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# Combined Report of the College Presidents





## CAÑADA COLLEGE WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM: NORTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL CHAMPIONS!



The Cañada College Women's Tennis Team is the Northern California Regional Champion, with one more win away from the State Championship!

NorCal Regional Dual Team Championship Match: Cañada (3) at Chabot (1). The Co-Coast Conference Champions set up a third, tie-breaking match after both dominated in the earlier rounds of the NorCal Regional bracket. Chabot earned the higher seed by beating the Colts in their most recent meeting, tying in the regular season at 11-1.

In this third meeting of the '22 season, the Co-Champs had more than just a tie-break; there were bragging rights in the Coast Conference, a NorCal Regional Team Title, and a spot in the season-finale State Championship in Bakersfield.

The match started quickly, loudly, and with waves of energy as the doubles matches got underway. Early on, all three Cañada teams took the lead at 2-1. After an hour of battle, the Colts flipped the doubles result from the previous two meetings, going into the singles matches up 2-1.

The Colts knew they needed to take advantage of this lead, and grab their wins, quickly. The Cañada 3, Josie Thompson, made short work of her opponent, beating her 6-0, 6-0, followed by a Chabot win at line 4 with the same score. Up 3-2, the Colts' stampede began to struggle at certain lines, with Chabot picking up the next win at singles 1.

With three remaining matches, clinch player Michaela Llewelyn brought the energy back to the Cañada bench, securing a 7-5, 6-4 victory in her third meeting against Chabot's Julie Santiago. After hearing the resounding, "Let's go!" from Llewelyn at Court 2, Cañada's 5 (Cori Mehring) and 6 (Claudia Westrum) stepped up in a race to the finish. As she did in the Regional Semifinal, Cori Mehring clinched her match with a 6-3, 7-5 win, earning her team a NorCal Championship, and sending the Colts the State Championship match, scheduled for this Saturday (4/23/22) at Bakersfield Racquet Club.

### Doubles:

1. Zoe Olmos/Julia Santiago (Cha) def. Zuzia Dziewiecka/Josie Thompson (Cañ), 8-4
2. Michaela Llewelyn/Lauren Denenberg (Cañ) def. Sandy Morizawa/Alma Hwang (Cha), 8-6
3. Susan Kettering/Claudia Westrum (Cañ) def. Mi Qi/Ronnette Tolentino (Cha), 9-7

### Singles:

1. Z. Olmos (Ch) def. Z. Dziewiecka (Ca), 6-0, 6-1
2. M. Llewelyn (Ca) def. J. Santiago (Ch), 7-5, 6-4
3. J. Thompson (Ca) def. S. Cornelio (Ch), 6-0, 6-0
4. S. Morozawa (Ch) def. L. Denenberg (Ca), 6-0, 6-0
5. C. Mehring (Ca) def. G. Madison (Ch), 6-3, 7-5
6. C. Westrum (Ca) v. Mi Qi (Ch) --- Match stopped

Cañada triumphed against Chabot College, winning, 5-3, earning the Colts the title of Northern California Champions.

The State Championship match is set against El Camino College on Saturday, April 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the Bakersfield Racquet Club. Congratulations to Head Coach Bryan Jeong and the Women's Tennis Team. Go Colts!



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### CAÑADA IN THE COMMUNITY: SPRINGTIME COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Springtime brings renewal, growth and new opportunities. Spring also brings the busiest time of year for the Cañada Outreach Department as the team connects with its community to engage residents in educational opportunities available at Cañada College.

The Outreach team has served as the connecting link with the Cañada community, encouraging faculty, staff and administrators throughout divisions to participate in recruitment and community connection events and presentations. More importantly, students, including Cañada's Campus Ambassadors, have been a crucial part in Canada's outreach efforts as they share their experience from a peer to peer standpoint, encouraging prospective students to complete their educational goals at Cañada College.

