Welcome New Classified Staff

Welcome to the 24 new full-time staff members who have joined El Camino College during the past academic year. Please join in welcoming each of them to campus!

New Classified Staff Members

Kate Choi, Accounting Officer, Foundation. A Torrance resident for 10 years, Kate joins the El Camino College team as an accounting officer for the ECC Foundation Office. Her work experience includes a position as an auditor.

Michael Clifford, HVAC Mechanic, Facilities. Michael comes to El Camino College from a position at Marymount College, where he served as the director of environment services. He is currently in his third semester enrolled in night courses at El Camino College.

Terri Dixon, Lead Accounting Tech, Fine Arts Division. Terri works as the Lead Accounting Tech in the Fine Arts Division. Her experience includes working at El Camino College as an usher and a ticket clerk before becoming a full-time employee in 1990.

Susan Djokic, Library Media Tech III, Learning Resources. Susan’s career experience comes from positions as a library technician. She brings her experience and skills to her position at the Schauerman Library as a Library Media Tech III.

Alexis Estwick, Program Coordinator. Alexis has worked at ECC as a trainer and manager for the past 17 years. She has also served as a counselor for displaced workers, a trainer for foster youth, and a social worker in foster family agencies, among other positions.

Elizabeth Fernandez, Financial Aid Adviser. Elizabeth is an El Camino College alumna who has worked as an assistant in the Financial Aid Office for 13 years. She still enjoys taking classes at ECC and lives in the neighborhood.

Dianna Ferrell-King, Administrative Assistant II, Nursing. Before coming to ECC, Dianna worked with the L.A. Unified School District as an administrative assistant, where she also served as a mentor to new assistants. She also has experience as a computer systems trainer.

Rebecca Greer, Financial Aid Assistant. Before becoming a financial aid assistant, Rebecca worked in the El Camino College Student Development Office. Additionally, she frequently supported the college’s ASB, CARE/CalWORKs, and Project Success, among other projects.

Kimberly Jones, Exercise Fitness Specialist. Kim came to ECC in January as exercise fitness specialist and head strength/conditioning coach for student athletes. She also runs the ECC Fitness Center, where she launched the ECC Warrior Wellness Challenge earlier this year.

Christina Kato, Administrative Assistant I, Financial Aid Office. Christina joins the El Camino College staff after working for the offices of both the Superior Court of California and the District Attorney in San Bernardino County.
Laurie Linka, Senior Clerical Assistant, Business Division. A Torrance native, Laurie attended El Camino College after graduating from high school. She has 20 years of employment experience in the aerospace industry and has also worked in Academic Affairs for 2 ½ years.

Martha Lopez, Human Resources Technician III. Martha was born and raised down the street from El Camino College in the Bodger Park area and attended courses at the college after high school. She joins the ECC staff after 20 years of human resources work in private industry.

Wendy Macias, Student Services Adviser (STEM). Wendy worked as an adviser in the career and counseling department at UC Santa Barbara before coming to ECC. In addition, she has served as an academic counselor at the middle and high school level.

Anne Palmer, Library Media Tech III. Anne previously worked as a library assistant at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro and was also a library assistant at the El Segundo Public Library. A professional Christmas caroler, she also took music classes at ECC.

Isabelle Pena, Administrative Assistant II, Industry & Technology. Since February of 2010, Isabelle has worked with the ECC Foundation, Graduation Initiative, STEM grants, and Women in Technology (WIT) programs. Before coming to ECC, she worked in the architecture field.

Jeffrey Shearen, Dispatch Clerk. Jeffrey grew up in Torrance and graduated from El Camino College with an associate degree in administration of justice. He has worked as an ECC police cadet, community service officer, and a sub-dispatcher before his current position.

LaTasha Short, Project Specialist (STEM). An El Camino College alumna, LaTasha has worked with the ECC EOPS/CalWORKs/CARE office for 14 years before becoming a project specialist with the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program.

David Valencia, Painter. David has worked as a painter on a variety of projects, from custom homes to commercial contracts. Before coming to El Camino College, he also worked at Hawthorne High School for several years.

ECC Scholarship Program
The El Camino College Online Scholarship Application is now open! Students with a 2.0 grade point average or better and have completed, or will be in the process of completing, a minimum of six graded credit units at ECC are encouraged to apply by the December 14 deadline. Scholarships range from $150 to $5,000 and may be used to help pay for tuition, books and fees. This past May, approximately $600,000 in scholarships was awarded to El Camino College students at the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Reception. Students can apply online via MyECC.

Employee Giving Campaign
The El Camino College Foundation’s 2012 Employee Giving Campaign begins October 1. This campaign represents another opportunity to make a collective commitment to help our students achieve their academic goals. The El Camino College Foundation provides nearly $1 million annually for scholarships, book vouchers and funds that allow our faculty and staff to improve student learning. Campaign packets will be sent through interoffice mail September 28. Prize drawings for employee donors will run throughout the campaign, with a grand prize of a $100 gift card. Join your coworkers and support the 2012 Employee Giving Campaign!

Share a Ride to Work!
California Rideshare Week is October 1-5. Why not make a pledge to carpool, vanpool, ride a bus or train, bike or walk to work at least one day during that week? Just fill out this pledge form on Metro’s website by 11:59 p.m. October 5, and you’ll be entered to win one of dozens of prizes. As many of us know, Southern California leads the nation in air pollution and traffic congestion. Currently eight in 10 commuters drive alone to work, and traffic congestion is growing by three percent each year. Contact Erick Mendoza today in ECC Parking Services at extension 3138 to learn more about the ECC Rideshare Program.

Campus Calendar
October
1 ECC Jazz & Dance Bands
9-11 Red Cross Bloodmobile