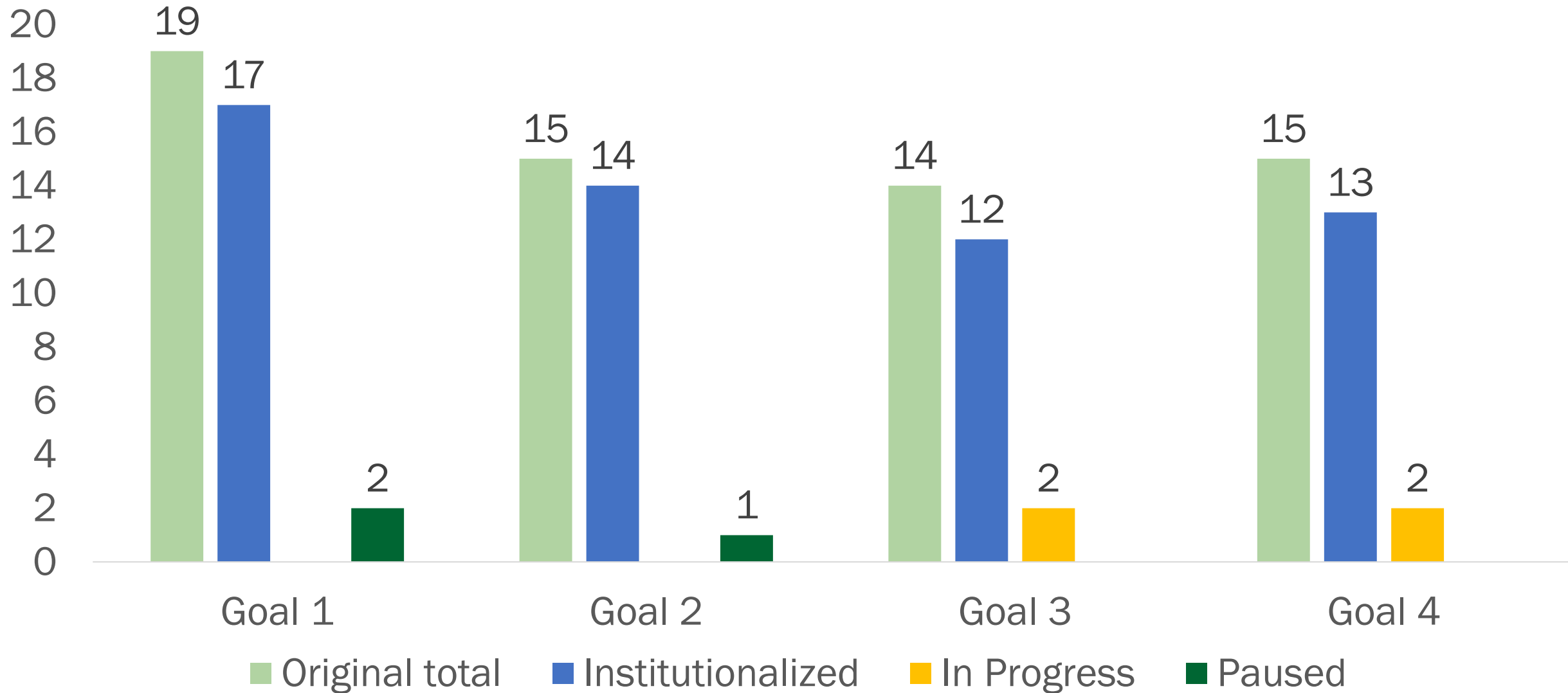
Time	Topic	Discussion Lead(s)
12 - 12:05 p.m.	Welcome	Kim Lopez, President
12:05 – 12:20 p.m.	Leadership Retreat Update Educational Master Plan (EMP) Wrap Up and Next Steps	Kim Lopez, President Dr. Karen Engel, Dean of Planning, Research & Institutional Effectiveness
12:20 - 12:30 p.m.	Community Partnership Updates	Lizette Bricker, Vice President of Student Services Dr. Wissem Bennani, Dean of Enrollment Services
12:30-12:40 p.m.	Capital Improvement Updates	Dr. Chialin Hsieh, Vice President of Instruction Lizette Bricker, Vice President of Student Services
12:40-12:45 p.m.	Accreditation Visit: September 28, 2026	Kim Lopez, President
12:45 – 1 p.m.	Closing Comments	All

2026 Leadership Retreat Update

- ✓ 60+ students, faculty, classified staff and administrators participated
- ✓ 8 breakout sessions focused on “inquiry topics” for 2026-27 to help prepare or “plan to plan” for our new Educational Strategic Plan
- ✓ Check <https://canadacollege.edu/plans/leadership-retreat.php> for more info