In the months of March and April alone, the Outreach team has held a strong presence in a number of events including:

- **Application Workshops:** In preparation for April PEP events, the Outreach team hosted various Application Workshops in March at all Cañada's feeder high school partners.
- **OYE Conference:** on March 19, Cañada College served as the host location for the 2022 OYE Conference, a Latinx Youth Conference, based in North Fair Oaks, Redwood City, East Palo Alto and surrounding areas. The OYE Conference celebrated its 10th Anniversary this year and Cañada College has collaborated/participated since the first conference. The conference provided youth an opportunity for 350 Latinx youth (ages ~12-22), parents and allies to

explore how they can support their community, pathways to their future, their culture and identity, as well as personal development.

- **Pathway to College:** In collaboration with the Police Athletics League (PAL) and College Prep, Cañada College hosted a Workshop on Pathways to College on March 26. Cañada College Recruiter, Olivia Cortez-Figueroa, presented on the community college pathway and spoke about our Cañada College programs.
- **Priority Engagement Program (PEP) Events:** In April, the Outreach Office, in collaboration with the Welcome Center, Counseling Team, Financial Aid Office, Promise and EOPS teams held several PEP events for high school seniors from our feeder high schools (Menlo-Atherton, Redwood High School, Sequoia High School, Carlmont High School, Woodside High School and East Palo Alto Academy). More than 100 students were able to complete their orientation and counseling appointment requirements. With the Counselor's help students got to choose classes and create a schedule for Summer 2022 and Fall 2022 semesters.
- **Save the Bay with 100k:** On April 12, the team distributed more than 100 bags of informational material about Cañada College. The Campus Ambassadors shared information about the Career Education and Job Recruitment opportunities offered at Cañada College. This event included people from all age groups coming up and expressing interest in getting started at Cañada College

In addition, on April 16, Cañada College hosted a Career Day for 29 students from the Boys & Girls Club ranging from 9 - 12 grades. Students were welcomed by our Outreach Team and Interim President Kim Lopez before attending workshops put on by Cañada faculty from Engineering, Digital Arts & Animation, Paralegal, Social Sciences, Fashion Design, Business, Radiology & Early Childhood Education. Student Senate lead a fun game of Kahoot before the high school students experienced a campus tour, including the new Kinesiology & Wellness Building. Boys & Girls Club students were engaged and asked many important questions. After lunch, students also explored a College Resource Fair which included programs such as Puente, TRIO, Outreach, EOPS and Middle College.

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The Outreach team is partnering with multiple members of the campus community to plan Connect to College on May 17. This event serves as a community open house for prospective students and their families. Connect to College will include a resource fair where the community can meet and learn more about our academic programs and student services available to help them to achieve their goals. The event will also feature a student panel on academic pathways as well as several workshops ranging from Pathways Options, Financial Aid, Transfer and ESL.

# College of San Mateo

## CSM KICKS OFF ITS CENTENNIAL YEAR WITH A CELEBRATORY GALA

**College leaders, alumni, students and community members gathered at Burlingame's Kohl Mansion to celebrate 100 years of academic excellence**



With high hopes for a bright future, the College of San Mateo community gathered at Burlingame's Kohl Mansion on March 31 for a [Centennial Gala](#) marking CSM's first hundred years.

The sold-out event brought together trustees, faculty, alumni, community leaders and, not least, more than 80 CSM students to dine, dance and celebrate the college's rich history and promising future.

College President Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza hailed the college's legacy of equity and accomplishment. She spotlighted the event's mission as a fundraising kickoff for CSM's [Promise Scholars Program](#), quoting Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta and leading the crowd in choruses of "¡Si se puede!" (Yes, we can!)



San Mateo Community College District Chancellor Michael Clare praised the public's support for crucial new construction in the 21st century, including three successful bond measures that funded such buildings as 2010's new Science Building at the CSM campus.

District Board of Trustees President Richard Holober spoke about the many changes that have taken place at CSM during his 25-year tenure as a trustee. He also highlighted a few things that haven't changed, most importantly the Board's unwavering commitment to removing barriers to student access and achievement.

Alumnus Bill Ring, a former running back for the San Francisco 49ers, keynoted the gala with a heartfelt talk about how well CSM prepared him for success in and out of football. His words emphasized CSM's sense of family, especially because his son Billy also played for the Bulldogs and built the foundations for a San Jose State football career and economics degree.



