

1086-VR-1296      **Christina L Arenas\*** (sunshineincal@comcast.net), **Jose J Covarrubias** and **Michael Hoffman**. *Can you have a Math Club at a small community college? Yes you can, but...*

This talk presents the creation and development of a Math club at a small community college in California. Cañada College has approximately 7,000 students with many of those being part-time. There is a strong MESA/STEM center. In the past two years the numbers of students in advanced math classes has doubled. There is a strong Engineering and Physics presence with student clubs such as Robotics, but until recently there was not a strong Math presence.

The Math Club at Cañada (MC<sup>2</sup>) began with a few students attending the JMM in Boston in 2012 and an energetic advisor. The Math Club had the biggest club event of the year and won awards from student government. That event was titled “Math Olympics.” Over sixty-five students attended not just from Math classes but also science classes. There was extra credit, free food, free t-shirts and lots of fun. Some things went quite well, other things did not. The question now is, will the club survive as some people leave and new people join? (Received September 20, 2012)