Educational Master Plan Remaining Strategic Initiatives



Highlights of Our Accomplishments

- Increased enrollment by 23% since 2021-22
- Increased enrollment from East Palo Alto by 24% and from North Fair Oaks and Belle Haven by 59%
- Established MOUs with Boys and Girls Club, Street Code and Pal Center and increased access to campus during the summer for middle and high school students
- Reduced “drop for non-payment” registration hurdle
- Created a student-first course schedule with 88% of programs complete-able in 2 years
- Strengthened student affinity programs and learning communities (Umoja, Puente, EOPS, TRIO, STAR)
- Strengthened new “Division Success Teams” and sense of belonging for all students
- Built new “Colts-U” Transfer Center

Highlights of Our Accomplishments

- Established new Cultural Center providing culturally relevant workshops and events
- Established a new Child Development Center (under construction)
- Reduced the cost of textbook and course materials in 49% of course sections (ZTC or LCT)
- Built new Faculty Teaching & Learning Center and Lounge and increased access to regular, accessible, planned and intentional professional development
- Created on-boarding for all new faculty and staff
- Increased # of high school students in Dual Enrollment by 367% (from 150 in 2021-22 to 701 in 2025-26)
- Improved access to student services, food and learning services for evening students, including an “Evening Hub”

Proposed Inquiry Topics for 2026-27

Accessibility

Examine accessibility practices and needs across instruction, technology, communications, and student services.

Artificial Intelligence

- Instructional
- Student Services
- Operational

Intentionally Strengthening Enrollment

Examine evolving community demographics to better align educational services with emerging needs, while actively identifying and developing new community partnerships to expand organizational reach and impact.

Mental Health

Explore the mental health needs of Cañada College students.

Regional Workforce Alignment

Examine how our career education programs align with regional economic realities and needs.

Reimagining the Performing Arts Center

If the SMCCCD proposed capital improvement bond passes this November, this group would launch in spring 2027 to re-imagine the Performing Arts Center with the community in mind.

Student Educational Journey & Opportunity

Examine how we know whether students are satisfied with their experience at Cañada.

Work-based Learning

Examine how best to integrate meaningful career exploration into Cañada's academic pathways.

Next Steps

PBC Approves Inquiry
Process on
September 16

Inquiry Team Meeting
Info Posted on
[Cañada Collaborates](#)
website

Inquiry Teams share
progress at PBC
during the year

**Interested in Becoming Part of an Inquiry Group
or Have Other Topics to Recommend?**

Contact Dr. Karen Engel – engelk@smccd.edu

Learn More at: canadacollege.edu/prie/canada-collaborates.php

Pal Center: Three Year MOU Partnership

- **Cañada College now provides onsite outreach at Pal Center**, offering one-on-one support and helping youth learn how to attend Cañada College for free.
- **Pal Center brought 60 middle school students to campus** through a new four-week summer camp, giving them a hands-on college experience.
- **Cañada College launched targeted alumni marketing videos**, including two videos featuring Pal Center employees.
- **Through a new shared-use agreement**, we hosted Pal Center's Youth Concert in our Main Theatre, welcoming more than 200 community members to campus.





Registration Support

1 - Super PEP (high school students only) May 6 & 9:

Helped to enroll nearly 200 graduating high school seniors from local high schools.

2 - Super Registration on July 21:

More than 100 Community Members Served!



Thank you for providing on-site student support:

- Admissions & Records
- Welcome Center
- Financial Aid
- Counseling
- Colts-U Transfer Station
- Cashiers Office
- Umoja
- NOW
- Office of Student Life & Leadership Dev.
- EOPS/CARE/FYSI
- Promise Scholars Program
- Outreach
- Disability Resource Center
- Staff and Faculty from other departments



Community Partnerships: Youth on Campus

- PAL Center:
 - PAL Summer Program at Cañada College
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula (BGCP):
 - Future Grads Summer Academy
 - Middle School Summer BGCP
 - BGCP Be Great Conference
- Belle Haven Community Campus:
 - Summer Camp at Cañada College



Cañada College Child Development Center (CDC)

Construction Schedule:

- December 2025 – March 2026: *Permitting/Bidding*
- April – December 2026: *Construction*
- January – April 2027: *Activation/Move-In*

Launch Schedule:

- September 2026: *Eligibility/Waitlist Form Opens*
- January 2027: *CDC Faculty Coordinator Onboarded*
- March – April 2027: *CDC Teachers Onboarded*
- May - June 2027: *Center Launch*

Information & Eligibility Waitlist:

