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## Redwood City 2020 Tuesday Tidbits

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### Cañada College English as a Second Language (ESL) Department Receives Welcoming Star Award

On Monday, April 22, the Cañada College English as a Second Language (ESL) Department was presented the Welcoming Star award by Redwood City Together and the City of Redwood City. The Welcoming Star Award recognizes programs in the Redwood City and North Fair Oaks community that create a welcoming environment including treating everyone who lives, works, studies and visits Redwood City and North Fair Oaks with inclusion, understanding, and respect.



During the recognition, ESL students shared personal stories of their language learning journeys. President of Cañada College Jamillah Moore and Director of the ESL Department and Council member Alicia Aguirre also shared their appreciation for the recognition and encouraged community members to support the ESL Department.

Community members can support Cañada College's ESL Department and its students by donating to the Upward Scholars scholarship program or volunteering as a tutor for Upward Scholars or Project Read, all which benefit ESL students.

The ESL Program at Cañada College started in the early 1970s to serve the immigrant population in the surrounding communities and the Cañada College Community Based English Tutoring Program (CBET) started in 2000 to teach ESL to parents of school age children. By providing ESL learning on campus and at various school sites in both Redwood City and North Fair Oaks, the Cañada College ESL Department prepares immigrants in the community to achieve their academic, vocational, and personal goals.

To learn more about the Welcoming Star Recognition, click [here](#). To watch the Welcoming Star receive their recognition at the City Council meeting, click [here](#).

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### Hoover and North Fair Oaks Health Fair and Bike Rodeo

On Saturday, April 27, hundreds of students, parents, and families came together to celebrate the North Fair Oaks community



through the North Fair Oaks Health Fair and Bike Rodeo. This event was a true collaboration between Hoover Community School, the Siena Youth Center, Woodside Terrace Kiwanis Club, and other local partners.

Redwood City 2020 Safe Routes to School supported the event and provided a station with a bike blender and smart cycling guides for students. Students also participated in a bike rodeo/skills course provided by our partners at the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, received a helmet, and had a chance to obtain free bike repairs provided by

Sports Basement.

Information shared included holistic health in the county, low cost summer camps, and different ways to get engaged outdoors, among others. Entertainment included a youth keynote speaker and performances throughout the day. Additionally, Play for Tomorrow, from the Design School at Stanford, had a station about design thinking that engaged students in planning out and building ideas for a playground or playground equipment.

The day ended with the raffling of 21 new bicycles for youth of all ages. Students were entered into the raffle by visiting several stations with a "passport". Once they had a chance to learn something new or participate at the station, they received a stamp on their passport. With new bikes, new helmets, and a more skills, North Fair Oaks should be seeing more young cyclists on the streets after this wonderful event.

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