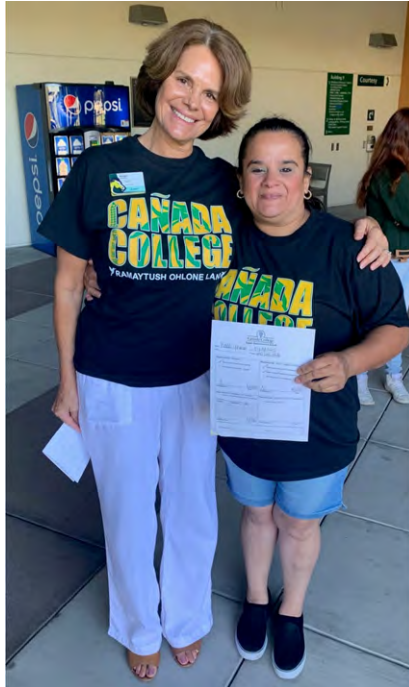


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# Combined Report of the College Presidents





## CAÑADA COLLEGE HOSTS ANNUAL LEADERSHIP RETREAT



On August 10, more than 50 students, faculty, and classified staff leaders and administrators joined together for Cañada College's 6th annual Leadership Retreat. Each year, the Retreat serves as a launching point for the College's implementation of its five-year [Educational Master Plan \(EMP\)](#).

Student voice is a critical aspect of the Retreat and the day began with student leaders sharing the priorities identified by the Associated Students of Cañada College. This year, ASCC President Yuliana Leon Subias shared that student leaders would like to focus on student access to food, transportation, WiFi and participatory governance. President Lopez led a discussion about how those priorities would be addressed during the coming academic year.

Following President Lopez' review of the progress made on last year's EMP priority projects, Vice Presidents Manuel Alejandro Pérez and Chialin Hsieh led a walking tour of campus to visit newly refurbished or updated facilities for many of the programs and services critical to many of the initiatives identified in the College's five-year strategic plan: the new College Cultural Center and mural, the Colts U Transfer Center, the Faculty Teaching & Learning Center and Lounge, and the Career Center.

Following the briefing on the status and aspirations of the programs visited during the walking tour, Retreat participants focused on four new EMP priorities for 2023-24:

- Expanding programs and opportunities to new community members in North Fair Oaks, Belle Haven, and East Palo Alto, especially BIPOC communities;
- Reimagining how we support students' accessing career opportunities;
- Strengthening transfer support services to increase transfers; and
- Creating and sustaining an inclusive, antiracist, and equity-minded campus culture



Retreat participants focused on each of these priorities during four facilitated sessions and related small-group discussions. This allowed campus leaders to develop a shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities of each of these priorities as they organize their work on these important topics during the coming academic year.

The Academic Senate and Classified Senate Presidents will join President Lopez on College Opening Day in presenting the results from the Retreat and the proposed priorities and work plans for each to the rest of the campus community. These then form the basis of the College's Annual Strategic Plan which will be discussed again and voted on by the Planning & Budgeting Council during its first meeting in September.

More information, including all of the materials and notes from the Retreat, may be found [here](#).

## CAÑADA HOSTS SUPER SATURDAY REGISTRATION EVENT

On Saturday, August 12, Cañada College hosted its second Super Saturday single-stop registration event! The goal of this event was to help anyone who attended to complete all enrollment steps and walk away registered for Cañada College's fall 2023 semester. More than 35 faculty, staff, administrators and student ambassadors were on hand to help students enroll, leave with a course schedule and/or have their questions answered for the fall semester.



At the Super Saturday event, DJ Antit Dope provided a happy and energetic ambience for excited attendees as they arrived on campus. Some of the Cañada teams that provided on-site student support included: Admissions & Records, Welcome Center, Financial Aid, Counseling, Colts-U Transfer Station, Umoja, College for Working Adults, Office of Student Life & Leadership Development, EOPS/CARE/FYSI, Promise Scholars Program and Outreach, Paralegal & Business and Funeral Services Program. Community partners Upward Scholars and AchievAble, Notre Dame de Namur, were also present at the event, connecting with the community at resource tables.



The teams hosted stations throughout campus that helped prospective students submit their college applications, complete orientation and assessments, submit Financial Aid applications, meet with an academic counselor and register for classes. Student Ambassadors also provided tours so new Cañadians could familiarize themselves with campus. When students completed their enrollment steps, they were invited to enjoy a free lunch. Community members remarked that they felt comfortable and welcome while attending the event. The Cañada team looks forward to welcoming its new students on the first day of the fall semester.

## College of San Mateo

### CSM WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

On August 10, CSM's Vice President of Instruction Office welcomed seven new full-time faculty members during the New Faculty Orientation and Luncheon. This event facilitated interactions with VPI Dr. Carla Grandy, department mentors, and student services. The event was capped off with a lunch and a view as we gathered with cabinet members, deans, and division assistants in the College Heights Conference Room. Interim Chancellor Dr. Melissa Moreno, Acting President Richard Storti, and Board Trustee Wayne Lee warmly greeted the community as we all look forward to a new academic year together. Representing diverse instructional fields, the new faculty promise valuable contributions to CSM's academic fabric. Kajari Burns, in the Kinesiology, Athletics & Dance, will be the college's new track and field coach.



