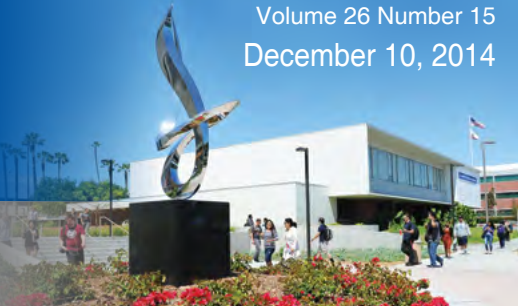




# President's NEWS

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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.*



## Spring Flex/Professional Development Day

The college's Spring 2015 Flex/Professional Development Day is set for Thursday, January 15. The day begins with morning refreshments and check in from 7:45-9:00 a.m. at Marsee Auditorium's South Patio, followed by a general session and division/department meetings. Spring Flex/Professional Development Day provides a great opportunity for professional development, time to prepare for the new semester, and a chance to interact with colleagues after the winter break. See you then!

## Student Success: Outstanding Science Students



## Faculty Positions Identified for Fall 2015

With a continued focus on student success, 21 new faculty positions have been approved for fall 2015. Recruitment will begin in the following areas: Accounting, Astronomy, Automotive Technology, Chemistry (two positions), Communication Studies/Forensics, Computer Science, Counselor (career/general), Counselor (Puente/general), Early Childhood Education, English Composition (two positions), History, Kinesiology, Management (business), Math (two positions), Music (guitar), Nursing, Sociology, and Welding. The number of faculty hires is conditional, pending the final 2015-16 budget.

## Spring 2015 Approaches!

Registration is currently underway for spring 2015. Registration Appointment Information is available online via MyECC. Please remember that the spring semester starts January 17 for Saturday classes. The college will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Monday, January 19. Weekday classes for spring semester begin Tuesday, January 20. The spring semester will conclude with Commencement on Friday, May 15.



Three outstanding MESA students recently presented summer research findings at the Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research (SCCUR). The conference provides a forum for the presentation of the best research, scholarship, and creative activities of undergraduate students in the region, and encourages communication of innovative achievements across disciplines.

ECC students Gabriela Moreno-Lopez, mechanical engineering major and Hector Flores, computer science major, conducted research in an intensive eight-week UCLA Transfer Student Summer Research Program (TSSRP) sponsored by Chevron. Moreno-Lopez's presentation is titled "Hydraulically actuated intervention system for MRI," and Flores' project is titled, "Human Activity Recognition Using Accelerometer and Gyroscope Data on the Wrist." Mariella Arias conducted research at Cornell University, where she worked on the project, "A Piezoelectric Material P(VDF-TrFE) Thin-Film Process Flow for Ultrasonic Transducers." All three students submitted abstracts to SCCUR and were selected to present.

## ECC Social Media

Stay connected to El Camino College during the break via a variety of social media networks. Since launching ECC's award-winning Facebook program six years ago, we have been consistently improving communication between the college and students. Thanks to our fans, we recently surpassed 36,000 "likes" on Facebook! If you haven't already, please "like" our Facebook page. Our Instagram presence continues to grow, providing a venue to share and post photos. Also, look for the latest ECC news and info on Twitter (@ECC\_Online), the ECC mobile website (m.elcamino.edu), and the El Camino College YouTube channel.

## Be Safe for the Holidays!



We wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday season! Please remember to lock your bike; watch your computer, phone and other personal belongings; and lock doors

and windows when not in your office or home. Also, be sure to sign up for Nixle to receive emergency alerts from ECC Campus Police via text or email. For those on campus for evening classes and activities, please walk in groups and use the free campus courtesy shuttle at night. In an emergency, please contact campus police by calling 911 from any pay phone on campus, or by calling 310-660-3100 from a cell phone. Be aware! Be safe! Have a great holiday!  
[www.elcamino.edu/police/](http://www.elcamino.edu/police/)

## Happy Holidays!

Happy Holidays to everyone in the El Camino College community and all the best for a wonderful New Year. Enjoy your holiday with family and friends. The campus will be closed December 24 through January 1.



## Campus Calendar

### December

- 12 Scholarship Deadline Extended  
Last Day of Fall Semester  
Planetarium Show  
CARE/CalWORKs  
Holiday Recruitment & Retention Celebration
- 15 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 20-21 *"The Nutcracker"*
- 12/24 Winter Break -  
- 1/1 Campus Closed

### January

SPRING SEMESTER BEGINS  
JANUARY 17

- 5 First Day to Apply for Degrees and Certificates (Spring)
- 12 Fee Payment Deadline: Students Registering 12/6-1/9
- 15 Spring Flex/Professional Development Day
- 17 First day of Semester for Saturday Classes
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - Campus Closed
- 20 First Day of Semester for Weekday Classes
- 30 Last Day to Add Classes  
Last Day to Drop w/ Refund  
Last Day to Drop w/out Note on Permanent Record

