



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 5-10-24

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

WebSMART Outage: May 24–27

District Communications shared the following message earlier this week regarding the upcoming maintenance period that will affect WebSMART systems over the Memorial Day holiday weekend from 9 p.m. on May 24 through May 27. This downtime is necessary to align our district information systems with the requirements of the FAFSA Simplification Act.

During this maintenance window, several functionalities will be temporarily unavailable that may impact the following groups:

- Faculty: Grade entry will not be available. With spring grades due on June 3, faculty are encouraged to plan ahead to enter grades either before or immediately after the holiday weekend to meet that deadline.
- Staff: Banner will be unavailable.
- Students: Certain services will be suspended, including Drop for Non-Payment, Waitlist Movement, Course Registration, and Summer Course Cancellation.

We apologize for any inconvenience this downtime may cause and appreciate your understanding.

Staff Support Needed for Commencement

Cañada's 56th Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 25 at 10 a.m. and there are a number of opportunities for staff to participate and help make this event a memorable one for our graduates and their families. To assist with this special event, please click the commencement job assignment link.

We do need additional signups for the following Commencement Assignments. Employees can sign up for more than one assignment:

- Super Setter (6:30-7:30 a.m.) - Set up signage for The Grove Check-In for graduates. Put out steamers, pins, registration boxes, and bring all water bottles and cupcakes to Lower Lawn Reception. Then help out on the Upper Lawn to label ADA Seating.
- Usher (8:30-10:30 a.m.) - Help welcome all guests, guide ADA family members to ADA seating, guide VIP to seating (VIP seats labeled). When the ceremony starts, help ensure no loved ones are entering the student section.
- Graduate Prepper (8:45-10 a.m.) - Support grads by steaming sashes and gowns, pinning motor boards on heads.
- Reception Crew (10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.) - Encourage loved ones to wait until after the ceremony to grab refreshments. After ceremony, help pass out desserts and refreshments.
- Clean-Up Crew (12-1 p.m.) - Help organize supplies and put everything away.

Staff support on this day makes the graduation experience for students possible. Important: CSEA employees working at the Commencement ceremony are entitled to overtime compensation. This overtime must be preapproved by the employee's supervisor. Once approved, the employee may choose to receive either overtime pay or compensatory (comp) time. This is at the discretion of the employee. If you have any questions, please contact a member of CSEA Chapter 33 leadership.

We hope staff will be a part of the Cañada Commencement team and appreciate your consideration.





Show Some Love for the Class of 2024 with Custom Zoom Backgrounds!

With Commencement around the corner, it's time to show our grads some love! Our Marketing Department designed Zoom backgrounds for the campus and greater community to celebrate the Cañada Class of 2024! You can view and download the backgrounds here. Visit the Commencement website for the latest updates.



Honors Students Present at Honors Research Symposium

Cañada College Honors students successfully presented at the Honors Research Symposium, organized by the Bay Area Consortium (BHC). The BHC selection process was highly selective this year with only 84 of 241 student proposals accepted, so we are especially proud of our invited student presenters: Gustavo Costa, Konatsu Okita, Howard Qin and Luis Romero! BHC presenters and participants enjoyed an exciting day

including a keynote address by sleep specialist Dr. Rafael Pelayo, dozens of engaging honors presentations, a performance by the Stanford Jazz Orchestra Combo and an inspiring talk by Stanford University student, Warda Ali. Congratulations to our student presenters! Thank you to all the staff and honors faculty who supported them and special thanks to Professor Sarah Harmon.



Star Party

On Friday, May 3, the Cañada College Astronomy Club hosted its semesterly Star Party at our campus observatory. With more than 80 attendees, the event broke yet another attendance record. At the event, guests enjoyed food and refreshments, music and games, including a competitive space-themed trivia game. The winners took home astronomy-themed rewards. Some attendees observed "May the fourth be with you" with Star Wars-themed costumes. The night wrapped up with views of star clusters through our telescopes. The telescopes were operated by both our own dedicated staff as well as collaborating faculty from Skyline College.



Super Registration Welcomes High School Students

On Tuesday, Cañada College hosted Super Registration Day, dedicated to assisting high school students, including those from Woodside High School and Sequoia High School, with all their registration requirements. The event aimed to streamline the registration process, ensuring students are fully prepared for their upcoming semester at Cañada College in the fall. The day was bustling with activity as our team provided guidance and support to attendees. We extend our gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this event. Another Super Registration event will occur on campus today – please welcome our future Cañadians!



ASCC Hosts AANHPI Event

On Tuesday, the Associated Students of Cañada College hosted an AANHPI event, celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander heritage. The event featured timelines showcasing the rich cultural history of these communities and included a delightful spread of cultural foods from various backgrounds. It was a fantastic opportunity for our campus community to come together, share experiences and enjoy delicious snacks.



