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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."

WELCOME TO COMMENCEMENT 2009

Brigadier General Susan K. Mashiko, vice commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles Air Force Base will be our guest speaker for the 62nd Annual El Camino College Commencement Ceremony.

General Mashiko was assigned to her current position last May and is responsible for assisting the commander in managing the research, design, development, acquisition and sustainment of space and missile systems, launch, command and control, and operational satellite systems. The Space and Missile Systems Center is the nation's center of technical expertise for military space acquisition with more than 6,500 employees nationwide and an annual budget in excess of \$10 billion.

Born in Glendale, California, General Mashiko entered the Air Force as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy where she earned a bachelor's degree in aeronau-

tical engineering. She also holds two M.S. degrees: in electrical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology and in national resource strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.



Her career has spanned a wide variety of space and acquisition assignments, including chief of the programs division in the Office of Special Projects, executive officer to the Department of Defense Space Architect, and program manager for the Atlas V Program. She has also served as director of the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle System Program, vice commander of Air Armament Center, and the program executive officer for Environmental Satellites.

El Camino College Commencement is scheduled for 4 p.m. June 12 in Murdock Stadium. Parking and admission are free - no reservations required. All are welcome to attend this wonderful celebration of student success!

Celebrating Students

As the end of our academic year approaches, we have the opportunity to take time to celebrate our students' success! Every student has a success story, each taking different paths to achieve their goals.

Scholarships are awarded and receptions are planned by programs, departments, clubs, and other groups. Thanks to all faculty and staff who help organize these celebrations - helping our students succeed is truly a great reward. Be sure to check out the campus calendar on page two of this newsletter and the event calendar on the college Web site. Take time to participate in student recognition festivities - there are many opportunities to meet and congratulate our exceptional students.

Accreditation Update

El Camino College's 2008 Self-Study addresses the four standards used by the Accrediting Commission to assess and determine if a college meets, exceeds, or does not meet the minimum criteria set forth by the U.S. Department of Education. In addition, there are the six "themes" that are woven throughout the standards and are considered equally important by the commission: Institutional Commitments; Evaluation, Planning and Improvement; Student Learning Outcomes; Organization; Dialogue; and Institutional Integrity.

Two of the themes - Evaluation, Planning, and Improvement and Student Learning Outcomes - have been particularly difficult for many colleges to fully satisfy, including El Camino College. The Evaluation, Planning and Improvement theme requires colleges to show that they use a systemic planning cycle comprising evaluation, integrated planning, implementation, resource allocation, and re-evaluation.

The planning cycle at ECC begins with an evaluation (typically a program review), which is used as the foundation to create the plan (stored in Plan Builder). Many plans are implemented with resources allocated through the use of current personnel, funding, and facilities. Plans requiring additional resources go through a prioritization process; the highest-ranked plans typically receive funding. The final step in the cycle involves the re-evaluation of implemented plans to assess whether or not the activities within the plan should be repeated, expanded, or discontinued.

Space Science Day

Hundreds of serious science students enjoyed El Camino College's Space Science Day 2009, a daylong science symposium for youth, sponsored by ECC and American Honda Motor Co., Inc.

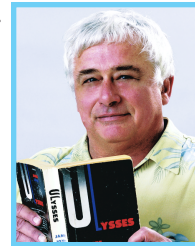
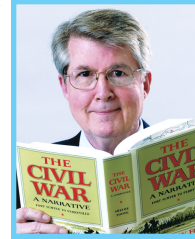
The event is dedicated to Ellison Onizuka, a Space Shuttle Challenger astronaut who perished along with six other crew members during the tragic events of 1986. Students enjoyed a JAXA astronaut presentation, as well as demonstrations led by El Camino College professors, Science FEST students, guests from JPL and other institutions. The day was free and open to serious-minded science students in grades five through 12.



READ Poster Celebrities

We congratulate our annual READ Poster "celebrities" for 2009! At a recent unveiling in our library lobby, new poster celebs were introduced: Barbara Jaffe, interim associate dean of academic affairs; Stephan Waterworth, English professor; and John Wagstaff, director of information technology.

Since 2005, the Library has celebrated reading in the month of April by creating posters featuring campus personalities posing with their favorite books. The event is part of our library's annual celebration of National Library Week. Come see who is "hanging around" the library!



President Evaluation

The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees invites letters regarding Superintendent/President Thomas M. Fallo's effectiveness during 2008-09, as well as suggestions for the direction the college should take in the upcoming academic year.

This is the annual evaluation time in which the board reviews all suggestions to assist in charting the college's future. Please send your comments marked "confidential" by May 30 to Board President Dr. Nathaniel Jackson, in care of Kathy Oswald in the President's Office. Your comments will be forwarded, unopened, to board members for review.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

May

- 14 Scholarship Awards Ceremony
- 15 High School Senior Day
Project Success Awards Dinner
Anthropology Student Symposium
- 18 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 19 First Year Experience
Year-End Event
- 20 Academic Awards Reception
- 21 Faculty and Staff
Appreciation Day
Honors Transfer Program
Awards Reception
- 22-23 *Not Now Darling*

