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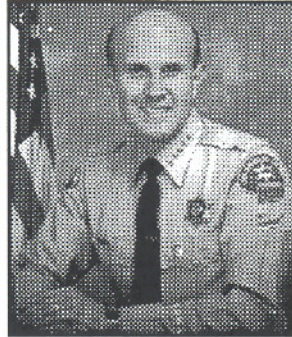
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President's

"The mission of El Camino College is to meet the educational needs of our diverse community and ensure student success by offering quality, comprehensive educational opportunities."

Sheriff Leroy D. Baca to Speak at May 24 Commence- ment



Los Angeles County Sheriff Leroy D. Baca is scheduled to speak at the El Camino College 55th annual commencement ceremony. Baca is the commander of the largest sheriff's department in the world. His support of education and community service is evident in his public and personal life. Sheriff Baca began his public service career in 1965, when he was sworn into the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff Trainee. On December 7, 1998, he was sworn in as the county's 30th Sheriff, having been elected by the citizens of Los Angeles County.

Sheriff Baca strongly believes in education and the concept of mentoring, and has provided leadership, management and direction to thousands of deputy sheriffs and police officers throughout his career. He continues this tradition within the sheriff's department and as an Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at the University of La Verne.

Sheriff Baca's own education began in East Los Angeles, where he was born in 1942. He graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School in 1960 and worked a variety of jobs to support himself while attending East Los Angeles College. He entered the United States Marine Corps Reserves in 1964.

He continued his studies, and in 1993 Sheriff Baca graduated from the University of Southern California with a Doctorate of Public Administration. He is a life member of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi – USC Chapter.

In the early part of his career, Sheriff Baca patrolled the streets of East Los Angeles, and worked as staff instructor at the Sheriff's Academy. He rose through the ranks, and in 1981 was appointed to Captain by then Sheriff Peter Pitchess.

Sheriff Baca was then promoted to Commander by first-term Sheriff Sherman Block. On January 21, 1992, Sheriff Sherman Block again promoted Sheriff Baca, this time to the rank of Chief.

Sheriff Baca serves the community in many different ways. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Optimist Youth Homes and Ranch, Puente Learning Center, Buena Nueva Foundation, EMEK Hebrew Academy, and Harriett Buhai Center for Family Law, and serves on the Board of Governors of the USC Alumni Association. He has been honored by numerous nonprofit organizations and elected officials for his outstanding service to the public.

Commencement ceremonies begin at 4 p.m. and are open and free to the public.

Four ECC Educators Look to Retirement

At the end of this semester, two former El Camino College educators and three longtime professors with more than 90 years of teaching between them, will retire after long and distinguished careers.

Donald Haydu, a history professor, has taught thousands of El Camino College students since he started in 1965. He has spent 37 years – nearly his entire career teaching United States history and culture at El Camino College. Don was also a leader in establishing the honors program and has served on innumerable committees for the college. He has a bachelor's degree from Loyola University and a master's degree from UCLA.

He looks forward to traveling, reading and visiting with his children and newborn granddaughter during his retirement, but will certainly miss the classroom.

Augustus Shackelford, an economics professor since 1967, has spent his 35-year career at El Camino College. He has a bachelor's degree from California State University, Long Beach and a master's degree from UCLA.

Dr. Geoff Jones has been a math and computer science professor at El Camino College since 1982.

His colleagues say he is a true gentleman who found the poetry in math. He is known as the "heart and soul" of the math department, not only offering guidance to students, but also serving as a resource for faculty who needed help figuring out calculations for tough math problems.

A native of New Zealand, Jones has a bachelor's and a master's degree from the University of New Zealand, as well as a master's degree and a Ph.D.

from UCLA. During the past 20 years, Jones also served on numerous campus committees, and was instrumental in starting new programs and steering the math department in new directions.

Many who were here in the 1970s will have fond memories of **Dr. Henry P. Kirk** and the enthusiasm he brought to the campus. On June 30, Henry will retire from Centralia College in the state of Washington, where he has served as president since 1981. He was dean of student personnel services at El Camino College. Henry recently sent a note expressing appreciation for all of the friends he has made throughout his career including those at El Camino College. Founded in 1925, Centralia College is the oldest continuously operating college in Washington.

Dr. James W. Walker, former El Camino College dean of science and mathematics in the 1970s and current president of Moorpark College, is also retiring this year. His retirement follows a 43-year career in public education, which includes teaching at the high school and community college levels. He served as president of Moorpark College for 10 years.

Walker has a doctorate in education from USC, a master's in mathematics from the University of Notre Dame, and a bachelor's degree in biology from Loyola University. He guided Moorpark College through some difficult financial times, then went on to successfully lead the college through an unprecedented growth period where he expanded facilities and staff to meet increasing enrollment.

August 30 Flex Day to Kick Off 16-Week Calendar

With the new 16-week calendar debuting in fall 2002, the semester begins on Sept. 3, following the Labor Day Weekend.

Don't forget Flex Day, the required on-campus attendance day, scheduled to run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 30. The day begins with refreshments in the Marsee Auditorium Patio. The annual State of the College address will be delivered by President Thomas M. Fallo at this time, followed by round-table discussions, lunch and division/department meetings.

Join Us for Commencement

All El Camino College employees are invited to join us at our 55th commencement reception from 1-3 p.m. on the library lawn. Commencement ceremonies will begin at 4 p.m. in the stadium. All employees are welcome to attend

Dates To Remember

With the spring semester ending in just a few weeks, the calendar is filled with year-end activities.

May

22 – Respiratory Care Program Event
12:00 noon-2:00 p.m.

23 – Wood Fest 6 p.m.

24 – Commencement Day:

Reception 1 p.m.

Ceremony 4 p.m.

24 – Nursing Program Graduation

28 – Associated Students Banquet 6:30 p.m.

29 – UC Admittance Reception 6-8 p.m.

Revised May Budget Brings Cuts, Tax Increases

A revised state budget for 2002-03 released on May 14 isn't as bleak as it could have been. Considering the financial problems statewide, the budget outlook for community colleges is not too bad.

Scheduled maintenance is one area where funding was basically restored to the more positive 2000-01 budget levels.

Other areas where funding was not severely cut include instructional equipment, library materials, and technology. The governor supported a 2% COLA and 3% for growth.

Davis' master plan to fill an estimated \$23.6 billion budget shortfall includes deep spending cuts and some tax increases.

The shortfall is almost double the figure predicted in January and amounts to one-third of the state general fund. With almost \$79 billion in general fund spending and at least \$20 billion in special fund and bond money, the total 2002-03 budget is about \$100 billion.

CalWORKS is one area that had some funding restored, since January, however, total proposed funding is still \$30 million below the 2001-02 funding. Still facing cuts at the community college level are the areas of matriculation, faculty and staff development, and economic development.

The California state constitution requires legislators to review Davis' plan and present him with a final budget to be signed by June 15.

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