



EL CAMINO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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March 16, 2015

Board of Trustees
El Camino College

Dear Members of the Board:

We wish President Fallo a fond "*buon viaggio*" as he embarks on a well-deserved vacation. I am authoring this letter in his absence.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jean Shankweiler has accepted the position of Vice President/Academic Affairs, effective May 1, 2015. A copy of her resume is included in the supplemental reading section.

The Board meeting will begin with a presentation on Ethics by Jaynie Ishikawa, Director of Staff and Student Diversity.

The consent agenda is relatively routine and is highlighted as follows:

1. Academic Affairs provides a recommendation for a MESA student conference and a significant number of curriculum changes.
2. Student Services provides recommendations for student conferences and a grant application and acceptance.
3. Administrative Services presents a series of contracts and purchase orders including supplemental information noted as follows:
 - Attachment A: Item C, A1, Page AS 4, a-1 - Amendment with Compton Community College District.
 - Attachment B: Provides an explanation for the increases in the contract amounts noted on Item C, B1-3, Pages AS 4-5.
 - Attachment C: Provides an explanation of the Future Bond and Refunding Sales for the district's general obligation bonds.
4. Measure E presents recommendations on a Change Order, Contract Amendments and Notice of Job Completion.
5. Human Resources include proposed routine actions, including the recommended appointments of Dr. Shankweiler (Vice President of Academic Affairs) and Dr. Dipte Patel (Dean of Counseling and Student Success).

Letter to the Board
March 16, 2015

The Superintendent/President search selection process is scheduled for a Committee-of-the-Whole discussion. Under Section VIII, you will take action to approve the tentative timeline and determine which consultancy firms you wish to invite for an interview on March 30. A Board letter with updated information is included as Attachment D.

As we continue this important search process, the Community College League of California's Publication, [Conducting a Successful CEO Search](http://www.ccleague.org/files/public/CEOsearch.pdf), is available for your reference at the following link: www.ccleague.org/files/public/CEOsearch.pdf.

We have a three-item closed session agenda and will be reporting out after the session regarding one action item.

Supplemental reading includes the following:

1. Resume of Dr. Jean Shankweiler
2. Memo from Dr. Jeanie Nishime regarding AB86 and Southern California Regional Occupation Center (SoCalROC)
3. Email from Mr. Arturo Hernandez regarding a Thank You Email from MESA Alumnus
4. Memo from Ms. Ann Garten regarding ITEC/CAT Grand Opening

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the agenda, please feel free to call Ms. Cindy Constantino or me prior to the Board meeting so we can provide an informed response. I will be available in Dr. Fallo's office at 3:00 p.m. to meet with you prior to the Board meeting at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16.

Sincerely,

Linda Beam
Vice President/Human Resources



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To: President Thomas Fallo

From: Jo Ann Higdon, M.P.A.

Subject: Item C A1, Page AS4: Amendments - Compton Community College District

The Compton Community College District currently has a contract with El Camino Community College District for assistance with the hiring, scheduling, and dispatch of hourly and agency interpreters for assignments with Compton Center students who are deaf and hard of hearing.

The current three-year contract is for \$20,000 annually and continues to June 30, 2015. Currently Compton Center's number of deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) students has increased along with the costs of related agency services. As a result, the current contract is amended to \$80,000 for this fiscal year.

This is the last year of this contract with El Camino College. Effective July 1, 2015, it is anticipated the Compton Center Special Resource Center will assume full responsibility for coordinating interpreter services for our students.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jo Ann Higdon".

Jo Ann Higdon, M.P.A.
Vice President Administrative Service

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Subject: Three Items (Item C B1-3, Page AS 4-5)

The explanations for the increases in the contract amounts of three contracts are provided below:

Redondo Beach USD is part of the South Bay Adult Education Consortium and the Consortium is funded by AB86 Legislation. The initial contract with Redondo Beach USD was approved on May 19, 2014 for \$20,000. The Consortium decided to be conservative with the initial contract amount because of the uncertain nature of how the legislation would roll out in addressing the reorganization of Adult Education. In other words, the Consortium had no guidance as to the funds that each member would need in the planning process. After, working on the project for a year, the Consortium has a better understanding of the funds required to complete the planning phase. Therefore an amendment has been requested to increase the contract amount from \$20,000 to \$35,000 for work that Redondo Beach USD needs to complete for AB86.

