



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.

Distinguished Faculty and Staff

Congratulations to Francis Bernard Rang and Linda Detwiler Burner, two exemplary members of the El Camino College community who will be honored for their work on behalf of the college at the 18th Annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation and Recognition Reception. The event is scheduled from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. April 29 in the Alondra Room. Everyone is invited to the reception – a wonderful tradition that provides an opportunity to thank the campus community for serving the students of El Camino College.



Francis Bernard (Bernie) Rang is a longtime Spanish professor who has taught all levels of language acquisition since he joined ECC full time in 1984. He is known for his commitment to teaching and learning that brings out the best in students through his class-

room rapport and high expectations. Outside the classroom, he encourages and guides students to utilize support services on campus.

Bernie has a bachelor's degree from Creighton University, as well as a master's degree and doctorate from USC. He is a member of several professional organizations, such as the California (Foreign) Language Teacher's Association (CLTA) and the Modern & Classical Language Association of Southern California - for both organizations he has served as president, board member and conference chair. He has also presented numerous professional workshops and received the CLTA Outstanding Teacher Award.

He is dedicated to helping students become involved in service activities: he encourages them to donate blood (he is a dedicated donor), various classes have supported needy children in Columbia, and his students have translated brochures for organizations that could not afford professional translation services. In addition, he has been the co-adviser of the Spanish Club. He also created a conversation class manual available at the ECC Bookstore, which has been used in most ECC Spanish classes for the past 17 years.

At ECC, Bernie has served on the Faculty Senate, the Auxiliary Service Board, the Staff Development, Sabbatical Leave, and the Planning and Budget committees, as well as the College Council, among other activities. He served on the El Camino College Federation of Teachers executive board for 10 years, with five years as president.



Linda Detwiler Burner is an ITS user support technician for the Financial Aid (FA) Office who has played an instrumental role in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the FA offices at ECC and ECC Compton Center. Linda is responsible for en-

suring that the Datatel system is able to accept new financial aid applications in compliance with ever-changing state and federal regulations, in addition to keeping communication lines defined and making sure FA staff have the tech support needed to perform their jobs.

She is known as a very conscientious worker who displays excellent attention to detail. Through Linda's diligence, the Financial Aid Office shortened the response time from 14 weeks to eight weeks at ECC and six weeks at ECC Compton Center to determine eligibility and award financial aid to students. Processing changes also led by Linda resulted in the disbursement of three times the amount of financial aid to more than three times the number of students during the past year. She has served on the ECC Professional Staff Development and the Info Technology committees, and is very active in the Datatel 3CDUG group for the California Community Colleges.

Linda is a graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and El Camino College, where she earned a degree in information management systems with an emphasis in database management. She also takes photography classes at ECC and has become a mentor, in addition to leading photography study groups.

In the community, she has been a longtime volunteer at the YMCA, where she previously worked as a senior program director. She also volunteers at her church, leading various programs and activities.

Student Success: Scholarships Awarded

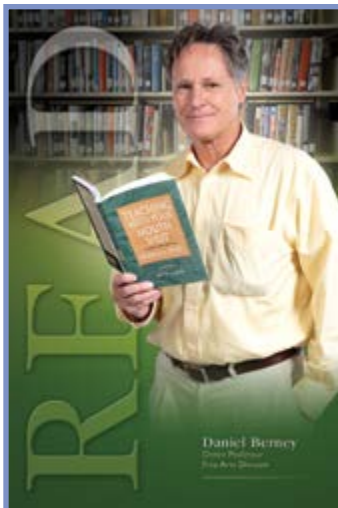
Congratulations to the outstanding students honored at the annual Scholarship Awards ceremonies. About \$1.4 million will be awarded to approximately 650 students for the 2014-2015 academic year. A record number of students applied for scholarships this year using the online system. The ECC scholarship program continues to grow each year, providing critical support to students in a variety of academic disciplines. This year approximately 68 percent of students who completed an online application were selected for a scholarship.

In addition, the high school scholarship program also continues to grow. This year, 36 incoming students will be awarded scholarships of \$1,000 per year for two years. This amount, coupled with the second year of the two-year awards, brings the high school scholarship program's annual total to about \$69,000. The California Community Colleges Endowment Fund (Osher) will also provide more than 140 \$1,000 scholarships this year.

READ Poster "Celebrities" 2014



The new READ poster "celebrities" for 2014 were recently revealed at a celebration of reading and libraries in the Schauerman Library Lobby. This year's celebrities are Lauralee Welsh, English professor in the Humanities Division, and Daniel Berney, dance professor in the Fine Arts Division. They were selected for their longstanding dedicated support of the Library and for fostering student information literacy skills and the use of Library resources.



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.

Celebrate the Class of 2014: Blue Carpet Event

As part of the commencement festivities, everyone is invited to join El Camino College's Class of 2014 at the "Blue Carpet Event" during this year's Commencement Reception from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 16 on the Library Lawn.

Expanding on the celebration introduced last year, a custom step and repeat backdrop will be available at the reception for graduates, family, friends, faculty and staff. Attendees are invited to take photos and post them online using the hashtag #ECCGrad to be included in ECC's social media channels. We'll be live-tweeting on Twitter before, during and after commencement at @ecc_online. Alumni, friends, family and the ECC community are also encouraged to share their advice and best wishes to the Class of 2014! We look forward to seeing you at commencement!

Accreditation News

An updated version of the "Process to Accreditation" document for El Camino College Compton Center was recently published, providing an overview of the actions required for ECC Compton Center to progress toward accreditation eligibility. As part of the updates, the Accreditation Steering Committee (ASC) developed the next steps in the Accreditation eligibility application timeline.

In May, an updated draft of the eligibility application document is scheduled to be posted online for input via the consultation process. Final editing of the eligibility application will take place in June, followed by review of the document by the El Camino College President's Cabinet. According to this projected timeline, the final eligibility application will be included as an informational item at the ECCCD and CCCD Board meetings in July. The "Process to Accreditation" document and other information relative to accreditation may be found at ECC Compton Center's website: www.compton.edu/campusinformation/accreditation.

Campus Calendar

April

- 24 Project Success Awards Luncheon
- 25 Art Department Open House
- 25-27 "Cabaret"
- 26 ECC Children's Day
- 28 STEM Week Begins
- 29 FYE Year-End Event
- Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day
- Paramedic Training Institute Graduation