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Retired KCBS Sports Director and alumnus Hal Ramey, as master of ceremonies, noted that CSM has produced 19 Super Bowl players and coaches. Ramey also recognized his mentor [Dan Odum](#), longtime professor in CSM's exceptional broadcasting program.

Bulldog cheerleaders greeted guests, and members of the football team performed a haka, a traditional Maori performance of respect and resolve, for the crowd.

Perhaps the highlight of the evening was a poem by student body president Andrea Morales, whose passionate resolve to become "a fabulous Latina doctor" despite challenges brought tears to many eyes:

*We are powerful, our voices are loud,  
We bring the opportunities to ourselves because  
We are taught that opportunities will not come to us  
The same way they come to them.  
Yes, we are the firsts in our families to have an education.  
Yes, we are our family's support system.  
Yes, we believe.  
Though what we believe is that  
We have to commit to our dreams and  
Work a million times harder  
to make our dreams come true.  
So, let us say, "Si se puede." yes we can.*

Morales, who came to the United States as a child from Guatemala, is one of roughly 400 Promise Scholars at CSM. They receive counseling and mentoring as well as financial incentives and support to succeed in college. Through 2022, the [SMCCC Foundation](#) aims to raise \$1 million to extend the Promise Scholars Program to more eligible students.

CSM is California's eighth-oldest community college. Opening in 1922 as San Mateo Junior College with 35 students, it has grown to be part of a three-college district serving 30,000 students. The gala's event venue, a historic home that is now part of Mercy High School, has special resonance to CSM because one of its first campuses was an old Victorian home built by the same family. From 1923 to 1927, classes met in the Kohl Mansion in what is now San Mateo Central Park.

The college moved to its current Hillsdale Boulevard campus in 1963.

Many beloved community institutions got their start as CSM instructional resources, including the [San Mateo County History Museum](#), Hillbarn Theater, Masterworks Chorale and [KCSM-FM](#).

Noted alumni include U.S. Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, Super Bowl MVP Julian Edelman, Olympic medalists [Archie Williams](#) and Greg Buckingham, genetics researcher J. Craig Venter, TV personality [Merv Griffin](#) and musicians Lindsay Buckingham and Phil Lesh.

Centennial celebrations continue at College of San Mateo through 2022, including a return of Jazz on the Hill on July 23.



### CSM LAUNCHES NEW 2+2 TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH MENLO COLLEGE FOR BUSINESS STUDENTS

College of San Mateo is proud to announce a new partnership with Menlo College in the form of a 2+2 transfer pathway agreement for CSM business students. These students are now guaranteed admittance to Menlo College upon completing an AS-T/AS Degree in Business Administration, Business Analytics, or International Business. Additionally, the transfer admittance is accompanied by a guaranteed transfer scholarship of \$15,000 per academic year and a 50% reduced tuition during the summer terms. This financial support incentive is exclusive to CSM graduates.

"The partnership with Menlo College was developed over a mutual interest to build a partnership between a public community college and a local private college," shares

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Francisco Gamez, CSM's Dean of Business and Technology, who championed this new partnership. He adds, "Menlo College is a highly rated AACSB accredited business school that aligns nicely with our academic business and accounting programs and areas of expansion, such as our new associate degree in business analytics. We also wanted to provide CSM's students with a local private college option within the SMCCCD service region."



(Pictured from left to right) Menlo College Dean of the School of Business Mouwafac Sidaoui; former CSM students and soon-to-be Menlo College graduates, Raymond Juballa and Moncerrat Barriga; CSM Dean of Business and Technology Francisco Gamez,

With this new agreement, CSM business graduates must complete their associate degree with a minimum GPA of 2.0. They will then work with a Menlo College academic advisor to ensure they can complete their bachelor's degree at Menlo College within two years.

"Menlo College and College of San Mateo are thrilled for the students and their families who will benefit from this program," said President Steven Weiner of Menlo College and President Jennifer Taylor-Mendoza of College of San Mateo in a joint statement. "Many CSM graduates have already successfully transferred to, and graduated from, Menlo College and gone on to see career success in Silicon Valley and beyond. It is time to solidify a seamless transition between our two institutions so that even more students can follow this proven path to success."

