



# President's NEWS

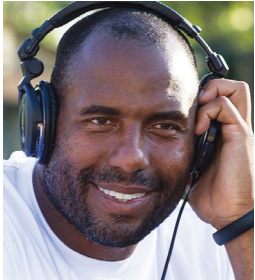
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*El Camino College makes a positive difference in people's lives. We provide excellent comprehensive educational programs and services that promote student learning and success in collaboration with our diverse communities.*



## Commencement 2016:

### Featuring ECC Alumnus/NFL Offensive Lineman Derrick Deese and a New Murdock Stadium



We are pleased to announce ECC alumnus Derrick Deese as the keynote speaker for the 69th Annual El Camino College Commencement Ceremony.

Deese, an offensive lineman who spent 14 years in the National Football League, has seen much success inside the original Murdock Stadium as an ECC Warriors football standout. He is now excited to celebrate with the Class of 2016 in a brand new stadium, set to open later this spring.

Deese enrolled in El Camino College after graduating from Culver City High School in 1988. Playing for the Warriors, he became an All-American and All-Conference lineman. After completing his associate degree in just 1½ years, Deese was able to transfer to USC and earned a starting position as offensive guard. Deese played with the Trojans from 1990-92 and was an All-Pac 10 honorable mention as a junior. He graduated and went on to play 12 years with the San Francisco 49ers, winning Super Bowl XXIX. He also played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for two years.

Now retired from professional football and sports radio, Deese volunteers his time working with young people. Known as “ECC football royalty,” Deese is a 1996 inductee of the El Camino College Athletic Hall of Fame and can often be found cheering at Warriors football games. He lives in Orange County with his four sons: Derrick Jr., Dontay, Devin and Drew.

ECC Commencement is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, May 13 in Murdock Stadium – rain or shine.

## Safety Matters:

I am pleased to introduce a new column in the *President's News*! “Safety Matters” will be a regular feature in every issue of *President's News*. In this first column, learn about our campus safety and security activities and future plans.

Dena P. Maloney, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President

### Education, Assessments and Drills for Emergency Incidents

We are continuing our preparations and planning for Active Shooter Safety Awareness Training. Campus emergency responders, including building captains, floor leaders and other emergency personnel have already received awareness and informational training. In April they will specifically train for active shooter scenarios. They will learn how to lock down buildings, communicate status and respond to instructions from police. Participants will also practice “all-clear” communication procedures. In May, the campus emergency responders will participate in a drill to simulate all of the procedures they have learned over the past several months. These activities are an important component in the preparation for future awareness, information and training campuswide.

This summer we will work with safety and security professionals to create an ECC instructional video for students and employees. The video will be an integral part of future training exercises, providing information and demonstrations about what to do in active shooter situations. In fall 2016, the college will hold two informational and awareness sessions, one during the day, and one in the evening, to inform and educate our campus community on active shooter response and guidelines.

Chief Trevis and the ECC Police Department have already hosted trainings for more than 650 employees for a variety of campus emergencies. They have provided safety presentations to more than 500 students, faculty and staff. The Chief is currently coordinating a plan and timetable for systematically meeting with each department to conduct awareness training and assessment of work spaces/classrooms. Chief Trevis will develop a schedule for building drills following awareness training and individual department assessments. To schedule safety training with ECC PD, please email [mtrevis@elcamino.edu](mailto:mtrevis@elcamino.edu).

“Active Shooter Response and Guidelines for Campus Safety” are available online, click [here](#) for more information.

### Additional Safety Activities:

**Door locks:** A specialized locking device will be tested this spring that features a locking mechanism accessible from the inside. This safety feature is designed for existing doors that can only be locked/unlocked from the outside.

**Phone assessment:** An extensive program has started to fully assess all phone access on campus. The program will specifically ensure that there is a phone in all 400 classrooms and that a 911 feature is easily visible and accessible.

**Code Blue phones:** Code blue phones are located throughout campus and are inspected weekly. These phones are directly linked to the college Police Department and are considered 911 priority lines. They have a red button for emergencies and a black button for non-emergencies. Phones that have been taken offline due to construction will have signs posted indicating the location of the next nearest phone.

## Campus Wi-Fi Improvements

In an effort to further expand campus Wi-Fi capability, the college is working with Dell Inc. to improve, add and enhance Wi-Fi collegewide. Representatives from the district and Dell are assessing and evaluating the entire campus over the next two weeks. Boosters and other necessary equipment will be purchased to improve wireless strength across campus.

## Paralegal Program Reapproved

El Camino College's Paralegal Studies Program, which offers an associate degree and a certificate of achievement, was recently reapproved by the American Bar Association (ABA). The program has a long tradition of excellence, and has been approved by the ABA since the 1970s.

"This ABA approval means a lot in the legal community," said Professor Vi Pham, ECC's paralegal studies program coordinator. "People know that a degree or certificate from El Camino College means something and that makes a big difference, especially in the particular areas where our students want to be employed."

For this designation, the ECC program meets strict requirements regarding faculty, curriculum, facilities and other criteria. Students learn through a rigorous curriculum that takes a practical approach, focusing on hands-on experience and what paralegals will do on the job so they are ready for the workplace.

"I really can't say enough good things about the ECC program," said graduate Alissa Pappadake, who is working as a paralegal at an area probate firm. "I would never have the job and experience I have now without it."

## Women's History Month 2016

### Keynote Speaker: Dena P. Maloney, Ed.D.

El Camino College will celebrate Women's History Month 2016 with events designed to highlight the achievements of women and ensure the health of women everywhere. The annual Women's History Month Luncheon will feature El Camino College's first woman president, Dr. Dena P. Maloney, as the keynote speaker. Mark your calendar for these upcoming Women's History Month events:

### Women's Well-Being & Resource Fair

Tuesday, March 29

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Library Lawn

### Women's History Month Luncheon

Tuesday, April 5

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

East Dining Room

The national theme for Woman's History Month 2016 is "Working to Form a More Perfect Union: Honoring Women in Public Service and Government." For more information on El Camino College events, please view [www.elcamino.edu/events/whm.asp](http://www.elcamino.edu/events/whm.asp).

## Fine Arts Open House

Everyone is invited to attend the ECC Fine Arts Division Open House scheduled for 5-8 p.m. April 22. Visitors will have the opportunity to meet faculty and counselors, see student work, check out musical performances, and take a tour of the Fine Arts facilities. The ECC award-winning debate team will also run live demonstrations. Visitors are invited to take a backstage tour of "Into the Woods," the ECC Theatre Department's spring musical – just one of the many activities available at the open house event. The open house is a great opportunity for ECC students to show their work and also share with future students what the Fine Arts Division at El Camino College has to offer.

## UCLA Extension at ECC

UCLA Extension will offer classes this spring at ECC in engineering & project management, and technology management. Through this collaboration, UCLA Extension offers to the South Bay community its 100-year history of providing continuing education courses that enable professionals to advance in their fields, remain current, contribute to their company's success, or transition to new opportunities. Classes begin March 28. For more information, click [here](#) or call 310-825-9971.

## Campus Calendar

### March

- 21 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 22 Career Center Internship Workshop
- 29 Study Abroad Info Session  
Women's Well-Being & Resource Fair
- 31 Priority Registration Deadline  
Cherry Blossom Festival  
Celebration of Chicano Culture  
ECC Spring Dance Concert

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



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