



# 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 2016!

The college's annual Spring Professional Development Day began with a welcome pancake breakfast, followed by the presentation of Academic Senate resolutions as well as "Student Equity: Access and Success for All Students," by Jean Shankweiler, Idania Reyes, Barbara Perez, Jason Suarez, Arturo Martinez, and Lars Kjeseth.

Chief Michael Trevis presented information and a video regarding the best methods for responding to an active shooter emergency situation on campus. The awareness safety session was one of many programs in the ongoing "whole community" approach to enhance campuswide preparedness. Since 2007, El Camino College and ECC Compton Center police officers have completed numerous collaborative active shooter scenario training sessions with area police agencies. Through the college's Emergency Preparation Committee, active shooter training will be expanded, beginning with emergency responders such as building captains, floor leaders and other emergency personnel, so that they know their roles and responsibilities prior to performing an actual exercise. Additional campus trainings will be implemented once the emergency responders have been trained. For more information, view: [www.elcamino.edu/police/CrimePrevention/ActiveShooter.asp](http://www.elcamino.edu/police/CrimePrevention/ActiveShooter.asp).

## President Thomas M. Fallo: 25 years of Service

All El Camino College and ECC Compton Center faculty, staff and managers are invited to celebrate President Thomas M. Fallo's 25 years of service. A special open house reception is planned for 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26 in the Alondra Room. Presentations are scheduled for 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.



## State Budget 2016-17 Update

Governor Jerry Brown released his proposal for the 2016-17 state budget. For California's community colleges, highlights include:

- An increase of \$114.7 million in general purpose apportionments, a 2% increase in full-time equivalent enrollment
  - \$283 million increase for deferred maintenance, instructional equipment, and specific types of water conservation projects; no matching funds will be required
  - \$48 million increase to support the Career Technical Education Pathways Program
  - \$200 million increase for the Strong Workforce Program, to allow districts to expand access to additional career technical education courses and programs and regional accountability structures aligned with the Workforce Task Force recommendations
  - \$76.3 million (about \$64 per FTES) in discretionary funds to be used at local discretion, which would be counted by the state as offsetting mandate reimbursement claims
  - \$45.2 million is proposed in Proposition 39 funds to support energy efficiency projects and clean energy job development programs in 2016-17
  - \$30 million increase for the Basic Skills Program to implement practices that increase students' mobility to college-level courses
  - \$29.3 million to reflect a 0.47% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA)
- The Governor's budget proposal is the first step in a six-month long legislative process. We will continue to monitor changes in budget figures and priorities.

## Trustees Conduct Annual Organizational Meeting

Three El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees members were sworn in at the regular board meeting on December 14. All three incumbents, William Beverly, Mary Combs and Kenneth Brown, were appointed in lieu of an election in an uncontested race. Additionally, as part of its annual organizational meeting, the board appointed Brown as board president, John Vargas as vice president and Cliff Numark will serve as secretary.

In addition, Beverly will serve as the district representative to the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization, Numark will represent the district with the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association, Vargas will serve on the El Camino Community College District Foundation board, and Mary Combs will review nominations for membership on the California Community College Trustees Board and make a recommendation the Board of Trustees. Regular board meetings are open to the public and are generally scheduled for 4 p.m. on the third Monday of each month.

## STEM Receives \$50,000 Donation from Toyota

El Camino College recently received a \$50,000 donation from Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. for the college's Endowment for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Student Support Services. Michael Rouse, Toyota's vice president of diversity, philanthropy and community affairs, presented the check last month during the El Camino Community College District board meeting.

Designed to support the college's STEM Endowment, the donation was matched 100 percent by a Hispanic-Serving Institutions - Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics and Articulation Programs federal grant for a total of \$100,000.

Endowment funds will be used to make a direct and significant impact on El Camino College STEM students. Future plans include: purchasing/replacing equipment, initiating technology upgrades, launching STEM-related campus events/seminars, and supporting STEM student events and conferences off campus. For more information on El Camino College STEM programs, view: [www.elcamino.edu/academics/stem/](http://www.elcamino.edu/academics/stem/).



Members of the ECCCD Board of Trustees and ECC Foundation accept a \$50,000 donation from Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. for the college's Endowment for STEM Student Support Services.

## Black History Month 2016

The college's annual celebration of Black History Month includes a variety of programs, from panel discussions to film screenings. The month of events begins with a Black College Expo Feb. 4 on the Library Lawn. A screening and discussion of the film "Jamaica House" is set for Feb.9; the "Spoken Word Lounge" presented by ECC history students begins at 12:30 p.m. Feb. 11; and a panel discussion titled "African-Americans in Hollywood" is on Feb. 16. An African-American Student Conference is scheduled for Feb. 18 featuring special guest Marc Brown, ABC7 Eyewitness News co-anchor. The celebration continues with a performance by Central Avenue Dance on Feb. 20, the Annual African-American Read-In on Feb. 23, and concludes Feb. 25 with "Taste of Soul Gospel Brunch." For event locations and more information, visit [www.elcamino.edu/events/blackhistorymonth/](http://www.elcamino.edu/events/blackhistorymonth/).

## Campus Calendar

### January

- 26 FYE Information Session
- 29 Last Day to Add Classes
- Last Day to Drop w/Refund
- Last Day to Drop w/out Note on Permanent Record

### February

- 2 FYE Information Session
- 4 Black History Month: Black College Expo
- 9 Black History Month: "Jamaica House"
- 11 Last Day to Apply for Spring Degrees and Certificates
- Black History Month: "Spoken Word Lounge"

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

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