*CSM welcomed new faculty hires at New Faculty Orientation.*

Andres Calle, in the Business and Technology Division, will be our newest Computer & Information Science professor. Carissa Cardenas, in the Counseling Division, will be focusing on Dual Enrollment & High School Transition. Mark Hollandsworth will be joining CSM's Nursing Program, Melissa Nelson will be the newest Accounting Program professor, Lia Thomas, in the Academic Support & Learning Technologies, is the college's newest librarian, and Katryn Wiese, in the Math and Science Division, will be the college's Geology professor.



*CSM's New Faculty Orientation Luncheon and CSM Acting President Dr. Richard Storti.*

This new cohort of educators stands as a testament to CSM's proactive approach to embracing change, adapting to evolving pedagogical paradigms, and cultivating an atmosphere of collaboration. The infusion of talent invigorates CSM's journey

toward a vibrant academic chapter, inspiring both educators and learners.

## **ELEVATING EDUCATION: EMPOWERING SUCCESS THROUGH DUAL ENROLLMENT STRATEGIES AND PARTNERSHIPS**



*The CSM Dual Enrollment team with Dual Enrollment faculty.*

On Tuesday, August 1, and Wednesday, August 2, the CSM Dual Enrollment team were thrilled to host a 2-day summer experience, "Strategies for Successful Teaching in Dual Enrollment" for our dedicated new and returning CSM Faculty who will be teaching dual enrollment courses in the new academic year.

Topics, activities, and discussions covered the importance of building classroom culture with students, engagement strategies using technology, commitment to thoughtful and ongoing communication, and equity-focused instruction. The experience concluded with the group hearing from a panel of students, Ms. Mele Petelo, Mr. Luke Nessel, and Mr. James Huffman-Jimenez, about their own experiences taking CSM Dual Enrollment classes during the 22-23 academic year and how it has impacted and influenced their decision to commit and attend CSM this coming fall.



*Strategies for Successful Teaching in Dual Enrollment workshop.*

Participating faculty and staff are excited for the new academic year ahead and are determined and committed to building excellent in-classroom experiences and creating greater opportunities and connection to CSM for all dual enrollment students. Additionally, on Thursday, August 10, 2023, the CSM Dual Enrollment team, in partnership with San Mateo Union High School District, co-hosted our inaugural “Dual Enrollment Launch” event, bringing in CSM faculty, high school partner teachers and site administrators, and high school district partners, to kick off the new academic year together. The day was truly inspiring as attendees engaged in networking, aligning our efforts with a clear purpose, developing curriculum and programming with a focus on equity, exchanging best practices, and reinforcing our shared dedication to excellence. The CSM campus is actively working towards fostering a sense of community and exploring strategic approaches to enhance our partnerships, all centered around serving the needs of our students. We are so appreciative of the support provided by SMCCCD, CSM, and our high school partners (SMUHSD and CUSD), and are committed to continuing to grow the CSM Dual Enrollment Program and creating dynamic and memorable experiences for students.



## **HAVE YOU SEEN THE SUN AND THE WAVES? SKYLINE COLLEGE LAUNCHES NEW BRANDING WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW LOGO**

After a year of focus groups, surveys, interviews, and personal interaction, Skyline has created a more modern logo to begin re-branding the College.

The goal of the new branding effort will be to entice students, faculty, and the community to engage with all the college offers. Striving to reach new demographics, the College wants to uplift its image and create a more relatable brand for the community.



The new logo uses elements of the previous logo but adds a brightness and boldness that didn't exist. The new logo was launched with a series of Instagram posts attempting to engage users. Since the Instagram campaign was launched, engagement is up over 58% from the prior period.

## **WELCOME WEEK IS UPON US**

**AUGUST 16-18, 2023**

Welcome to Skyline College!

Stop by our welcome booths at Bldg. 19 Pacific Heights and Bldg. 6 Quad.



**FRIDAY, August 25, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Skyline and Chill + It's It Ice Cream

First week down, a semester more to go. Breathe, connect with people, and learn about resources to foster a healthy well-being. Don't miss out on free ice cream and community.

**MONDAY, August 21, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Campus Navigation

Do you know where you are going? Get support to find classes, and resources and meet our Skyline Community. Come grab a "Welcome Back" bag!

**TUESDAY, August 22, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Find Your Communities

College is about finding yourself and where you want to go. Find communities that will support you on your journey. Don't miss out on finding your people and where you fit in! Free coffee and donuts served from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and pizza from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. (while supplies last).

**WEDNESDAY, August 23, 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Build a Pathway to Success + Lunch On Us

Declared a major, but not really? Discover programs and courses that reflect your interest or passion. Don't miss out on finding a program or pathway for you. Grab a free boxed lunch (while supplies last)!

**THURSDAY, August 24, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Get the Bag!

College can be very expensive! Come connect with on-campus resources and programs to lessen the cost. Don't miss out on free money and financial aid opportunities - get that bag!