



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 New Classified Staff

Please take some time to welcome the new full-time staff members who joined El Camino College during the 2014-15 academic year.



Analenda Aguirre, Evaluations Specialist, Admissions & Records. Analenda has several years of experience working in higher education, most recently at UC

Riverside as an athletic certification coordinator. She has bachelor's degrees in psychology and human development from California State University, San Bernardino.



Hieu Hoang, User Support Technician, Information Technology Services. Hieu has an MBA in management information systems, a bachelor's in computer science

and just completed another bachelor's degree in math – all from CSU Long Beach. Before joining ECC, Hieu was an information technology consultant at CSU Long Beach.



Eboni Martin, Research Associate, Institutional Research. Eboni has career experience coordinating and facilitating data collection, as well as conducting research

projects for educational organizations. She has a master's degree in education from USC and a bachelor's degree in psychology from San Diego State University.



Kimberly Davis, Program Coordinator, Natural Sciences. Before joining ECC, Kimberly worked at Talladega College where she served as an adjunct professor, Americans with Disabilities Act liaison, and project manager. She also earned a bachelor's degree from Talladega College, in addition to an MBA from Bethel University.



Diane Keophan, Clerk Cashier, Fiscal Services. Diane is a graduate of California State University, Long Beach, where she earned a degree in sociology. She joins

the El Camino College community after a long-term position in the retail industry where she handled a variety of duties.



Vanessa Martinez, Human Resources Technician II. Vanessa comes to El Camino College after several years of working in human resources at area school districts.

She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration/human resources management from California State University, Long Beach.



Malinee Hasaweang, Evaluations Specialist, Admissions & Records. Malinee's career experience includes several years in higher education, most recently in the

Admissions & Records Department at CSU Dominguez Hills. She earned a master's degree in higher education from CSU Fullerton and a bachelor's degree from UC Riverside.



Lissette Marquez, Secretary, Academic Affairs. Lissette has worked at ECC for the past three years in various areas, including the Honors Transfer Program and the

Special Resource Center. She has a certificate in human resource management from National University, where she is also completing a bachelor's degree.



Marci Myers, Research Analyst, Institutional Research. Marci has worked in institutional research at ECC and ECC Compton Center for several years, contributing to a variety of projects. She has a master's degree in demographics and social analysis, as well as a bachelor's in education, both from UC Irvine.

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Carla Velasquez, Student Services Specialist, Outreach and School Relations. Before joining ECC, Carla held positions in activity and program planning for education-based organizations. She has a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of California, Irvine.



Eric White, Digital Media and Design Specialist, Public Relations & Marketing. Eric comes to ECC after more than 15 years in marketing, communications, and digital arts. He earned a bachelor's degree in art and design from Frostburg State University in Maryland and an associate degree from Garrett College in Maryland.

The following new staff members were unavailable for photos:

Mark Ballard, Night Custodian; **Mario Lopez Casas**, HVAC Mechanic; **Cheryn Covington**, Night Custodian; **Barry Cunnigan**, Night Custodian; **Angela Embry**, Student Services Technician; **Darlene Esquivel**, Night Custodian; **Jaime Gallegos**, Student Services Adviser; **Elizabeth Greene**, Staff Interpreter; **Omar Hernandez**, Night Custodian; **Miriam Jauregui**, Student Services Technician; **Kofie Jerry**, Night Custodian; **Diana Jones**, Secretary; **Patrick Ko**, Buyer; **Loretta Lau**, Library Media Technician II; **Christobal Medina**, Telecommunications Technician; **Rosanna Merrill**, Student Services Technician; **Latasha Millender**, Accounting Assistant II; **David Mussaw**, Academic Affairs Analyst; **Hoang-Linh Nguyen**, Financial Aid Adviser; **Steven Paz**, Plumber; **Gema Perez**, Instructional Media Coordinator; **Maria Ruiz**, Night Custodian; **Lizet Corona Salazar**, Student Services Specialist; **Aaron Sargent**, User Support Technician; **Corry Smith**, Night Custodian; **Robert Sutton**, Staff Interpreter; **Derek Warren**, Library Media Technician II;

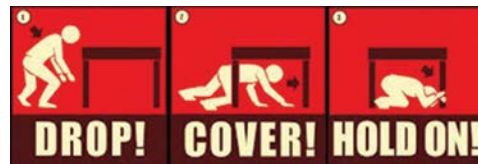
Marqueeda Watson, Library Media Technician I; **Kareem Watts**, Financial Aid Assistant; **Amanda Webb**, Administrative Assistant II; **Kenneth Williams**, Night Custodian; and **Tracy Ann Wilson**, Secretary.

Grad Initiative: Five Years of Student Success

The El Camino College Graduation Initiative has made significant progress in the past five years, with increased numbers of students succeeding in reading, writing and math courses and earning degrees at an increased rate. The initiative was supported by a five-year, \$3.24 million grant, which came to a close on September 30.

The Grad Initiative was designed to provide support services to help more students earn an associate degree in a reasonable amount of time. Strengthening student learning and faculty teaching in essential gateway courses such as reading, writing, and math were key components of the project. Tutoring, counseling and preparation programs were also created to help build students' skills and expedite the transition from developmental courses to college-level courses.

Increases were seen in all areas of the Graduation Initiative. Especially notable is that the initiative helped to close the graduation gap of Hispanic students from 12 percent to 9 percent. In fact, there were more first-time/full-time, degree-seeking freshman students graduating with an associate degree within three years of enrollment.



California ShakeOut

The Great California ShakeOut is almost here! At 10:15 a.m. Oct. 15, students and employees of El Camino College and ECC Compton Center will "Drop, Cover, and Hold On," and then begin an orderly evacuation of buildings. Visit www.elcamino.edu/shakeout/ for more earthquake safety information.

Fall Blood Drive

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Fall 2015 Blood Drive, which runs October 13-15 in the Student Activities Center, East Lounge. The El Camino College's Inter-Club Council and Student Development Office sponsor this twice-per-year blood drive. Blood donors may check in from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Oct. 13 and 15 and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 14. To sign up, go to www.donatebloodcedars.org, group code: ELCC. Help donate life-saving blood!



Campus Calendar

October

- 9 Last Day to Apply for Fall Degrees & Certificates
Carmen Bradford & Friends
- 9-10 Student One-Act Plays
- 13-15 Blood Drive
- 15 Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill
- 17 Mid-Term Classes Begin
- 18 Planetarium Show
- 19 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 23 Beach Cities Symphony
- 30 Nikita Mndoyants
- 30-31 *Lysistrata*
- 31 Homecoming Football Game

November

- 6-7 *Lysistrata*
- 7 ECC Symphony Orchestra
- 8 *Lysistrata*
- 11 Veteran's Day - Campus Closed

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