



# 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.*



## Welcome to Spring 2015!

The college's annual Spring Professional Development Flex Day began with a welcome pancake breakfast, followed by a presentation from speaker Kathleen Gabriel. She is the author of "Teaching Unprepared Students: Strategies for Promoting Success and Retention in Higher Education." Division/department meetings rounded out the morning. Informative workshops in the afternoon highlighted topics including honors course outlines, creating PLO assessments, and campus safety and security.



*Thank you to those who served pancakes at Spring Flex Day, including Jessica Rapoza, Luukia Smith, LeValley Pattison, Carolyn Biedler, John Britton, Randy Totorp, and Nate Fernley.*

## State Budget News

Governor Brown recently released his 2015-16 budget proposal, with community colleges scheduled to receive 10.95 percent of the Proposition 98 funds. Highlights from the budget include: \$200 million for Student Success and Support Program and Student Equity Plans and also a \$125 million increase to base allocation – these funds can be used to help address STRS and PERS increases.

The budget also includes \$106.9 million (2%) for growth, and \$92.4 million (1.58%) for COLA. The Governor's budget proposal is a starting point; it is likely that the document will see changes and revisions before the final state budget is adopted in June.

Other features in the community college portion of the budget proposal include:

- \$49 million to fund new "equalization" rate formula
- \$48 million for CTE – one-time funds for career pathways
- \$94.5 million to completely retire deferrals
- \$39.6 million for Proposition 39 eligible programs such as energy sustainability
- \$353.3 million for unfunded mandates – allocated to districts on a per-FTES basis
- \$500 million for Adult Education: a block grant to the regional adult ed consortia

## El Camino College to Submit Accreditation Eligibility Application

The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees recently accepted the Accreditation Eligibility Application for ECC Compton Center. El Camino College will submit the document to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) for its ECC Compton Center.

El Camino Community College District Superintendent Thomas Fallo and Compton Community College District Special Trustee Thomas Henry will personally deliver the application to the ACCJC on January 22. View the Eligibility Application [here](#).

Faculty, staff, administration and students have worked diligently to achieve the eligibility standards, paving the way for El Camino College to apply for eligibility status of the ECC Compton Center. The eligibility application process is based upon ECC Compton Center meeting the 21 ACCJC eligibility standards.

The Eligibility Application marks a significant step in the process for ECC Compton Center to become an accredited college. The "Process to Accreditation" document will be updated this spring to reflect the next steps. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important process, both at El Camino College and ECC Compton Center.

## Welcome New Managers

Please take some time to welcome the newest members of the El Camino College management team. Wanda Morris joins the college as the new interim director of Nursing, Andrea Sala is the new Foundation director, and Nancy Tonner is the Foundation's assistant director.

**Wanda Morris** was previously the dean of student learning in the Health, Natural Sciences, and Human Services Division at ECC Compton Center. In that position, she oversaw the Child Development Program, the Child Development Center (CDC), the Nursing Department, and other assigned areas. She also served as director of Nursing at ECC Compton Center, where she provided administration, management, organization, and supervision of the Nursing Department. A graduate of Compton College, Morris earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from California State University, Dominguez Hills, a master's degree in nursing from UCLA and is close to completing the doctorate program at Argosy University.

**Andrea Sala** brings nearly 20 years of fundraising to her new position with the Foundation. She comes to ECC after serving for several years as executive director of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Education Foundation, where she managed the day-to-day operations of the multimillion-dollar non-profit organization. Andrea has a bachelor's degree in journalism from California State University, Long Beach. In the community she is involved with the Peninsula Committee for Children's Hospital Los Angeles, the Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and the California Consortium of Education Foundations, among others.

**Nancy Tonner** was recently named Foundation assistant director. She has been the Foundation program coordinator at El Camino College since 2007. In this position, she planned and coordinated all Foundation events, including the annual scholarship awards ceremony and the Distinguished Alumni dinner. She also manages databases for the Foundation. Prior to ECC, Nancy was a manager of foundation programs at PacifiCare/United Healthcare Group.

## Student Success:

### STEM Program Presents World's First 3-D Printed Vehicle

As part of its world tour, the very first 3-D-printed, zero-emission car will make a stop at El Camino College from noon to 5:00 p.m. January 26 on the Library Lawn. The car, named "Strati," will showcase the latest in manufacturing technology, while encouraging students to discover all the options available in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. The car was brought to life at the International Manufacturing



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Technology Show (IMTS) in Chicago this past fall, where a team built the vehicle at the event and drove it right off the tradeshow floor. The 3-D car visit is sponsored by the El Camino College STEM program and the Natural Sciences Division. A time-lapse video of the Strati build is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=daioWlKH7ZI>.

## A Healthy New Year

A dedicated group in the Admissions & Records Department is starting the New Year off right with its popular 13-week program that encourages healthy choices. Participants support each other in this friendly competition that features weekly weigh-ins. In the last session, the group collectively lost 40 pounds! The program started with A&R staff members LaShanta Young and Vicki De La Torre about six years ago to encourage exercise and healthy eating. Vicki retired a few years ago, but LaShanta continues the program, sending emails to the group, and offering encouragement. "It's fun to do this as a group, it keeps you going and makes you accountable," said LaShanta. "Of course, it's also fun to win!"

## Trustees' Annual Reorganization Meeting

The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees recently elected officers for 2015. William Beverly will serve as president; Kenneth Brown is vice president; and John Vargas will serve as secretary. Regular board meetings are open to the public and are generally scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month. Check the meeting schedule [here](#).

## Campus Calendar

### January

- 22 Career Advancement Academy Info Session
- 27 FYE Information Session
- 30 Last Day to Add Classes  
Last Day to Drop w/Refund  
Last Day to Drop w/out Note on Permanent Record
- 31 STEM Conference

### February

- 6 Lincoln's Day Holiday (Campus Closed)
- 10 FYE Information Session
- 13 Last Day to Apply for Spring Degrees and Certificates