SpaceData provides development, maintenance and technical assistance for the database system that collects information, compiles and processes it for the California Employment Training Panel (ETP). In addition, the database system is also used in the compliance of ETP training. ETP is implementing major changes on how they conduct business and overhauling their data collection system. We anticipate that our database system will need to be changed to meet their new requirements. Therefore an amendment has been requested to increase the contract amount from \$18,000 to \$28,000 for these anticipated changes.

The explanation for Torrance USD is the same as Redondo Beach USD's explanation. Torrance USD is part of the South Bay Adult Education Consortium and the Consortium is funded by AB86 Legislation. The initial contract with Torrance USD was approved on May 19, 2014 for \$20,000. Early on, the Consortium had no guidance as to the funds that each member would need to help in the planning process. After, working on the project

for a year, the Consortium has a better understanding of the funds required to complete the planning phase. Therefore an amendment has been requested to increase the contract amount from \$20,000 to \$35,000 for work that Torrance USD needs to complete for AB86.



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Subject: Future Bond and Refunding Sales

The District has general obligation bonds authorized, but unissued, in the amount of \$350,000,000 from the 2012 Measure E. It is anticipated the District will sell a portion of these bonds in the fall. Given the current low, long-term interest rates, we will also propose a refunding of a portion of the existing bonds.

Refunding of bonds is the process of refinancing existing bonds to take advantage of lower long-term interest rates. This is similar to what a homeowner does when refinancing a home mortgage. The District has on two occasions refunded bonds. The most recent refunding occurred in 2012, when we saved the tax payers approximately \$2 million. This savings calculation was based upon the refunded bonds being held to full maturity.

There are significant costs with bond sales and bond refunding. Thus, one does not rush to market each and every time there is a drop in long-term interest rates. To do so would reduce the cost savings with repeated bond sales fees, as well as staff time and effort.

Timing, fiscal stability, and use of financial experts are critical components in a bond refunding and/or sales. Key considerations:

1. Interest rate savings: In August 2014, it was estimated a refunding would save \$9.7 million. By September the estimated savings had grown to \$11.5 million (Attachment A--email from Morgan Stanley). However, it was also predicted long-term rates would continue to drop. Thus, we did not propose refunding at that time. The interest rate prediction was correct, and by January 2015 the estimated savings had grown to \$15.1 million (Attachment B--email from RBC Capital Markets). The current prediction is long-term interest rates will remain relatively stable although short-term interest rates will rise slightly.
2. Future additional bond series sales: Optimally, a refunding is combined with the sale of a new bond series. This approach reduces the overall costs of the sales. El Camino carefully estimates both its cash flow needs in the Bond Fund as well as its contractual obligations. We cannot risk making legal commitments without

having adequate bond funds in hand. To do otherwise exposes the District to the disasters other districts experienced as their assessed valuations decreased and they were prevented from selling new bonds.

3. The following are key factors in the sale or refunding of bonds:
 - a. The quality and stability of the individuals in the positions of President and Chief Financial Officer: El Camino will score well.
 - b. The quality of the financial statements: El Camino will score well once we establish it was our intent to incur a measured spend down of our ending balance.
 - c. The relationship between new on-going funding and salary and benefit increases: El Camino believes this relationship is reasonable. The rating agencies will be aware of the upcoming increases in STRS and PERS and will likely be focused on such expenditures.
 - d. OPEB liability is high on the rating agencies "fiscal stability checklist". Our full funding of the OPEB liability will be a major positive position for El Camino.
 - e. The number and type of audit findings are also of concern to the rating agencies. El Camino's results from the last audit are superb with only one minor audit finding.
 - f. Another factor is the general fiscal health of California's economy and the California Community College System on an on-going basis. This topic will be most interesting. The rating agencies are very attuned to one-time versus on-going revenue as well as the "wall of debt". It will be critical to allocate one-time revenue solely for one-time expenditures.
 - g. A carefully assembled team of experts pulls all these components together for a successful presentation and offering to the financial market place. El Camino College has been very fortunate to have the assistance of a great team of financial experts in our past sales: Roderick Carter, RBC Capital Markets and Khushroo Gheyara, Caldwell Flores Winters, Inc. Their experience in California Community Colleges has resulted in exceptional preparation for these ratings conferences. Their team members supporting our staff have been invaluable to both our ratings and successful refunding and sales. Other community colleges have attempted other pathways and met with undesirable results.



