



A Message from President Kim Lopez

Weekly Update: 1-19-24

Dear Cañada Colleagues,

Happy 2024 and welcome to the Spring semester!

Super Registration – a Success!

Thank you to the campus community members who helped to make our Super Registration Day a success! More than 45 faculty, staff, administrators and student ambassadors (plus a DJ!) were present on Saturday morning to help nearly 200 students and community members to enroll, leave with a course schedule and/or have their questions answered for the Spring semester. Community members remarked that they felt comfortable and welcomed while attending the event. Following the registration event, every single one of our students who attended will be, or are currently in contact with, our Student Services teams for one-on-one support and case management.



Flex Day

Thank you for participating in last week's Flex Day! Please take a moment to [share your feedback](#) about the day and the sessions you attended. Your responses will inform how we plan future Flex Days. Zoom recordings and presentation materials can be found on the [Follow-up Flex Day Resources](#) website. April 18 will be the next College-Wide Flex Day. If you would like to host a session, please submit your proposal by March 15 using the [Flex Day Session Proposal Form](#). Please direct your Flex Day-related questions to Flex Day Coordinator [Ellen Young](#).



Welcome Week

Spring 2024 has kicked off with a fantastic Welcome Week! The week was a success, with our Outreach team assisting students in finding classes, the Cultural Center providing valuable information and snacks and ASCC offering coffee and bagels. The highlight was a phenomenal drum session hosted by the Cultural Center and led by Professor Michael Hoffman, attracting 20 enthusiastic participants. We were thrilled to have community members from Police Athletic League (PAL) join us, making it a truly inclusive and vibrant start to the semester. Don't miss out on the next Drum Circle which will be happening on Tuesday, January 30 from 1 to 2 p.m.



ACCJC Approves and Accepts Cañada Accreditation Report

On January 16, 2024, Cañada received [an official letter from the ACCJC](#) indicating that, upon its review of [the College's 2023 Midterm Report](#), the Commission determined the College has made appropriate progress in implementing its plans and improving outcomes related to student achievement.

The Commission acknowledged the College's commitment to improvement as it continues its efforts in the best interests of its students. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this report! More information is available [here](#).

Spring 2024 Enrollment Update

As we end the first week of the Spring semester, I am proud to share that our College enrollments are back to pre-pandemic levels!

Enrollments today: 12,514. Enrollments in 2020: 12,039. In [this chart](#), Spring 2024 is in light green and Spring 2020 is in light blue.

Also notable: our Face-to-Face enrollments are up 55% versus this time last year, while our Online and Hybrid enrollments are about the same as last year. Before the pandemic, Cañada College had 25% of its enrollment online. Today, we see 49% of our enrollments online (Asynchronous and Synchronous).

Since this time last year:

- Our student headcount is up 20%
- Our overall enrollments are up 17%
- The number of K-12 students concurrently enrolled is up 82%

Cañada Named One of Forbes Best Online Community Colleges of 2024

Cañada College was recently named by Forbes Advisor Education as one of the Best Online Community Colleges of 2024! You can read the full article [here](#).

Best Online Community College Options:

1. [Pitt Community College](#)
2. [Albany Technical College](#)
3. **[Cañada College](#)**
4. [Southwest Tennessee Community College](#)
5. [Pima Community College](#)
6. [St Philip's College](#)
7. [San Antonio College](#)
8. [Shoreline Community College](#)
9. [Genesee Community College](#)
10. [Erie Community College](#)

Forbes Advisor Education ranked 40 accredited, nonprofit community colleges in the U.S. using 13 data points in the categories of credibility, affordability, student outcomes and student experience. We pulled data for these categories from reliable resources such as the [Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System](#); private, third-party data sources; and individual school and program websites.

Data is accurate as of October 2023.



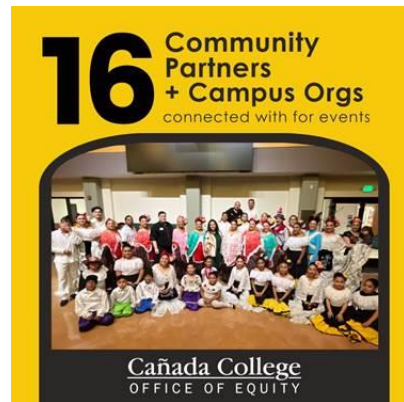
Cultural Center: A Momentous First Semester

As we start the new 2024 Spring Semester, the Office of Equity team wanted to take a moment to rejoice in the incredible work accomplished over the Fall 2023 semester. In just the first semester of having an Office of Equity, the team has:

- Held 28 cultural events
- Had 1,319+ attendees at events
- Hosted 12 training workshops and five equity excursions
- Partnered with 16+ community and campus organizations

In addition, students have written in their personal insight questions for transfer about the impact they have seen for themselves and how they are validated and empowered by being a part of our Cultural Center programming.

