Bridge to Opportunities Peer Mentorship Program (BTO)

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Bridge to Opportunities (BTO) Peer Mentorship Program provides support to students throughout their college experience, beginning with their transition into their first year until their successful transfer into a 4-year university. The goal of the program is to foster academic excellence through peer-to-peer support. BTO Peer Mentors are student leaders on campus from diverse backgrounds and experiences who are trained in various areas of support. As a program participant, you become a mentee and are paired with a BTO Peer Mentor for each academic year. Mentees are encouraged to embrace college life and increase their knowledge about resources that will help them succeed.

Our program offers **three tiers of mentorship:**

**Start Strong:** Peer mentorship is provided to students transitioning into their first year at Cañada to build their academic toolkit for success.

**Stay Strong:** As students continue with their college education, peer mentorship is provided to encourage students to persist with their education, motivating them to continue to excel academically in order to reach their transfer and graduation objective.

**Finish Strong:** Peer mentorship is provided to support students who are transfer-ready and assist them with the transfer process while maintaining academic excellence.

Additional BTO services includes academic counseling, tutoring support, book vouchers, access to textbook lending library, and free printing. The Bridge to Opportunities (BTO) Peer Mentorship Program is an HSI Title V grant program funded through the U.S. Department of Education.