Jo Ann Higdon, M.P.A.
Vice President Administrative Service

Attachment A
Attachment B

Higdon, Jo Ann

From: Vollmer, Ryan <Ryan.Vollmer@morganstanley.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 17, 2014 2:40 PM
To: Higdon, Jo Ann
Subject: 2014-15 AV, Tax Rates and Refunding Update
Attachments: El Camino CCD 2014-15 Tax Rate & AV & Refunding Update.pdf

Hi Jo Ann, I hope this finds you well.

Please find attached the District's 2014-15 AV, 2014-15 Tax rate and an update to the refunding that was presented back in August. As shown on page 2 and 3 respectively, the District's 2014-15 AV increased 3.67% and the tax rate for the 2002 Election bonds (Measure E) is \$17.42 per \$100,000 of AV.

I also wanted to provide you with an update on the potential refunding of the District's Series 2005 Refunding and Series 2006B bonds, which we discussed at our meeting last month. As noted on page 7 in the attached materials, we estimate that the District may be able to generate \$11.5 million in taxpayer savings (12.0% of refunded par) over the life of the bonds. Of note, estimated savings have increased by approximately \$1.76 million since our meeting on August 6th.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you at ACBO.

Thanks, Ryan

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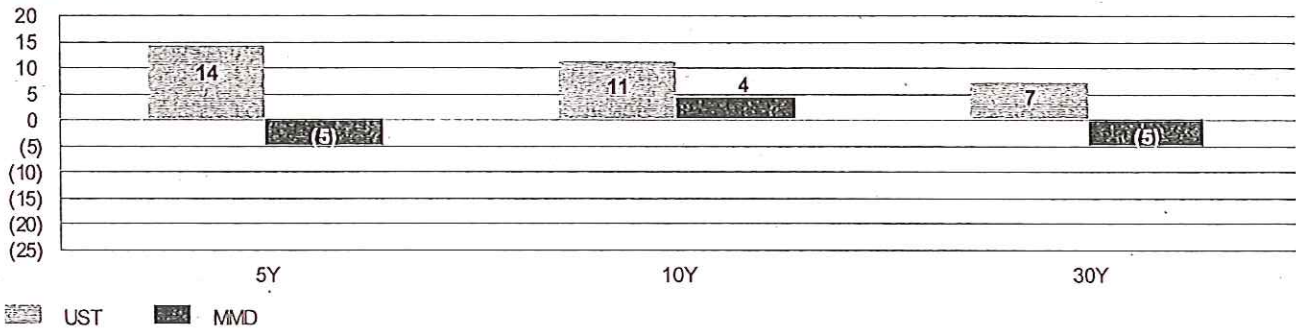
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Increase in Savings Opportunity Since Last Meeting

Change in MMD and UST Rates

8/6 to 9/8

Basis Points



Change in Savings Since Last Meeting ⁽¹⁾

Market Rates as of September 15, 2014

	August 6, 2014	September 15, 2014
Savings (After Expenses)	\$9,706,499	\$11,467,318
Savings as % of Refunded Par	10.21%	12.07%

Note:

(1) Savings combines Forward Refunding for 2005 and Advance Refunding for Series 006B bonds

Higdon, Jo Ann

Subject: FW: Updated Refinancing Opportunity
Attachments: El Camino CCD 2015 GO Ref Bonds (1-12-15 savings).pdf

