



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.



Dr. Dena Maloney Appointed ECC Superintendent/President



The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees voted unanimously Monday, November 16 to appoint Dr. Dena Maloney as the Superintendent/President, effective February 1, 2016. She will replace Thomas M. Fallo, ECC alumnus and Superintendent/President for 20 years who is retiring as of February 1, 2016.

Dr. Maloney, who will become the sixth Superintendent/President in the district's 68-year history, has ties to the South Bay. She was born at Centinela Hospital in Inglewood and lived in Hawthorne before her family moved to the San Gabriel Valley, where she grew up. She has fond memories of spending her summers with her grandparents in Inglewood.

Currently serving as Superintendent/President of the West Kern Community College District/Taft College, Dr. Maloney began her career in higher education at College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita. In 2007, she was named Founding Dean of the Canyon Country Campus, a new educational center within the Santa Clarita Community College District. Dr. Maloney later became Assistant Superintendent/Vice President, with responsibilities for the Canyon Country Campus, as well as the district's economic development programs. In May 2012, she was appointed to her current position.

Dr. Maloney earned a doctorate in education from the University of La Verne, a master's degree in government from Georgetown University, and a bachelor's degree in political science from Loyola Marymount University.

A search committee comprised of campus groups including students, faculty, staff, managers and community members screened candidates and recommended five finalists who participated in public forums and interviews with the Board of Trustees. Board President Bill Beverly thanked the search committee, as well as everyone who participated in the forums.

Coach Featherstone to Retire

Longtime El Camino College football head coach John Featherstone recently announced plans to retire at the end of the 2015 season. Community members, alumni, and former student-athletes celebrated with the renowned coach at the last regular season game on November 14. A legend in community college football, Featherstone has the highest winning percentage of any active coach in the Southern Section of California, which includes 37 community colleges from Bakersfield to San Diego.

A South Bay native, Featherstone's affiliation with the El Camino College football program began as a student-athlete (1967-1968), and includes his ECC coaching career, which began in 1985. Since then, he has continued the Warrior football program's long tradition of producing scholar-athletes who have continued on at universities, with some making their way into the professional ranks. Featherstone is known for his guidance in developing healthy, confident, and successful student-athletes. His influence as a community leader is far-reaching, with numerous athletes, students, alumni, colleagues and friends all over the country who support his work and dedication to football and El Camino College.



Classified Service Awards!

Everyone is invited to “Cruise on Over” to the 2015 cruise-themed Classified Service Awards ceremony on Thursday, December 3 in the Student Activities Center. The celebration will honor the many contributions of El Camino College’s classified staff members. Classified employees will be recognized for their years of dedicated service. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. for light refreshments; the ceremony begins at 2:00 p.m.

Student Success: Scholar-Athletes Honored

Congratulations to El Camino College scholar-athletes who excel not only in sports, but also in the classroom. Fifty-three Warrior student-athletes were recently honored as Scholar-Ballers for the Fall 2015 season. The Scholar-Baller organization recognizes academic success for athletes who achieve a 3.0 grade point average or higher. For a complete list of Fall 2015 Scholar-Ballers, click [here](#).

Spring 2016 Begins January 16

Mark your calendar – Spring 2016 is almost here! El Camino College’s spring semester begins January 16 for Saturday classes. Before that, we will reconnect with colleagues at the college’s annual spring Professional Development Day, scheduled for January 14. The campus will be closed in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Monday, January 18; weekday classes for spring semester begin Tuesday, January 19. View the Spring 2016 Class Schedule [here](#).

Applications for summer and fall 2016 are now being accepted online. All new students qualify for early registration if the four Steps to Enroll are completed by March 31, 2016: Apply • Prepare • Test • Plan. For more information, go to www.elcamino.edu/welcome/futurestudents/starthere.asp.

ECC Scholarships: Due December 11

Students are encouraged to apply for El Camino College Foundation scholarships by the December 11 deadline. The online scholarship application features a process that includes a convenient function where faculty may write and submit online recommendations. Students with a 2.0 grade point average or better who have completed, or are in the process of completing, a minimum of six graded units at ECC are encouraged to apply. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$4,000 and may be used to help pay for tuition, books, fees and supplies. Students may apply online via **MyECC**. For more information contact Nancy Tonner at 310-660-3593, ext. 6039.

Helping Others for the Holidays

El Camino College has a long tradition of helping others, especially during the holiday season. The 17th Annual CARE/CalWORKs Holiday Recruitment & Retention Celebration is set for Friday, December 18. Members of the ECC community are invited to help celebrate the holidays by donating a new, unwrapped toy for a child age 1 to 14. Toys can be scheduled for pick up or may be dropped off at the CalWORKs Office in the Student Services Center, Room 205B by December 15. Every gift is greatly appreciated and will go directly to a child of one of our ECC students at the celebration event. Many students are in great need and may not be able to afford gifts for their children this holiday. For more information please contact: David Brown, assistant director of EOPS, CalWORKs, CARE at extension 6052.

Another Successful Blood Drive

El Camino College’s Inter-Club Council recently finished another successful Fall Blood Drive. A total of 325 pints of blood were donated, which will go a long way in helping to replenish the supply that is always in demand. Thank you to the volunteers who organized and managed the event and to the donors who participated in the three-day blood drive.

Happy Thanksgiving

We wish everyone in the El Camino College community a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends. El Camino College will be closed November 26-29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Campus Calendar

November

- 19 Larry Leach, Speech
- 19-22 ECC Fall Dance Concert
- 20 ECC Concert Jazz Band
- 26-29 Thanksgiving Holiday - Campus Closed
- 30 ECC Studio Jazz Band

December

- 3 Classified Service Awards
Choreography Showcase
- 4 Messiah Sing-Along
- 6 South Bay Children’s Choir
ECC Chorale/Chorus
- 7 Fee Payment Deadline:
Students Registering
11/17-12/4
- 7-8 Lo Tech, No Tech Dance
- 10 ECC Opera Workshop
- 11 Scholarship Deadline
Last Day of Fall Semester

Click [here](#) for more info about these and other events at El Camino College.