



# President's NEWS

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*El Camino College makes a positive difference in people's lives. We provide excellent comprehensive educational programs and services that promote student learning and success in collaboration with our diverse communities.*



## *Distinguished Faculty & Staff*

Congratulations to **Christina Gold** and **Blanca Prado**, two outstanding members of the El Camino College community who will be honored for their work at the 20th Annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation and Recognition Reception. The event is scheduled from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. May 5 in the East Dining Room. Everyone is invited to the reception – a wonderful tradition that provides an opportunity to thank the campus community for serving the students of El Camino College.



**Christina Gold** has been a U.S. history professor at ECC since 2005. Throughout her 25-year teaching career, she has been known as an outstanding instructor dedicated to student success. Her engaging lecture style includes the use of diverse teaching tools and materials to enhance student learning, while always treating students with respect and compassion.

Christina supports several student success initiatives and serves on a number of college committees such as the Assessment of Learning Committee, Educational Policies Committee, and Program Review. She has also been a program instructor for First Year Experience, Honors Transfer Program, Learning Communities, and the Teacher Education Program. Christina's leadership is further seen in her role as the Academic Senate Vice President of Educational Policies. She has also served previously as the Academic Senate president. She has been the History Club adviser and also gives an annual presentation "Careers in History," informing students of opportunities in this field.

In addition, Christina is steadfast in her responsibilities as a historian. She is a published scholar, a regular conference presenter, and holds a leadership position in the Organization of American Historians' Commit-

tee on Community Colleges. She also reviews books for the Journal of American History and Pacific Northwest Quarterly.

Christina received a doctorate and master's degree in U.S. History from UCLA and a bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley. A 2013 ECC Woman of Distinction, Christina has earned other awards for her work with students, including the Certificate of Excellence from LMU's Academic Persistence Program.



**Blanca Prado** has been a student services adviser in the Transfer Center since 2008. She has assisted countless students on their path to the four-year college/university of their dreams. Blanca knows the importance of El Camino College transfer services firsthand – she is an alum herself. She graduated in 1998 and transferred to UCLA where she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology.

Colleagues know Blanca as a compassionate leader who is always willing to help students in all areas, including goal setting, time management and balancing school with work and family obligations. She is an important asset to the Transfer Center and keeps up with changes in transfer requirements, policies and procedures. Blanca is instrumental in coordinating university fairs, the Transfer Admit Reception, and the Northern California College Tour.

Blanca is a graduate of the ECC Puente program, and volunteers as a Puente mentor. She is also a Project Success mentor, offering ongoing support and encouragement to students as they navigate college and career experiences.

In the community, Blanca leads in many ways, including her collaboration with Young Life, a youth outreach program. Her commitment to education and dedication to students can be seen in everything she does.

## **Meet the President**

Thank you to everyone who attended the meet-and-greet reception with El Camino College Superintendent/President Dena Maloney. Be sure to view photos from the event on [Flickr](#). Remember, all employees are welcome to drop in to meet with President Maloney at any of the times noted below. This is a great opportunity to share information about department, student, faculty or staff accomplishments, and present new ideas or programs. No appointment necessary; just stop by: Monday, April 25 - 12:30-2 p.m.; and Thursday, April 28 - 2:30-4 p.m. The President's Office is located in the Administration Building, Room 100.

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## Safety Matters

**Active Shooter Response Training:** An Emergency Preparedness and Response Training session for building captains and floor leaders was held April 20. Nearly 175 building captains and floor leaders were invited to attend. Sergeant Harry Van, community college liaison with the L.A. Sheriff's Department, provided a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of our emergency leaders during possible armed intruder incidents and other emergencies on campus. Sergeant Van is an ECC alumnus. In addition to the role of emergency responders, the discussion included a review of ECC Emergency Evacuation Procedures and future plans for active shooter trainings and exercises.

**Telephones:** As phones are installed in every classroom, please note that all will have speakers so that they can also be used as a public address system in case of an emergency.

**Code Blue phones:** Code blue phones that can be enhanced have been identified, along with the equipment needed to complete the project. An assessment is now underway to determine what needs to be done to add hard wire connectivity. Code blue phones are inspected weekly and are considered 911 priority lines.

**Door locks:** Testing continues with "Lock Bloks" on classroom doors. Research is also underway to ensure they comply with fire code regulations. Lock Bloks are specialized devices that allow classrooms and offices to be quickly secured from the inside, without looking for keys to lock doors during an emergency.

**Disaster Service Workers:** All employees of the El Camino Community College District are considered "disaster service workers" per California Education Code, Section 3100-3109. In case of an emergency, employees needed by the district will be required to report to the ECC incident commander, or other appropriate emergency response officials as directed. Section 3100 applies to ECC employees in the following cases: 1) when a local emergency has been proclaimed, 2) when a state emergency has been proclaimed, or 3) when a federal disaster declaration has been made.



Sign up to receive Nixle emergency alerts from ECC Campus Police, simply text 888777 and type ECCPD

## Parking Lot C Groundbreaking

A recent groundbreaking ceremony celebrated the construction of additional parking for students and continued progress in the Facilities Plan. The Lot C Parking Structure will provide a new source of campus parking with 1,443 spots for students and visitors. This \$26 million project includes four levels of parking, including spaces on the roof. The new parking structure is funded by the 2002 Measure E Facilities Bond.



## Chicano Cultural Events

"A Celebration of Chicano Culture" continues with CSU Northridge Professor Fermin Herrera's lecture "Characteristics of Mexican Spanish" on April 26. A Mexican music and dance concert follows later that afternoon in Marsee Auditorium, presented by Conjunto Hueyapan & Mariachi Estrella de Jalisco. The topic "Chicanos in the Military" will be discussed by Eddie Morin on May 2. The celebration wraps up on May 3 with the lecture "Cultural Diversity and Identity in Chicano Boyle Heights," presented by Whittier College Professor Danilo Lozano. All events are free, open to the public and sponsored by the ECC Office of Staff and Student Diversity, Behavioral & Social Sciences Division, Humanities Division, and the Student Equity Program. For more information, view [www.elcamino.edu/events/chicano-2016.pdf](http://www.elcamino.edu/events/chicano-2016.pdf).

## Campus Calendar

### April

- 26 FYE Year-end Banquet  
Chicano Culture Celebration:  
"Characteristics of Mexican Spanish" & Mexican Music and Dance Concert
- 28 Students vs. Coaches, Speech Project Success Awards Luncheon
- 29 ECC Concert Jazz Band  
Fire Academy Graduation
- 29-30 "Into the Woods"

### May

- 1 ECC Concert Band
- 2 ECC Studio Jazz Band  
Chicano Culture Celebration:  
Chicanos in the Military
- 3 Chicano Culture Celebration:  
Diversity in Boyle Heights  
Puente 30<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Year-End Celebration
- 5 Athletic Hall of Fame  
Distinguished Faculty & Staff  
Appreciation Day

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

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