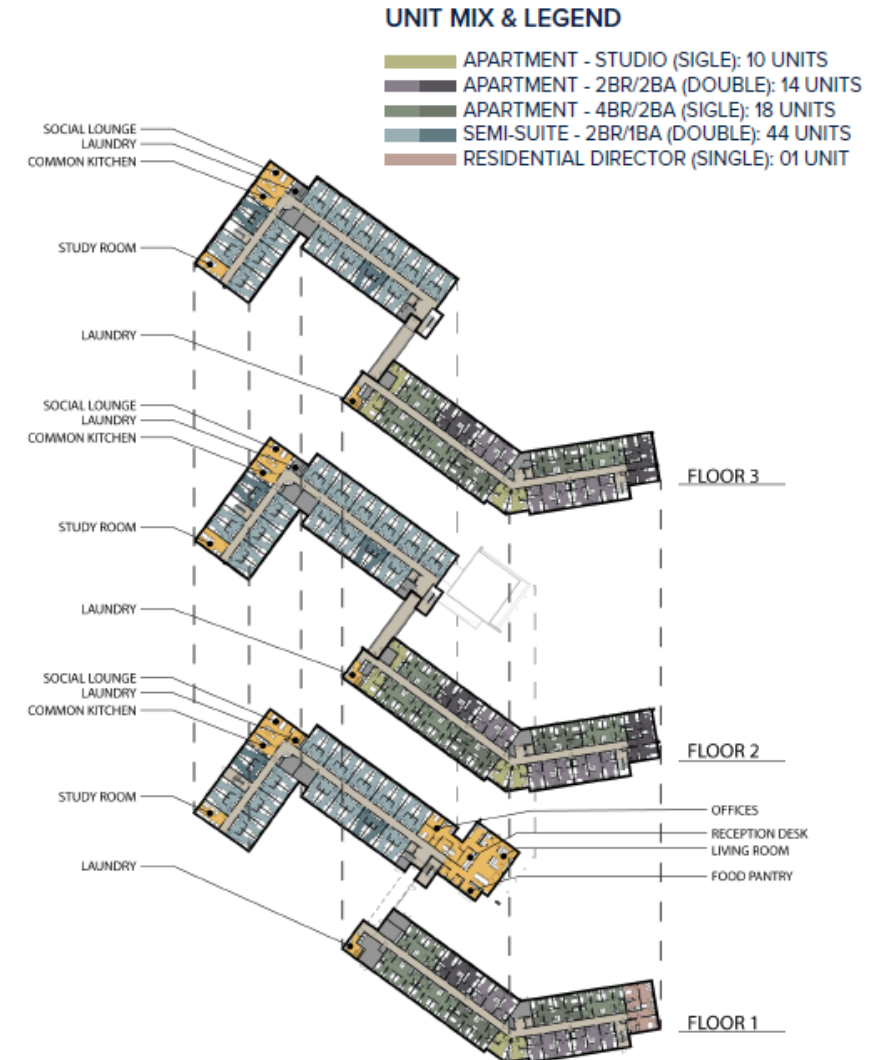
www.canadacollege.edu/childcenter



Districtwide Student Housing at CSM

- Design / DSA / Bidding / Board Approval / State Financing Final Approval: May 2023 – March 2026
- Construction: April 2026 - March 2028
- Building Activation: March – June 2028
- Students Move-in: June / July 2028

<https://www.smccd.edu/facilities/projects/dw/dwstudenthousing.php>



Accreditation Visit – Sept. 28

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	Visit Menlo Park Site		
9:15 – 10:00 a.m.	Drive to Cañada College Main Campus	4200 Farm Hill Blvd, Redwood City, CA 94061 Park in Lot 4 (parking spots will be sign-posted)	Peer Review Team
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Arrive Team Room	Room 6-103 Cañada College	Peer Review Team
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Meet and Greet with Campus ISER Team and Leadership	Cañada College's Faculty Teaching and Learning Center & Lounge (Room 9-154)	- Peer Review Team - Cañada ISER Team
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.	Walking Tour of Campus	Tour starts at 9-154 and ends at the Team Room (6-103)	- Peer Review Team - Student Ambassadors - Outreach Team - Director of Communications
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Open Forum	Room 6-101/102	- Peer Review Team - Campus Community
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Return to the Team Room, Lunch, Team Writing Time	Room 6-103	Peer Review Team
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Student Records Check	Vice President Bricker will meet Team Members in 6-103 and escort them to her office in Building 8	Member of Peer Review Team Assigned
1:45 – 2:00 p.m.	President Hands & President Lopez Meet	Room 5-227	Presidents Hands & Lopez
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Exit Report	Room 6-101/102	- Peer Review Team - Campus Community - College Leadership
2:30 p.m.	Departure	Parking Lot 4	Peer Review Team



Next PAC Meeting:

March 2027

**Timed Around our CDC Ribbon Cutting
Ceremony – Calendar Invite to Come**



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