From: Carter, Roderick [<mailto:Roderick.Carter@rbccm.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 3:48 PM
To: Higdon, Jo Ann
Cc: Warriar Satish; Khushroo Gheyara (kgheyara@cfwinc.com); Long, Christina
Subject: Updated Refinancing Opportunity

Happy New Year JoAnn: I hope this note finds you well. We have spoken several times about this possible opportunity. I also know that you may wish to wait to evaluate. Rates remain low, although, of course, we do not know for how long. Please do take a look at the possible savings that are available at current market rates, which are substantial. Gross Savings are now \$15 million, with Net Present Value Savings of 13%. In other words, you could reduce your debt service by that amount. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have questions. We remain, as always, at your disposal.

Thank You.
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SAVINGS

2015 G.O. Refunding Bonds
Market Rates as of 1-12-15

Date	Prior Debt Service	Refunding Debt Service	Savings	Present Value to 03/18/2015 @ 2.3190884%
08/01/2015	2,288,150.00	2,284,504.11	3,645.89	3,614.96
08/01/2016	7,651,300.00	7,006,064.30	645,235.70	630,967.46
08/01/2017	7,652,550.00	7,006,792.70	645,757.30	616,395.95
08/01/2018	7,651,050.00	7,005,969.00	645,081.00	601,099.75
08/01/2019	7,651,550.00	7,003,823.70	647,726.30	589,227.49
08/01/2020	7,653,550.00	7,009,838.60	643,711.40	571,716.64
08/01/2021	7,651,550.00	7,003,145.36	648,404.64	562,235.20
08/01/2022	7,655,300.00	7,010,177.40	645,122.60	546,169.87
08/01/2023	3,324,050.00	3,041,750.00	282,300.00	234,105.81
08/01/2024	10,719,050.00	9,411,750.00	1,307,300.00	1,054,618.97
08/01/2025	10,717,787.50	9,413,250.00	1,304,537.50	1,028,255.75
08/01/2026	10,719,900.00	9,413,750.00	1,306,150.00	1,005,909.75
08/01/2027	10,719,437.50	9,412,500.00	1,306,937.50	983,424.33
08/01/2028	10,715,687.50	9,413,750.00	1,301,937.50	957,185.79
08/01/2029	10,717,937.50	9,411,500.00	1,306,437.50	938,451.12
08/01/2030	10,715,000.00	9,410,000.00	1,305,000.00	915,903.60
08/01/2031	10,721,162.50	9,413,250.00	1,307,912.50	896,876.23
	144,925,012.50	129,671,815.17	15,253,197.33	12,136,158.66

Savings Summary

PV of savings from cash flow	12,136,158.66
Plus: Refunding funds on hand	1,123.60
Net PV Savings	12,137,282.26



**EL CAMINO COLLEGE
HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE**

DATE: March 11, 2015
 TO: Board of Trustees
 FROM: Linda Beam, Vice President of Human Resources

SUBJECT: Superintendent/President Search Process

At the Monday, March 16th Board meeting, a *Committee-of-the-Whole* agenda item will be included to determine the following:

- 1) Search Firm Finalists to be Invited for an Interview on March 30, 2015
 - a. 12 consultancy firms submitted proposals for consideration.
 1. Academic Search
 2. Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT)
 3. College CEOs
 4. Community College Search Services (CCSS)
 5. Educational Leadership Search (ELS Group)
 6. Greenwood/Asher & Associates, Inc.
 7. The Hollins Group
 8. Hyatt-Fennell Executive Search
 9. Kulper & Company, LLC
 10. PPL, Inc.
 11. Ralph Anderson & Associates
 12. RPA, Inc.

You received paper copies for review. The proposals can be found electronically at the following link: www.elcamino.edu/administration/board/CEO_search.pdf

- 2) Tentative Timeline
 - a. A tentative timeline has been developed with the goal of ratifying the employment of the Superintendent/President at the October 19, 2015 Board Meeting (see attached).
- 3) Recommended Composition of the Search Committee (see attached). It is the intent to finalize the committee membership at the April 13th Board Meeting.

2015 Calendar

ECC Dates for Consideration/Planning

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Legend

Yellow	ECC Board Meeting Dates	Blue	Beginning/End of Semester
Orange	Holidays/Campus Closed	Green	Tentative Committee Interviews *Hold Board Interviews of Finalists

**El Camino College
Superintendent/President Search
Process Overview**

<u>Approximate Date</u>		<u>Completed</u>
<u>2/20/2015</u>	Distribute Search Consultant Firm Request for Qualifications (RFQ)	X
<u>3/9/2015</u>	Due Date of RFQ Proposals	X
<u>3/16/2015</u>	Board Review of RFQ Proposals/Adoption of Tentative Timeline	
<u>3/17/2015</u>	Request Campus Constituent Group Participation	
<u>3/30/2015</u>	Board Interviews of Search Consultant (Special Board Meeting)	
<u>4/13/2015</u>	Approval of Consultant and Selection of Interview Committee Members	
<u>~ Late April 2015</u>	Development of Job Announcement	
<u>Late April/Early May</u>	Finalization/Publish Job Announcement	
<u>~ May to July 2015</u>	Advertise and Recruit	
<u>Mid-July 2015</u>	Screening of Applicants	
<u>Early August 2015</u>	Initial Interview of Applicants by Committee	
<u>Mid/Late August 2015</u>	Reference Checks of Recommended Finalist Candidates	
<u>9/8/2015 to 9/11/2015</u>	Interview with the Board of Trustees / El Camino Campus Forums	
<u>~ Mid/Late September</u>	Selection of CEO / Employment Negotiation	
<u>10/19/2015</u>	Board Ratification of Employment	
<u>~ January/February 2016</u>	Start Date	

2015 Superintendent/President Search

Recommendation to the ECC Board of Trustees: President's Search Committee

This recommendation was jointly offered to the ECC Board of Trustees on January 16, 2013. This composition of the search committee had previously been agreed by the Academic Senate, the Associated Students Organization, the Classified Employees Unions and the Federation of Teachers.

Recommended President's Search Committee Members*:

- 4 Faculty (2 Academic Senate and 2 Federation of Teachers)
- 4 Management
- 3 Associated Students Organization
- 3 Classified Employees (2 Classified Employees Union and 1 Police Officers Association)
- 3-5 Community members (as determined by the Board of Trustees)

Ex-officio committee member: VP Human Resources

* Committee members in any category may hold a position at either campus (ECC or Compton Center).

Selection of Committee Members:

Each group will select its representatives. The committee members must be able to attend all the scheduled meetings (including potential daytime, evening, and weekend meetings) and be willing to commit a significant amount of time to this hiring process. The committee will be best served by members who are flexible and willing to balance the interests of their constituent group with the best interest of the college as a whole.

Community Involvement in the Search Process:

We recommend that the community be included in the process through membership on the committee and invitations to attend the open forums to meet the candidates. In addition the Board will consider the community interest in making its final hiring decision.

Consensus:

We recommend that the President's Search Committee operate, as much as possible, on a consensus basis. The committee should actively seek and consider feedback from all members, recognizing that each member brings unique expertise to the committee.

Jean Shankweiler

Objective

My current objective is to provide the best possible educational opportunities to transfer, basic skills and career and technical education students at El Camino College as the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Experience

2007-present

El Camino College

Torrance, CA

Dean, Natural Sciences

- Provide leadership to the Division in scheduling and budgeting.
- Supervise and evaluate Division staff members, including full time and adjunct faculty members and classified staff.
- Support and participate in Division curriculum currency and development.
- Participate in Division and College shared governance processes.
- Develop and administer the scheduling of classes to meet student demand while retaining academic excellence.
- Provide administrative support to the Honors Transfer Program director and support staff.
- Provide leadership and direction to Division faculty in the fulfillment of institutional effectiveness efforts, specifically the areas of student learning outcomes, program review, and annual planning.
- Provide leadership to the campus as the 2011 Accreditation Co-Chair for the Midterm Report and as the 2014 Accreditation Co-Chair for the Institutional Self-Evaluation.

1988–2007

El Camino College

Torrance, CA

Professor, Chemistry

- Teaching responsibilities included largely general chemistry, Chemistry 1A/1B and organic chemistry, Chemistry 7A/7B.
- Participate in the College shared governance process included academic senate, faculty development, and accreditation teams.
- Work collaboratively with several grants to develop teaching excellence and develop laboratory curriculum. These included the Los Angeles Collaborative for Teaching Excellence, NSF instrumentation grants, and ECC Academic Technology grants,
- Coordinate opportunities for student growth and development, including Science Club activities and field trips, Onizuka Space Science Day program development/student involvement and UCLA Bridge summer research opportunities.

1997-2002 El Camino College Torrance, CA
Director, Honors Transfer Program

- Manage daily operations of the ECC Honors Transfer Program, including admissions, recruiting, orientations, awards, and scholarships, under the supervision of the Dean of Behavioral and Social Science, 1997-2001.
- Collaborate with neighboring universities to develop, implement and manage honors transfer agreements, including UCLA, UCI, USC, CSULB, and others.
- Foster relationships with neighboring Southern California Community College Honors Programs to develop and maintain standards for high quality Honors Programs, under the umbrella of the Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC).
- Develop student leaders by bringing research and presentation opportunities to HTP students through the HTCC Research Conference held at UCI and the HTP Student Forums presented on campus

**Professional
Activities**

- Member, Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), 2007 - present
- Member, National Science Teachers Association, 2004-present
- Participant, ACCCA Mentor Program, 2008
- Participant, Teacher Education Program, El Camino College, 2004-2008
- Member, Honors Transfer Council California, 1997-2001
- Member, American Chemical Society, 1981-present

Education

1983-1988 New Mexico State University Las Cruces, NM
Ph. D. in Organic Chemistry, "Base-Promoted Imine-Forming Eliminations from N-Arylsulfonyloxy Amines"

1978-1981 College of Mount Saint Joseph Cincinnati, OH
B.S. in Chemistry

**Commitment to
the Community**

My commitment to the local community is reflected by significant participation in church and school events, including organizing activities for local youth in music, sports, and scouting. These activities included North High School Music Boosters Association, St. Catherine LaBoure School PTO, and the Bishop Montgomery Marching Band Boosters.



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Office of the Vice President-Student & Community Advancement
Jeanie Nishime – Vice President

March 5, 2015


TO: President Thomas M. Fallo

SUBJECT: AB86 and Southern California Regional Occupation Center (SoCalROC)

According to Dr. Moore, Superintendent for El Segundo Unified School District, five of the six unified districts who participate in the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) have agreed to contribute 50% of their Career Technical Education (CTE) funding to SoCalROC to continue services for 2015-16. Only Inglewood Unified School District (IUSD) has not made the commitment. IUSD only wants to have vocational classes taught by SoCalROC teachers offered at the high school site. The other superintendents feel that they should have to at least contribute 25% of their CTE funding in order to receive this benefit. The proposed solution is only for one year.

According to the SoCalROC annual report, high school district contributions accounted for \$1,834,518 of their budget in 2013-14. The fee-based adult education courses are self-supporting and generated \$907,064 in revenue. The proposed funding by the JPA will not produce the same amount of revenue so SoCalROC will be seeking grant funding. One of the grants they are pursuing is the CAA Health Academy grant. Dean of Community Advancement, Jose Anaya, was contacted by Dr. St. Gean, SoCalROC Superintendent, to join their consortium. Mr. Anaya met with Dr. St. Gean and agreed to write a letter of support for their grant. El Camino College is already pursuing a CAA Health Academy grant with other K-12 and university partners.

Since the Governor is proposing \$500 million to fund proposals from the AB86 Adult Ed Consortiums, it is likely that SoCalROC may wish to participate in our consortium or seek a piece of that funding opportunity. However, since SoCalROC's funding gaps are in the programs geared toward the high school population, it is unlikely that this source of funding will be appropriate.