Moncerrat Barriga is one such student. She graduated from CSM with an AS-T Degree in Business Administration and is now in her last semester at Menlo College. When asked about the newly formalized partnership between the two colleges, she

shares, "Beginning my college journey at CSM and transferring to Menlo to earn my bachelor's has worked out so well for me. Thanks to the strong academics and their commitment to my success, I have earned a spot as an incoming audit staff member with Ernst & Young, beginning this summer. I am excited that more students will now have a guarantee that they can follow this path to success!"

CSM and Menlo College look forward to many more success stories like that of Moncerrat Barriga with the launch of this exciting new partnership between the two institutions.

### About Menlo College

Menlo College was established in 1927. It is a small, private, non-profit, four-year, accredited, residential college located in Atherton, California. Menlo College's location in Silicon Valley, one of the world's most entrepreneurial and innovative geographical areas, has enabled the college to create a valuable market niche for its students locally – as well as globally. Menlo College cultivates in its students the skills, integrity, and passion to make meaningful contributions in an innovation economy.



### PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST BACK IN PERSON!

Skyline College hosted its 21st Annual President's Breakfast on Thursday, April 14 in the beautiful Farallon Room in Building 12, marking the first time the event has been held on campus. Approximately 175 guests were welcomed to campus from across northern San Mateo County, including representatives from national, state and local government; the San Mateo Community College Board of Trustees; our sister colleges and fellow educators; and the local business community.

This year's Breakfast raised over \$94,000 to support students through the Promise Scholars Program. In addition to providing student scholarships, these funds continue to support the innovative projects and initiatives of the President's Innovation



Fund – a mini-grant process that allows faculty and staff to launch creative and effective approaches to achieving Skyline College's mission, vision and values. These projects continue to shape the landscape of Skyline College.



A live student performance of the song "Haven't We Met" by Ruth Batchelor, arranged by Rosana Eckert, featuring soloist Amy Spencer, was performed by the Skyline College Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Attendees then watched a short film highlighting the great work accomplished by several of the President's Innovation Fund recipients – work that is a direct result of fundraising from the breakfast.

This year's student speaker, Promise Scholar Patricia Mae Sumang, spoke about the benefits of the Promise Scholars Program and how it has transformed her Skyline College experience. Speaking to a crowd of over 150 people in the Farallon Room at Skyline College, Patricia said the following: "I know there are so many students who have similar stories to me. The challenges we face are tough. But for so many of us Promise Scholars, this program has allowed us to meet those challenges head on and has provided us the tools to take charge of our lives."

The moving address underscored why the Promise Scholars Program is such a critical initiative to ensure that every student can attend college and graduate successfully.

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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM HOSTS MISSION MURALS WALKING TOUR



On Friday, March 18, 2022, the International Student Program (ISP) hosted a field trip to the Mission District, one of the oldest neighborhoods in San Francisco. The purpose of the event was to give students an opportunity to socialize and introduce them to the diverse culture of San Francisco. More than 20 international and domestic students joined the tour.

The tour started with Pancho Villa Taqueria, a Mexican restaurant famous for its Mission style burritos and large portions. For some students, it was their first time trying Mexican food. The next stop was the Misión San Francisco de Asís, commonly known as the Mission Dolores Basilica. ISP counselor, Carlos Romero, who was born and raised in the Mission District, explained to the students that it is the oldest building in San Francisco. After a short walk from the Basilica the group enjoyed a picnic at Mission Dolores Park, one of San Francisco's most popular green spaces. Students were impressed with the stunning views of San Francisco while they enjoyed meals from Pancho Villa Taqueria.

The tour continued to Clarion Alley Street Art which is renowned for its meaningful murals—many with political themes, all painted by local artists. The group also saw the famous Woman's

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Building, a women-led community center that acts as a safe place for all the women around the world and focuses on women's issues.



It was a perfect day for a walking tour and the students were able to learn about the rich culture of the Mission District. ISP will continue to provide services and programs for international students as well as for the entire Skyline College community.

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