The semester started with us searching for, interviewing, hiring and on-boarding a brand new Office of Equity team. Then as a campus, students, faculty, staff and administrators have had a lot of laughs, deep cries and thought-provoking shifts as we critically examine structures, and make commitments for change. We are uplifting, celebrating, and engaging in counter-narrative histories while also exploring where we want to move together in the future. We are just getting started, and have so much more we want to do together! If you would like to be a part of this Office of Equity work in by way, please contact Dr. Michiko Kealoha at kealoham@smccd.edu.



Review Your Department's/Program's Website

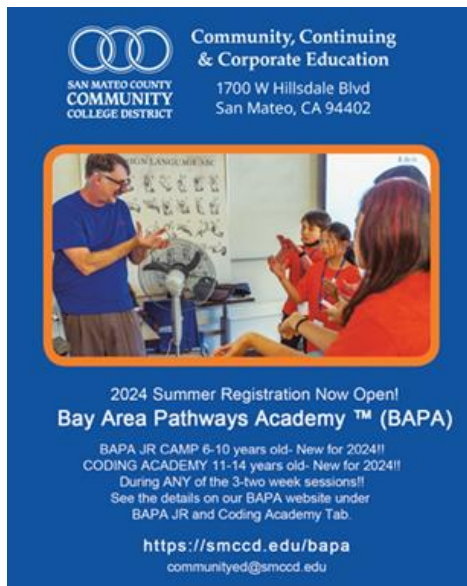
Please take a moment to review your department's or program's website to ensure that it is up to date for Spring 2024 and that your hours of operation on the [Campus Hours](#) website are accurate. If you need assistance updating content on your website, please submit a [Marketing Request](#) and a member of the Marketing team will assist.

2024 Bay Area Pathways Academy Registration is Open

The 2024 Bay Area Pathways Academy™ (BAPA) [Spring Break](#) and [Summer Program](#) is now open for registration! BAPA is an in-person comprehensive academic, enrichment, and fitness summer program for students entering grades 6 to 9, with new options for younger students (click on [BAPA Jr](#) for more info)!



The poster features the BAPA logo at the top left, which consists of three overlapping circles and the text "BAY AREA PATHWAYS ACADEMY Summer Programming Year Round Impact". Below the logo, the text reads "Live In Person Summer Camp at College of San Mateo" and "Rising Grades 6 - 9". It describes the program as a "Comprehensive academic, enrichment and fitness summer program for students entering grades 6 to 9" and lists "3 two-week sessions from June 17-August 2, 2024". It also notes the schedule: "Monday-Friday, Full Day & Half Day" and "Camp will not run during the week of July 4th 2024". An "EARLY BIRD SPECIAL through 4/22/2024" is mentioned, along with the website "https://smccd.edu/bapa". On the right side, there are three photographs: the top one shows five people in orange shirts celebrating with their arms raised; the middle one shows two people playing basketball; the bottom one shows a group of people working on a project at a table.



The poster features the San Mateo County Community College District logo at the top left, which consists of three overlapping circles and the text "SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT". To the right of the logo, it says "Community, Continuing & Corporate Education" and "1700 W Hillsdale Blvd San Mateo, CA 94402". Below the logo, there is a photograph of a man in a blue shirt standing in front of a whiteboard, addressing a group of students. The text below the photo reads "2024 Summer Registration Now Open! Bay Area Pathways Academy™ (BAPA)". It lists "BAPA JR CAMP 6-10 years old- New for 2024!!" and "CODING ACADEMY 11-14 years old- New for 2024!!" and notes that these are available "During ANY of the 3-two week sessions!!". It also says "See the details on our BAPA website under BAPA JR and Coding Academy Tab." and provides the website "https://smccd.edu/bapa" and the email "communityed@smccd.edu".

Academic classes are taught by credentialed teachers using a Project Based Learning (PBL) approach that incorporates interactive learning activities designed to make learning enjoyable, while enrichment and fitness classes are taught by instructors.

Register before April 22 for early bird pricing using the following code in the checkout box EMP10% OFF. This EMP10%OFF code will reduce employees' current 10% discount by an additional 10% if you register before April 15th. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

NEW CAMPS FOR 2024

- [BAPA Spring Camp \(11–14 years old\)](#): Your child can choose from our BAPA Spring Break ART CAMP or CODING CAMP during the weeks of 4/1 to 4/5 or 4/8 to 4/12 from 9 am to 1 pm.
- [BAPA Summer Coding Academy \(11–14 years old\)](#): Three 2-week half-day sessions from 9 am to 1 pm. Session 1: 6/17-6/28. Session 2: 7/8-7/19. Session 3: 7/22-8/2.
- [BAPA Jr. Summer Camp \(6–7 & 8–10 years old\)](#): Three 2-week half-day sessions from 9 am to 1 pm. Session 1: 6/17-6/28. Session 2: 7/8-7/19. Session 3: 7/22-8/2.
- [Online STEAM Courses \(8–14 years old\)](#)

I hope you enjoy the rainy weekend!

Sincerely,
Kim