Celebration for Transferring and Graduating Students in the Transfer Center

On Wednesday, the Transfer Center hosted a special event titled "Calling All Transferring and Graduating Students," dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the achievements of transferring and graduating students. The event provided a space for students to take photos and be acknowledged on a recognition board. Additionally, snacks were available to enjoy while commemorating the students' successes.



De-stress Event

On Wednesday, the Cultural Center, NextUp, Personal Counseling Center and the Promise Scholars Program hosted a de-stress event, providing students with a much-needed break from their studies. Students laid out a spread of snacks ranging from chips to fruit pops, creating a perfect picnic atmosphere outdoors. Under the sun, students enjoyed delicious snacks as well as engaging conversations and fun activities like Jenga and passing a football. It was a relaxed and enjoyable event, offering students a chance to unwind and recharge amidst their busy schedules.



Brothers Achieving Milestones (BAM): End of the Semester Celebration

Also on Wednesday, Brothers Achieving Milestones (BAM) wrapped up the academic year with a celebratory event, recognizing the achievements of our student brothers who completed the Spring 2024 semester. Cuban food was provided as we came together to honor the dedication and perseverance of our BAM community.



Student Athletes Net Impressive Recognitions and Prepare for University Transfer

Congratulations to our Cañada Colts who have been recognized with several different accolades this year!

Men's Baseball

- 4th in the Coast North Conference
- 18th in NorCal seeding
- Max Ross named Player of the Year, Home Run Leader, Gold Glove Winner and signed with University of Santa Clara on full scholarship
- JP Avila named All Conference First Team and 2024 Runs Batted In Leader
- Kyler Bittner named All Conference First Team and Stolen Base Leader
- Brady Greene, Zak Sullivan and Carson Vance named All Conference Second Team
- Dom Avila named All Conference Gold Glove and Fielding Percentage Leader

Men's Basketball

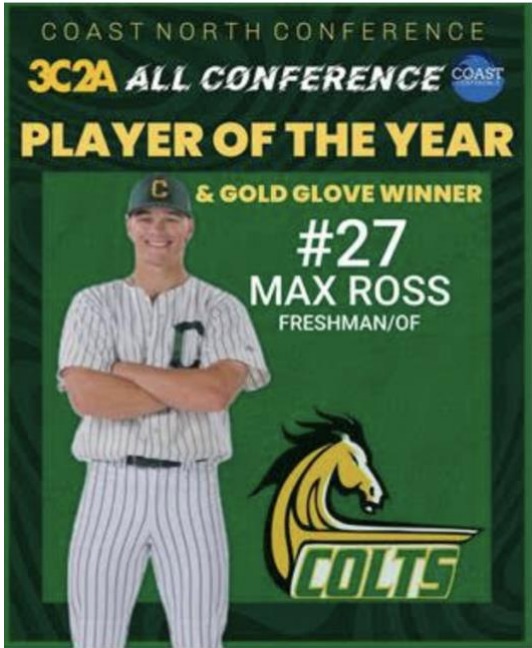
- Miles Jones, transferring to Cal State Northridge
- Daylen Fleming, transferring to Cal State Long Beach
- Asa Mobley, transferring to University of Hawaii

Women's Soccer

- 1st in the coast North Conference
- Katie Perkins named Coach of the Year Coast, North Conference
- Rachel Mull named Coast Conference Player of the Year and transferring to Alabama State on a full scholarship
- Natalie Mandolado, Jianna Nabung, Rachel Mill, Mia McCann and Natalie Navarro named Coast Conference First Team
- Lillian Nasrah, Katekyn Hennebry, Rosa Churrape and Jimena Sandoval named Coast Conference Second Team

Men's Soccer

- Kiichi Murakami named Coast Conference Forward of the Year, Coast Conference Midfielder of the Year, Coast Conference 1st team selections, USC All-West Region 2nd team, USC All-American 2nd team and transferring to San Jose State with a scholarship
- Tyler Ho named USC Scholar All-American, Coast Conference 2nd Team All-League and transferring to Hawaii Pacific University with a scholarship
- Gilberto Lopez transferring to Simpson University with a scholarship
- David Zavala transferring to Simpson University with a scholarship
- Sergio Garubay transferring to Simpson University
- Juan Bedolla named Coast Conference 2nd Team All-League and transferring to Simpson University with a scholarship
- Carlos Baltierra transferring to Ottawa University in Arizona with a scholarship
- Francesco Giusti named Coast Conference 1st Team All-League and transferring to Southern Oregon University with a scholarship
- Kosuke Kaneko named Coast Conference 1st Team All-League and transferring to San Francisco State with a scholarship
- Diego Arellano transferring to San Francisco State
- Fabrizio Garrido transferring to Academy of Art with a scholarship
- Jack Johal transferring to Michigan State
- Benjamin Schembri transferring to Cal State East Bay



I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim