

# STUDENT RECOGNITION & ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY

2023 - 2024



# Student Achievement and Awards | Event Program

## **Event Overview**

David Vera, *Ed.D.*, *Director, Financial Aid Services & Emcee*

## **Welcome & Congratulatory Remarks**

Kim Lopez, *President*

## **San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation**

Melissa Rohlfs, *Alumni Relations and Development Manager*

## **Student Recognition & Guest Speakers Honoring Transfer Students, Tutors, Peer Mentors & Scholarship Recipients:**

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### **Transfer Program Recognition**

Gonzalo Arrizon, *Program Supervisor, COLTS-U Transfer Center*

### **Honors Transfer Program Recognition**

Rebekah Sidman-Taveau, *Ph.D.*, *Honors Transfer Program Coordinator*

### **Alumna Speaker**

Delila Gonzalez - *Cañada Alumna - UC San Diego*

### **Tutor & Peer Mentor Recognition**

Ron Andrade, *Ed.D.*, *Director of Student Support – Learning Center*

### **Scholarship Recognition**

David Vera, *Ed.D.*, *Director, Financial Aid Services*

## CAÑADA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS FOR THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

### ***American Association of University Women Ethel Gayman Endowment Scholarship***

This scholarship is for SMCCCD students who have attained a minimum 3.5 GPA, show financial need, and will continue their education during the upcoming fall term at a four-year college or university accredited by the American Association of Colleges and Universities. Awardees are selected by the Scholarship Committee of the AAUW San Mateo Branch.

*Chloe Knott  
Leah Simmons*

### ***Anne Marquart Scholarship***

This is an endowed fund to provide annual scholarships for worthy, working students with financial need for college; one at each of the three colleges.

*Kimberly Benitez Mancillas*

### ***Assistance League of San Mateo County***

This scholarship is to help single parents and re-entry students to attend or continue to attend college in an effort to become more financially self-sufficient through education. Students must have economic needs. Special consideration given to women and single mothers.

*Alina Lysak  
Johanna Lopez*

### ***Associated Students of Cañada College Senate Leadership Award***

These scholarships recognize students who have shown outstanding leadership and made significant contributions to the College through participation in clubs, organizations, student government or community service/volunteer work.

*TBD*

### ***Barbara McCarthy Scholarship***

This scholarship is for continuing students pursuing a career in the fields of Physical Education or Healthcare. Recipients must have completed 12 units at Cañada College, with a minimum 2.75 GPA, and demonstrate a commitment to community service.

*Leah Simmons  
Shekinah Solero  
Carlos Martinez*

### ***Big Smile Scholarship***

This scholarship was established in the memory of the donor's uncle whose big smile was the defining characteristic of his personality. In his work as an appliance salesman at Sears, and in his personal life, his big smile made people feel welcome and appreciated. This scholarship is for a deserving student whose own "big smile" and positive outlook are commendable.

*Sierra Neuenfeldt*

### ***Beverly Travlos Scholarship***

The Beverly Travlos Scholarship funds are directed toward students pursuing education and degrees in fashion design and merchandising. They are meant to help those in need reach their full potential by removing obstacles to education. This scholarship is for Cañada College students who are enrolled full time or part time, is open to new, returning, continuing and transferring students. First-generation college students preferred, must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher, be majoring in fashion design and merchandising and intend to transfer to a 4-year college/University after completing their educational program at Cañada College.

*Pamela Taylor  
Alice Xavier Nascimento*

### ***Bruno and Kathleen "Be" Carnovale Scholarship***

This scholarship is to help students improve their ability to more fully participate in the economy and society. A hope is that some of the beneficiaries will

someday be able to enjoy the pleasures of paying the favor forward. Criteria for this award is based on full time or part time enrollment, GPA must be at least 2.5 or higher, student must have unmet financial need, and be currently employed. This scholarship is offered to graduating high school seniors, new, returning, continuing and transferring students and shall be rotated annually between the three colleges

*Jose Barragan*

### ***Cañada Accounting Scholarship***

This scholarship is for a continuing or transferring Cañada student majoring in Accounting who has also given service to the community. Award recipient determined by the Accounting Advisory Committee.

*TBD*

### ***Cañada College Honors Transfer Scholarship***

This scholarship is for a continuing or transferring Cañada student. The student must be enrolled in the Cañada College Honors Transfer Program. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is desirable.

*TBD*

### ***Cañada College Learning Center Plaque Awards***

The Cañada College Learning Center takes pride in recognizing the exceptional contributions of our tutors and student assistants through the prestigious Cañada College Learning Center Plaque Awards. These scholarships are bestowed upon outstanding individuals who have displayed exemplary dedication and commitment to their roles in the Learning Center. After careful selection by the Learning Center Staff, these deserving students are honored with scholarships and their names are immortalized on plaques that will be displayed in the Learning Center, acknowledging their remarkable achievements.

*Ava Glenn - Tutor Recognition Award*

*Yancy Lopez Franco - Outstanding Tutor Award*

*Matias Tineo Rojas - Outstanding Learning Center Support Award*

### ***Cañada Fashion Department Scholarship***

This scholarship is for continuing students who are in the Fashion Design Program at Cañada College, and who plan to complete an Associate's Degree or Certificate in Fashion Design.

*Jennifer Acevedo Delgado*

*Alvetta Hankins*

*Emily Hebb*

*Shaheen Patel*

*Claudia Perez*

*Ana Rios*

*Gabriela Schleusz*

*Daron Session*

*Pamela Taylor*

*Alice Xavier Nascimento*

### ***Carl E. Ward Scholarship***

This scholarship is for a continuing student enrolled in 12 units or more, with academic achievement and financial need. Awards are to be divided among all three colleges.

*Parris Carr*

### ***Castillo Scholarship***

This scholarship recognizes full-time students of academic merit that have demonstrated financial need. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.

*Ashley Avila Cuevas*

*Paris Nevaeh Carr*

*Alexandra Castillo Hernandez*

*Leonardo Moreno*

*Samantha Suarez*

### ***Classified Senate of Cañada Scholarship***

This scholarship fund is for continuing or transferring students at Cañada with outstanding academic success. Students must have demonstrated financial need.

*Teresa Cabrera*

*Luis Romero*

### ***CSEA Chapter 33 Scholarship***

This scholarship is sponsored by the California School Employees Association Chapter 33 and is for a full time, continuing student who has demonstrated leadership skills on campus through student government, clubs, student employment, tutoring or mentorship.

*Stephanie Fernandez*

### ***Dale & Helen Mersereau Scholarship***

This is a discretionary scholarship fund for Cañada students selected by the scholarship committee on the basis of financial need and academic merit. The students shall be incoming, continuing, or returning.

*Rochelle Abrams  
Maria Arteaga Valencia  
Teresa Cabrera  
Johanna Castillo Gama  
Alexandra Castillo Hernandez  
Rebeca Castro  
Priyanshi Chaudhary  
Aracela Chavez Cruz  
Junqi Cui  
Sebastien De Labaca  
Angela De Natale  
Margret Fakapelea  
Stephanie Fernandez  
Darlyn Franco De Paz  
Miriam Garcia  
Gloria Guerra Sibirian  
Jose Hernandez Armenta  
Yanina Jimenez Hualpa  
Leigh Johnson  
Lucia Kusnier  
Chen Liang  
Moises Lopez  
Yancy Lopez Franco  
Wilson Lopez Perez  
Alina Lysak  
Ramila Mahmoodidehshotoran  
Carlos Martinez  
Leonardo Moreno  
Ma Rosario Moreno Morales*

*Joji Morikawa  
Anthony Neglia  
Konatsu Okita  
Maria Piedrabita  
Guadalupe Ramirez-Palacios  
Francesca Re Fraschini  
Melanie Reano Ondarroa  
Margot Rosario Anne Resurreccion  
Maria Reyes Ortiz  
Ara Rivas  
Luis Romero  
Francisco Salvador Rivera  
Diane Sanchez Galicia  
Andrea Sandoval  
Sahar Saneifard  
Aleksandra Shetrakova  
Maxwell Silicani  
Shekinah Solero  
Maria Vejarano  
Yue Yu*

### ***Darryl Usher Memorial Scholarship***

In memory of Darryl Usher, son of Alma Usher, an emeritus classified staff member at Cañada, this scholarship is awarded annually to a student athlete of merit with demonstrated financial need.

*Edgar Ochoa Rueda*

### ***Dr. Genevieve H. Cory Interior Design Scholarship***

This Cañada scholarship is for a continuing full-time or part-time student in Interior Design who is chosen by the Interior Design Department. The criteria are industriousness, diligence, devotion to the program and to the interior design field, at least a modicum of talent, and other criteria determined by the Interior Design faculty.

*Priyanshi Chaudhary*

### ***ECE Student Scholarship***

This scholarship is for students who have declared Early Childhood Education as their major and are preparing for an AS degree or transfer. Minimum 3.25 GPA, demonstrated financial need, and has shown service to the community.

*Aracela Chavez Cruz  
Cassandra Lewis*

### ***Eleanore D. Nettle Scholarship***

Named after a long-time Trustee of the District, this scholarship is to be rotated annually among the District's three colleges. Students must demonstrate an avowed interest in education with intent to enter into the teaching profession. Students must maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA.

*Jose Barragan  
Teresa Cabrera*

### ***Elizabeth Egan Scholarship in Art***

Scholarship is for one student per year. This scholarship is for a continuing or returning student majoring in Studio Art, Students must have completed one year at Cañada, be full time, have a minimum 3.5 GPA and demonstrated financial need.

*Maria Piedrahita*

### ***Gerald Messner/Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship***

This scholarship is for a continuing or transferring Cañada student who is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and is majoring in the humanities.

*TBD*

### ***Gus Pagels Scholarship***

This scholarship, named in honor of former Cañada English Professor Gus Pagels, is for a current or former English Institute student. Students must demonstrate academic merit and financial need.

*Moises Lopez*

### ***Hamilton Family Chancellor's Scholarship***

This award is for deserving students of merit from the San Mateo County Community College District. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and be full time students. The recipients of this award will be selected by the current San Mateo County Community College District Chancellor.

*TBD*

### ***Helen Hausman Fund***

This fund named in honor of a Trustee of the District and a past President of San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation is for one or more scholarships for incoming or continuing students who have demonstrated financial need, academic merit, and a spirit of volunteerism.

*Ignacio Morales, Jr.*

### ***Hewett-Berdon Memorial Scholarship***

This award is given in memory of emeritus math faculty Jean D. Berdon and her mother. Preference for this scholarship is given to students of merit majoring in Biotechnology, Mathematics or Engineering.

*Melanie Reano Ondarroat*

### ***Hobbach Family Endowed Scholarship***

The Hobbach Family Scholarship is open to full-time Cañada College students looking to further their education or professional careers, but lacking financial resources or family aid to achieve them. As part of the application process, candidates who wish to be considered should include a personal statement addressing their need, along with a description of future goals they plan to accomplish. Higher consideration will be given to students who are involved in campus life and programs celebrating Latino culture, including PUENTE, MESA, TRIO, Latino culture activities and EOPS.

*Diane Sanchez Galicia*

### ***Htay Thein & Ni Ni Aung Scholarship***

This scholarship is named in honor of Htay Thein and Ni Ni Aung, parents of Htet Htet Win Pyone Ei. Htet Htet Win Pyone Ei is an alum of Cañada College and a former scholarship recipient. Recipients receiving this award must be continuing Cañada College students and enrolled full-time. Consideration of this award should be given to either an international (F-1 visa) or US Citizens/Permanent Residents/Eligible Non-Citizens and Undocumented students. This scholarship is to help provide support to students experiencing financial hardships.

*Konatsu Okita*

### ***Ilyff Scholarship***

This is an award for international students based first on need, then on academic excellence. The award is administered by the International Student advisors, with one award at each college.

*Konatsu Okita*

### ***Jean Evelyn Letsinger Scholarship***

This scholarship is from the estate of Jean Letsinger and is to be used to recognize students pursuing a career in teaching. Students must demonstrate financial need.

*Karla Campos*

### ***Karl S. Pister Leadership Scholarship, UCSC***

This \$20,000 scholarship is for a transferring student leader who has attained outstanding academic achievement and is nominated by Cañada College. Acceptance of the nomination is determined by the University of California, Santa Cruz scholarship committee.

*TBD*

### ***Kitchen & Bath Design Student Scholarship***

This scholarship is for an Interior Design student pursuing the Kitchen & Bath Certificate. Minimum cumulative GPA: 3.0. The award will be determined annually by the Cañada Interior Design faculty.

*TBD*

### ***Lewis Family STEM Scholarship***

This scholarship is for incoming, continuing or transferring students majoring in a STEM field. Students must have demonstrated financial need and a minimum 2.5 GPA.

*Said Gonzalez*

### ***Mary Topalis Trust for CSM and Cañada Nursing Scholarship***

This scholarship is for students pursuing a nursing degree and selection of the recipient is based on merit and demonstrated financial need. The recipients should show promise of success in their Nursing Program.

*Sergio Alonzo Lopez*

*Sofia Carrillo*

*Laura Herrera-Gonzalez*

*Saul Lopez*

*Carlos Martinez*

*Kathy Ruiz Alarcon*

*Arlen Salas Medina*

*Shekinah Solero*

*Cinthia Vazquez Hernandez*

### ***Monterra Credit Union Scholarship***

This scholarship is for students with a minimum 3.0 GPA who have financial need and have performed and are committed to service in their community.

*Luis Romero*

### ***Nature-Ecology Preservation Scholarship***

The Nature/Ecology Preservation scholarship is awarded to a continuing or transferring Cañada student who has initiated or been involved in projects that demonstrate an environmental concern. Preference given for students pursuing majors and careers in environmental science, resource management and sustainability.

*Erica DiCarlo*

### ***Nellie Leong Scholarship***

This scholarship is in honor of Nellie Leong, a dedicated and popular 10-year employee of the SMCCCD. This scholarship is for full time students and shall be awarded based on a combination of financial need and academic performance.

*Francesca Re Fraschini*  
*Maria Vejarano*  
*Maria Arteaga Valencia*  
*Margot Rosario Anne Resurreccion*  
*Johanna Castillo Gama*  
*Leah Simmons*  
*Aleksandra Shetrakova*  
*Chloe Knott*  
*Maria Piedrahita*  
*Shekinah Solero*  
*Sabar Saneifard*  
*Chen Liang*  
*Lucia Kusnier*  
*Margret Fakapelea*  
*Guadalupe Ramirez-Palacios*  
*Gloria Guerra Sibirian*  
*Ignacio Morales Jr.*  
*Paris Nevaeh Carr*  
*Anthony Neglia*  
*Sierra Neuenfeldt*  
*Kimberly Benitez Mancillas*  
*Konatsu Okita*  
*Carlos Martinez*  
*Jose Barragan*  
*Diane Sanchez Galicia*

### ***Oscar Siguenza Memorial Scholarship***

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide scholarship support to those students showing financial need and who indicate that they are planning to transfer to a 4-year institution following their time at SMCCCD. This scholarship includes a mentorship component. Students are required to meet with the donor once a semester.

*TBD*

### ***Osher Scholars Endowment Scholarship***

This scholarship is funded through the generosity of the Bernard Osher Foundation and is part of a \$25 million endowment to the Foundation for Community Colleges. Student eligibility is based on a combination of criteria including eligibility for the California College Promise Grant fee waiver, determination to achieve in spite of adversity and a commitment towards completing their college education. Students must be enrolled at least half time and be making satisfactory academic progress.

*Daron Session*  
*Cinthia Vazquez Hernandez*  
*Jose Hernandez Armenta*  
*Sonia Escobedo Parada*  
*Ke'Shawna Nolan*

### ***Private Client Reserve Scholarship***

This scholarship is for incoming, continuing, or transferring Cañada students of merit who are committed to attaining a college degree.

*Jose Barragan*  
*Diane Sanchez Galicia*

### ***Robert & Toni Oyster Endowed Scholarship***

Named for local community members, Robert and Toni Oyster, this scholarship is given to a continuing or transferring student who has demonstrated financial need. Preference given to students who have returned or re-entered college after a break who are committed towards achieving a college education.

*Joji Morikawa*  
*Erica Dicarlo*  
*Aracela Chavez Cruz*  
*Alina Lysak*  
*Wislon Lopez Perez*  
*Yanina Jimenez Hualpa*  
*Ignacio Morales Jr.*  
*Antothony Neglia*  
*Mariela Cuevas*



### ***Ronald F. Weidman Theatre Arts Fund***

Named in memory of a distinguished teacher of Theatre Arts at all three county community colleges, this scholarship is for a Canada student who is continuing at Canada or transferring to a four-year school. The student should be a versatile student of theatre arts, have been recommended by the Drama Department, and have at least a 2.0 GPA.

*Maria Piedrahita*

### ***San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation Scholarship***

Thanks to generous donors, many scholarships are available through San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation. This particular scholarship is also made possible by donors for incoming or continuing San Mateo County Community College students who require financial assistance in order to attend our community colleges.

*Edwyn Abraham Damian*

*Maria Aguilar*

*Grace Alatta Vargas*

*Sergio Alonzo Lopez*

*Ramie Alsibai*

*Jennifer Alvarado*

*Micaela Alvarez*

*Alexis Arevalo Murillo*

*Erin Arocha*

*Seyedehferyal Asadi*

*Savannah Basanez*

*Guadalupe Beltran*

*Melodie Bladen*

*Sarah Blumenthal*

*Sandra Brown Sexton*

*Michael Angelo Caballero*

*Lexi Calloway*

*Nora Cardenas*

*Paris Nevaeh Carr*

*Sofia Carrilho*

*Yanet Carrillo Napoles*

*Alexandra Castillo Hernandez*

*Ana Chavez*

*Irene Chavez*

*Edgar Cortez*

*Ryan Dana*

*Antonia De La Torre*

*Carlos Espana*

*Alitssa Espinal*

*Marco Estevez*

*Nicole Faircloth*

*Ryan Fernandez*

*Alicia Figueras Navarro*

*Maria Figueroa*

*Corina Fonseca*

*Carmel Franco*

*Maria Galicia Garcia*

*Karissa Garcia*

*Marina Gasparini*

*Maria Gonzales*

*Alexa Marie Gudino*

*Gloria Guerra Sibrian*

*Dalia Gutierrez*

*Mary Hale*

*Lania Harris*

*Maria Heredia Anton*

*Laura Herrera-Gonzalez*

*Noah Hood*

*Morelia Infante*

*Manpreet Kaur*

*Nahyun Kim*

*Michelle Kui*

*Lihua Liu*

*Juan Mataro Juarez*

*Azucena Medrano*

*Karen Melendez*

*Cynthia Mena*

*Amanda Molina Lopez*

*Megan Montero*

*Carlos Monterrosa Rivas*

*Maria Clara Moraes*

*Martha Morones*

*Pamela Murua*

*Inna Nosenko*

*Salvador Nunez Vasquez*

*Brigitte Ochoa Andrade*

*Katherine Ochoa Jimenez*

*Adhilene Oyorzabal Sandoval*  
*Jonathan Pedraza Barrera*  
*Carlos Perez-Mendez*  
*Emily Ramos*  
*Samuel Reynaga Cazares*  
*Delilah Rizqie*  
*Philip Roidmaier*  
*Austin Rolfe*  
*Evelyn Romero*  
*Bryan Romero Pacheco*  
*Mauren Saavedra Fernandez*  
*Arlen Salas Medina*  
*Liliana Saldana*  
*Jessica Santillan Gonzalez*  
*Roxana Sarina*  
*Maria Segura*  
*Kosuke Sekimoto*  
*Arya Shadan*  
*Brittney Sharrock*  
*Ayia Tadj*  
*Michael Taylor*  
*Christine Thiebaut*  
*Jules Thomas*  
*Perla Perez Toledo*  
*Hector Torres-Vasquez Jr*  
*Maria Trejo*  
*Connor Uter*  
*Yesenia Valencia*  
*Adia Vasquez*  
*Dat Vu*  
*Josue Xiquin*  
*Maria Zamora Estrada*  
*Rosa Zuniga Ortega*

### ***Sara Boddinhouse Coastside Scholarship***

This scholarship is for one or two females involved in Hispanic or Portuguese culture that live or have lived in San Mateo County, preferably on the Coast, with a minimum 2.0 GPA. The student must have completed a minimum of 25 college units and must have financial need.

*Ana Rios*

### ***SMCCCD Retirees' Scholarship***

This scholarship is supported through fundraising by the San Mateo County Community College District Retirees and is for at least one continuing or transferring student at each college; minimum 3.0 GPA; completed 12 units at college of application; enrolled as a fulltime student when the scholarship funds are received.

*Ryan Mustfa*

### ***SMCCCF General Scholarship***

This District fund is supported by the San Mateo County Community Colleges Foundation to annually provide scholarships for deserving incoming, continuing, and transferring students.

*Josue Aguilar Mejia*  
*Ashley Avila Cuevas*  
*Linda Barco Corado*  
*Mia Berta*  
*Heelor Bhavsar*  
*Kanjamad Bosel*  
*Isabella Burns*  
*Paris Nevaeh Carr*  
*Lesley Chavez Miranda*  
*Maria Colin Colin*  
*Flor Flores Gonzales*  
*Ziyao He*  
*Phillip Hsieh*  
*Jay Jorge*  
*Adaora Kanu*  
*Chloe Knott*  
*Donnovan Leon Motato*  
*Ziara Matthews*  
*Bhavana Moini-Yekta*  
*Jose Pena*  
*Makariotera Pina*  
*Elisa Ramirez*  
*Ana Rios*  
*Ara Rivas*  
*Delilah Rizqie*  
*Arya Shadan*  
*Samantha Suarez*  
*Matias Tineo Rojas*

*Yiling Wu  
Zhijian Wu  
Boya Ye  
Lidice Zegarra*

### ***Social Sciences of Cañada College Scholarship***

This scholarship is for a fulltime student who plans to transfer with a minimum GPA of 3.5. Major or career track in Anthropology, Communication Studies, Economics, Geography, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology. The recipients should participate in various clubs on campus, especially the Social Sciences Club, Political Awareness Club, and/or Phi Theta Kappa.

*Sierra Neuenfeldt  
Ignacio Morales*

### ***Susan Yoshimura Scholarship***

In memory of classified staff member Susan Yoshimura, this scholarship is awarded to a continuing or transferring Cañada student who demonstrates perseverance in attaining their educational goals. Students challenged by disability or chronic illness are given priority.

*Chloe Goh*

### ***Thomas C. Mohr Memorial Scholarship***

Given in memory of Emeritus Cañada College President and former San Mateo County Community College District Trustee, Thomas C. Mohr, this scholarship is intended for a student who has demonstrated academic achievement and service in their community. Preference given to students with financial need who have demonstrated commitment to social change, justice and equity issues.

*TBD*

### ***Toby Merman Memorial Scholarship in Interior Design***

This scholarship is for students in or entering the Interior Design Department who intend to pursue a professional career in the Interior Design fields. The student should demonstrate artistic or technical

ability through a combination of portfolio, letters of recommendation, and/or GPA. Financial need is a criterion and the scholarship should be awarded to a student whose current circumstances present an obstacle. If all applicants are equally qualified, preference should be given to a veteran of the armed services.

*Heelor Bhavsar  
Priyanshi Chaudhary  
Megan Montero  
Aleksandra Shetrakova*

### ***Tom Mohr Presidential Scholarship***

The Tom Mohr Presidential Scholarship recognizes a full-time transfer-oriented student attending Cañada College that has a demonstrated commitment to an intellectual life of the College beyond the classroom; social justice efforts; and who is actively engaged in community service activities. Students must reside in San Mateo County. Special consideration given to veterans and students who must work while attending full time.

*TBD*

### ***University Pathway Scholarship***

This scholarship is funding for an incoming or continuing Cañada student who plans to transfer to a 4-year university. Students must be San Mateo County residents, have a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrated financial need. The scholarship is renewable for up to three years while attending Cañada provided students maintain the minimum GPA and progress standards in completing their educational goal.

*Diane Sanchez Galicia  
Ke'Shawna Nolan*

### ***Virginia Hudson Memorial Scholarship***

This scholarship is for a transferring student of merit eligible under AB540 with limited access to financial aid resources. Special consideration for students planning to transfer to a California State University or University of California campus.

*Maria Rodriguez Plancarte*

### ***Hamilton Award for Excellence in STEM***

This award is for Cañada students of merit majoring in math or science fields. Students must have at least a 3.2 GPA with plans to pursue a bachelor's or graduate degree. Selection of the award is made by the Science and Technology Division faculty and is based on academic achievement and service to the Division. Two awards will be given this year to recognize an outstanding continuing student and an outstanding transfer student. The Hamilton Award for Excellence in STEM is a \$1,000 scholarship given to each of the Science & Technology Division outstanding students.