Jeanie M. Nishime

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Subject: FW: Thank You (Email from MESA Alumnus)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hernandez, Arturo" <ahernandez@elcamino.edu>
Date: March 8, 2015 at 7:13:10 PM PDT
To: "Arce, Francisco" <fmarce@elcamino.edu>, "Nishime, Jeanie" <jnishime@elcamino.edu>, "Perez, Barbara" <bperez@elcamino.edu>, "Shankweiler, Jean" <jshankweiler@elcamino.edu>, Sims Jacquelyn <jsims@elcamino.edu>
Cc: "Garten, Ann Marie" <agarten@elcamino.edu>, "Parnock, Heather" <hparnock@elcamino.edu>
Subject: FW: Thank You (Email from MESA Alumnus)

Dear VPs, Deans and PR office,

I would like to share the email below from a MESA Alumnus.

Rolando Navarrete transferred to CSULB in 2011 pursuing a Mechanical Engineering degree. Rolando's first semester at ECC included English R, English B and Math XPA (pre-algebra, currently Math 23).

Thanks,

Arturo

From: Rolando Navarrete [<mailto:rnavarrete@m3eng.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2015 9:03 AM
To: Hernandez, Arturo
Subject: Thank You

Good Morning Arturo,

I just wanted to extend my gratitude for everything that you, Liz, and MESA did for me. The program impacted my life in such a way that I would have never of expected to get my Engineering Degree. Me and a few of my colleagues still remain in contact and they are as grateful as I am. I think though I am the only one that made the initiative to email you though. Nonetheless, I just wanted to say thank you and next time that I am in town would love to stop by and personally thank you. I think I was at El Camino for almost a decade due to the lack of discipline and working full time. But MESA helped me get my act together and if the program wasn't open on the weekends to help students. God knows that I wouldn't of used that time efficiently. I finished El Camino with an Associates in Mathematics went to Cal State Long Beach for a bit then transferred my final year to the University of Arizona to finish my degree Mechanical Engineering. Now, I work for M3 Engineering in Tucson, AZ as a Mechanical Designer. I truly believe that without a good foundation I would've not made it this far. I hope that you are doing well and continue doing what you do best. I am truly in debt to you and the Math, Physics department. I was just reminiscing with a few colleagues and decided to give credit where credit is due. Once, again thank you and keep up the good work. Take Care

Rolando Navarrete



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M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M

Date: March 11, 2015
To: President Fallo
From: Ann M. Garten
Director, Community Relations
Re: ITEC/CAT Grand Opening

The committee charged with planning the Grand Opening for the Industry Technology Education Center (ITEC) and Center for Applied Technology (CAT) buildings is considering dates for some time after the May 15, 2015 Commencement. With all of the end of year activities taking place in April and early May, there is not a suitable date for this event until after spring semester is completed.

The committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to determine what date works best for the division, facilities, etc. Once we have a "best" date, I will forward that recommendation to you.



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SPRING 2015 YEAR-END EVENTS
El Camino College and El Camino College Compton Center

