



President's NEWS

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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.

Commencement 2013

Bart Aslin, director of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) Education Foundation, will be the guest speaker for the 66th Annual El Camino College Commencement Ceremony.

Aslin joined the SME Education Foundation in March 2003. He has administered organizations for more than 20 years with an emphasis on education in the areas of manufacturing and engineering. The SME Education Foundation is one of the nation's leading non-profit organizations dedicated to advancing manufacturing education through student outreach programs, scholarships and college and university grants. Since 1980, the foundation has provided more than \$35 million in cash grants, scholarships, and awards.

Prior to joining the foundation, Aslin served as vice president for development at the New Jersey Institute



of Technology and at Saint Peter's College. He also served as the director of planned giving at The Seeing Eye, Inc. and spent five years in the manufacturing sector. Aslin is a graduate of Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland, where he received bachelor's and master's degrees in divinity. He has received professional certification from the University of Notre Dame, Mendoza College of Business, in management and leadership (2008) and Executive Business Administration (2010).

El Camino College Commencement is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. June 7 in Murdock Stadium. The Commencement Reception begins at 1:00 p.m. on the ECC Library Lawn. Parking and admission are free - no reservations required. All are welcome to attend this wonderful celebration of student success. Congratulations to the Class of 2013!

Accreditation Update: Student Success

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges' new preliminary institution standards include retention rates. As Institutional Research continues to measure the success, retention, and transfer rates, as well as degree/certificate completion rates for ECC and ECC Compton Center, the college is developing detailed plans to achieve goals for student success. This new reporting requirement is based on federal regulations for satisfactory institutional performance regarding student achievement.

Recent reports show that El Camino College's proposed institution-set standard for the retention rate, also known as "persistence rate," was 48 percent in 2011-12; the actual percent of students retained in 2011-12 was 50.3 percent. At El Camino College Compton Center, the proposed institution-set standard for student retention was 33 percent; the actual student retention rate for 2011-12 was 33.3 percent.

Classified Professional Development Week: May 13-17

Get ready for team building, fun times, and laughs! Register today for the Fourth Annual Team Building Extravaganza, scheduled for 12:45-2:30 p.m. Friday, May 17 in the North Gym. Participants are asked to dress in comfortable clothes and soft-soled shoes for this action-packed event that includes games, activities, and group play as part of the team-building fun.

Classified Professional Development Week also includes a variety of interesting and informative personal and professional development activities, including workshops on horticulture, finding "staff perks" on campus, and a discussion about useful and fun iPhone apps. Join your colleagues for an entertaining karaoke lunch on Friday, May 17. Also, be sure to visit the Creative Hobby Showcase scheduled for May 16 noon - 2:00 p.m. in the Student Activities Center, east lounge, where employees will display their creative side. Everyone is encouraged to participate in Classified Professional Development Week activities!

Area High School Students: Early Registration

In an effort to help in-district high school seniors get the college classes they need for the fall 2013 semester, El Camino College is continuing the practice of early registration for this group. Graduating seniors who follow the necessary steps to enroll will be able to register on June 4. As part of the college's campaign to alert high school seniors of this new policy, students living within the El Camino Community College District recently received a postcard outlining the steps to enroll. Students must apply online, take assessment tests, and attend orientation/meet with a counselor **by May 15** to be eligible for early registration. High school students should go to www.elcamino.edu and apply online today! For more information, go to www.elcamino.edu/welcome/admissions/early-registration.asp.

READ Poster "Celebrities" for 2013



The new READ poster "celebrities" for 2013 were recently presented at a celebration of reading and libraries in the Schauerman Library Lobby. This year's celebrities are Janet Madden, English professor in the Humanities Division, and Donna Manno, director of Professional Development. They were selected for their dedicated support and use of the Library. Since 2005, the El Camino College Schauerman Library has celebrated reading in the month of April by creating posters featuring college personalities posing with their favorite books. The event is part of the library's annual celebration of National Library Week/Month, and is designed to remind everyone on campus, especially students, of the importance of reading and libraries.



Blood Drive Results

The recent El Camino College Inter-Club Council (ICC) Blood Drive with the American Red Cross was a success. ECC donated 235 units of blood that can be used to save approximately 705 lives. Thank you to the ICC volunteers who organized the event, as well as everyone who participated and donated blood during the three-day blood drive. This is a great El Camino College tradition of generously donating life-saving blood to the American Red Cross.

Student Success: Scholarship Recipients



Frances Ford and the Frances Ford Nursing Scholarship Recipients. L-R Haemin Lee, Garrett Sherman, Frances Ford, Jon Ford, Shelby Bradley and Brandi Fry.

Congratulations to the students honored at the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Reception last month. A record-breaking \$1.4 million will be awarded to approximately 650 students for the 2013-2014 academic year. For more information on the El Camino College scholarship program, click [here](#).

President Evaluation

The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees invites letters regarding Superintendent/President Thomas Fallo's effectiveness during 2012-13, as well as suggestions for the direction the college should take in the upcoming academic year. Please send your comments marked "confidential" by May 31 to Board President William J. Beverly, in care of Cindy Constantino in the President's Office. Your comments will be forwarded, unopened, to board members for review.

Campus Calendar

May

- 2 Undeclared Major Workshop
- 9 Project Success Luncheon
- 10 Last Day to Drop with a "W"
Athletic Golf Classic
- 10-11 *The Crucible*
- 11 Polli Chambers-Salazar/
Christopher Brennan, piano
- 13 Student Art Show
- 13-17 Classified Professional Development Week
- 14 Continuing Student Registration Begins
- 15 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Meeting
Academic Awards &
Presidential Scholars Reception
- 16 Bike to ECC Day
Creative Hobby Showcase
- 17 EOPS/CalWORKs/CARE Awards Ceremony
ASO & Corona del Camino
Recognition Banquet
10th Annual Anthropology
Student Research Symposium
- 17-19 *The Crucible*