*TBD*

### ***Cañada College National Science Foundation (NSF) Scholarship Recipients***

Cañada College's STEM Center manages a five-year grant funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) that provides more than \$500,000 in scholarship awards to academically talented students with unmet financial need working to transfer to a 4-year university to complete an undergraduate degree in an engineering, math or science major.

#### **NSF Scholars – 2023-24**

*Castro, Diana*

*Lizama, Josue*

*Gonzalez Lopez, Said*

*Rincon Rodriguez, Janice M*

*Jorge, Jay Plopinio*

*Ruiz Arvizo, Diego*

*Zhang, Samuel*

*Pedraza Barrera, Jonathan*

*Luther, Arianna Jonelle*

*Salvador Rivera, Francisco*

The STEM Center at Cañada College is supported in part by individual donors and grants from the US Department of Education, the National Science Foundation, and the California State Fund for Student Success MESA grant via the State Chancellor's Office for California Community Colleges.



### **HONORS TRANSFER PROGRAM**

The Cañada College Honors Transfer Program recognizes its 12th year of graduates. In order to graduate as an Honors Transfer Program Scholar, a student must have enrolled in the Program with a minimum of a 3.3 GPA, and consequently completed a minimum of 15 semester units of honors level coursework. In addition, many of our Honors Transfer Scholars have written original research and presented their work at regional conferences. We are proud of our scholars and wish them the best as they transfer to the most highly competitive universities in the country. [canadacollege.edu/honorsprogram/](http://canadacollege.edu/honorsprogram/)

#### ***Kimberly Benetiz Mancillas***

AA-T degree in Political Science

Transfer Major: Geology/Environmental

#### ***Marina Gasparini***

AS-T degree in Biology

Transfer Major: Plant Sciences

#### ***Areg Horopian***

AA-T degree in Political Science

Transfer Major: Political Science

#### ***Nadine Labloub***

AS-T degree in Business Administration

Transfer Major: Economics

#### ***Ysabella Lucero***

Certificate in University Transfer (IGETC/UC)

Transfer Major: Economics

#### ***Tomas Miyazono***

Transfer Major: Economics

#### ***Sierra Neuenfeldt***

AA-T degree in Sociology

AA-T degree in Psychology

AA degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with Emphasis in Social and Behavioral Sciences

***Austin Rolfe***

AA-T degree in Philosophy  
Transfer Major: Philosophy

***Matias Marcelo Tineo Rojas***

AA-T degree in Economics  
Transfer Major: Economics

***Arya Shadan***

AA-T degree in Political Science  
Transfer Major: Political Science

## **Cañada College**

### **COLTS-U TRANSFER CENTER**

The COLTS-U Transfer Center, along with faculty and staff in various programs and services, collaborate to support students in reaching their transfer goal. This program assists students through the complex transfer process by creating opportunities for them to become more competitive applicants. We are pleased to announce that the following students have successfully applied to various universities, including University of California, California State University, as well as private and out of state universities for the academic year 2024-2025:

*Abe, Kylie*

*Abraham Damian, Edwyn*

*Abregana, Jovan*

*Aguilar, Sergio*

*Aguilar Mejia, Josue*

*Alatta Vargas, Grace*

*Aleman, Emely*

*Arias, Arley*

*Arteaga, Sonia*

*Avila, John Paul*

*Avila Cuevas, Ashley*

*Awad, Sara*

*Baltierra, Carlos*

*Barganier, Noelle*

*Barragan, Jose*

*Barstad, Megan*

*Belkin, Dominik*

*Benitez Mancillas, Kimberly*

*Benjamin, Daniel*

*Bravo, Joel*

*Cabigon, Lourdes*

*Calvillo, Micah*

*Cardenas, Abraham*

*Carr, Paris*

*Carriglio, Gianvito*

*Caviglia, Michael*

*Cheevakasemkoon, Thawanrat*

*Chen, Ching-Kai*

*Childress, Reagan*

*Chiquete Castro, Sergio*

*Chow, Matthew*

*Chu, Mia*

*Chung, Pui Kak*

*Clark, Jordan*

*Cortese, Anthony*

*Cortez, Daniela*

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