



# 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.*



## Accreditation Update

During the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) four-day visit, team members conducted 49 meetings, met with 126 employees, and participated in three open forums. The team concluded the 2014 visit during an open forum exit meeting on October 9. Team chair Linda Lacy noted that El Camino College was well prepared for the visit. She also said that the Commission standards were addressed in the self-evaluation report.

The information provided by the team is unofficial and merely a brief summary of their findings during the visit. The Commission will meet in January 2015 to review the visiting team report and make their official findings. The Superintendent/ President will be informed of El Camino College's accreditation status via letter sometime following that meeting.

The visiting team commended El Camino College for the following: efforts made to ensure continuity of educational services to the Compton community; a diverse and vibrant student life on campus; remarkable student ambassador and police cadet programs; comprehensive and meaningful work on SLO development and assessment at program, course and institutional levels; a viable distance education environment; and exceptional collaboration between library and instructional faculty relative to competency skills in English courses. The Compton Center was commended for the exceptional leadership and extra effort put forth by faculty, staff and administrators in addressing institutional challenges and student learning.

Areas of recommendation include: completing the integrated planning cycle; implementing ECC Compton Center's fiscal management plan to ensure financial integrity; employing a planning, governance and decision-making process that leads to decisions via collegial consultation; and establishing a process for reviewing board policies and procedures, including establishing a timeline for review.

Thank you to everyone at ECC and ECC Compton Center who participated in the Self-Evaluation process. We look forward to participation from everyone as we continue integrating accreditation standards and values into our daily instructional programs and services.

## 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards



El Camino College honored four outstanding alumni at the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Awards on October 4. Honorees for this prestigious award include Monica Fredericks, educator; Dr. Gregory Rafijah, assistant clinical professor; Ryan Stonebraker, California Highway Patrol captain; and Major General Megan Tatu, U.S. Army.

ECC Distinguished Alumni have shown outstanding achievement in their chosen career, service to the community, or area of endeavor, while gaining local, state, or national recognition for their involvement. Honorees were selected by a committee and represent the fields of art, medicine, politics, business, and education. The El Camino College Foundation chairs the committee and sponsors the biennial award ceremony.

## Equipment, Furniture, and Supply Funds Allocated

Through the college planning process, approximately \$1.15 million has been prioritized to receive funding in the current year budget to support instruction and student support service programs. Monies will be used to purchase instructional equipment, furniture and supplies as identified through the planning process.

With input from students, faculty, staff and managers, about \$263,000 will be allocated to the Fire Academy for training simulators; \$444,000 will fund telescopes, microscopes, laptops, and other lab supplies; and approximately \$135,000 will support art equipment such as kilns, media gear, and computers for digital art. The funding is the end result of the linkage between planning, budgeting and the program review process. All of the equipment was identified through program plans and via program review recommendations.

### Campus Calendar

#### October

- 21-23 Blood Drive
- 24 ECC Resident Artist Series:  
Ellie Choate, harp
- 27 ECC Jazz Bands

#### November

- 1 Symphony Orchestra
- 1-2 "As You Like It"
- 4 Homecoming Carnival
- 7-9 "As You Like It"
- 7 Homecoming Dance
- 8 Homecoming Football  
Game @ Redondo  
Union HS
- 11 Veteran's Day -  
Campus Closed
- 14 Last Day to Drop w/a "W"
- 15 Planetarium Show
- 16 Concert Band
- 17 Board of Trustees Meeting

## Student Success: ECC/Northrop Grumman Partnership

A new program between El Camino College and Northrop Grumman Corporation offers students education and training to join the workforce and land good-paying jobs. With the pace of the nation's economic growth steadily rising and the job market gaining momentum, many businesses and manufacturers are actively searching for skilled employees. Through the ECC/Northrop Grumman collaboration, students are offered for-credit training in the electronics assembly and test lab areas at the company's Space Park facility in Redondo Beach.

The training program is a result of some changes to Northrop Grumman's traditional "pipeline" process of hiring, training, and retaining workers. Five students were offered jobs after completing the training, which was shortened from six months to two months, and an intentional "culture shift" has begun in the lab. The partnership with Northrop Grumman offers real world experience to students far beyond what can be gained in a classroom setting alone.

## Stay Informed via Nixle

Working together as a college community is essential in maintaining a safe environment. Remember: A truly safe campus is achieved through the cooperation of all of us - students and employees. Campus Police continually reminds us: "If you see something, say something." If you see or hear something that does not appear quite right, immediately contact Campus Police by calling 911 from a landline phone; at 310-660-3100 from a cell phone; or use a campus "Code Blue" emergency phone.

Campus Police has been utilizing a great emergency notification service for over one year. However, in order to receive these emergency notifications you must sign up. Nixle is a free service that keeps you informed with campus and community safety alerts. Through this system, you will receive messages instantly via cell phone text message.

Follow these simple instructions to receive Nixle text messages:

1. Compose a text message to: 888777 (no dashes)
2. Text the following message: ECCPD to receive alerts from El Camino College or: CECPD to receive alerts from ECC Compton Center
3. You will receive the following text message: "Thank you for signing up for El Camino College Police Department Alerts. Nixle Local Alerts local police and fire alerts. Info: 877-649-5362. TXT HELP for help. To stop txt STOP."

All Campus Police advisories, alerts and safety reminders may be accessed online: [www.elcamino.edu/police/](http://www.elcamino.edu/police/).

## Fall Blood Drive

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Fall 2014 Blood Drive, which runs October 21-23 in the Student Activities Center, East Lounge. The El Camino College Inter-Club Council and Student Development Office sponsor this twice-per-year blood drive. Blood donors may check in at the Student Activities Center during extended hours from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on October 22, and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on October 23. To sign up, go to [www.donatebloodcedars.org](http://www.donatebloodcedars.org), group code: ELCC. Help donate life-saving blood!