Date	Activity	Location	Time
(Wed) February 11, 2015	“Coaches vs. Cancer” Night Sponsored by the Athletic Department (Basketball Game)	Gymnasium	(M) 5 pm (W) 7 pm
(Thurs) February 26, 2015	Taste of Soul Luncheon	East Dining	11:30am
(Fri) February 27, 2015	Breakfast with the President	Alondra Room	7:30am-9:00am
(Fri) March 6, 2015	Onizuka Space Science Dinner	Hacienda Hotel El Segundo	6:00pm
(Sat) March 7, 2015	Onizuka Space Science Day	ECC Campus	9:00am
(Mon) March 30, 2015	Women’s History Month Luncheon	East Dining	12:30pm-2:00pm
(Fri) April 10, 2015	Fire Academy Graduation (Full-time)	Fire Academy Inglewood	10:00am
(Wed) April 15, 2015	Scholarship Awards Ceremony	Tent	11:30am
(Wed) April 15, 2015	Academic Awards and Presidential Scholars Presentation & Reception Ceremony	East Dining	5:30pm
(Thursday) April 16, 2015	Library Read Poster Unveiling	Library Lobby	1:00pm – 2:00pm
(Thurs) April 16, 2015	Scholarship Awards Ceremony & Reception	Tent & Marsee Auditorium	4:30pm
(Sun) April 19, 2015	Academic Awards Tea (Compton Center)	Student Lounge	3:00pm
(Thurs) April 23, 2015	CalWORKs Student and Employer Recognition Breakfast (Compton Center)	Student Lounge	8:30am-10:30am
(Thurs) April 23, 2015	Industry & Technology Annual Advisory Dinner	East Dining	5:00-7:30pm
(Fri) April 24, 2015	Fine Arts Division Open House	Music/Art Buildings	5:00-8:00pm



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Date	Activity	Location	Time
(Tues) April 28, 2015	First Year Experience Year-End Event	East Dining	12:45 - 2:00pm
(Wed) April 28, 2015	Distinguished Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day	Alondra Room	1:00pm – 2:00pm
(Wed) April 29, 2015	Paramedic Training Institute Graduation	Marsee Auditorium	2:00pm
(Thurs) April 30, 2015	Project Success 28th Annual Awards Luncheon	Alondra Room	12:00pm-2:00pm
(Thurs) April 30, 2015	Athletics Awards (Compton Center)	Student Lounge	6:00pm
(Fri) May 1, 2015	EOPS&/CalWORKs/CARE Recognition Awards Ceremony	Torrance Marriott Hotel	6:00pm
(Tues) May 5, 2015	Women’s Wall of Fame Reception	East Dining	1:00pm – 2:00pm
(Tues) May 5, 2015	Honors Transfer Program Awards	East Dining	4:30-6:30pm
(Thurs) May 7, 2015	First Year Experience Program Year-End Celebration (Compton Center)	Student Lounge	12:30pm-2:30pm
(Thurs) May 7, 2015	MESA/SSS-STEM Award Ceremony	MESA/STEM Center	4:00-6:00pm
(Thurs) May 7, 2015	Puente End-of-Year Celebration	Alondra Room	(T)5:30pm
(Thurs) May 7, 2015	EOPS/CARE Spring Banquet (Compton Center)	Student Lounge	6:00pm
(Fri) May 8, 2015	Mathematics & Natural Science Division Awards	Student Activities Center	12:00 - 2:00pm
(Fri) May 8, 2015	Transfer Student Admit Celebration (Compton Center)	Student Lounge	12pm-2pm
(Fri) May 8, 2015	Athletics Annual Golf Classic	Los Verdes Country Club	1:00pm



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Date	Activity	Location	Time
(Tues) May 12, 2015	Nursing Pinning Ceremony (Compton Center)	Gymnasium	6:00pm
(Thurs) May 14, 2015	Commencement Ceremony (Compton Center)	Soccer/Football Stadium	5:30pm
(Fri) May 15, 2015	Commencement Reception	Library Lawn	1:00- 3:00pm
(Fri) May 15, 2015	Commencement Ceremony	Softball Field	4:00pm
(Fri) May 15, 2015	Nursing Pinning Ceremony	Marsee Auditorium	6:30pm
(Sat) May 16, 2015	Fire Academy Graduation (Part-time)	Fire Academy Inglewood	10:00am
(Tues) May 19, 2015	UC/CSU Admit Reception	East Dining	2:00- 4:30pm
(Thurs) May 28, 2015	ASB Awards Banquet (Compton Center)	Student Lounge	6:30pm
(Fri) June 5, 2015	Classified Professional Development Week (Team Building Extravaganza)	ECC Campus	1:00- 4:00pm
(Fri) June 26, 2015	Child Development Graduation (Compton Center)	Student Lounge	10:00am

March 10, 2015

(Note: Blue print designates events for El Camino College.)