



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 Commencement 2012

Dr. Cinna Toy-Wohlmuth, El Camino College graduate and doctor of medicine, will be the guest speaker for the 65th Annual El Camino College Commencement Ceremony.

Dr. Toy-Wohlmuth first attended El Camino College as a high school junior, taking advanced placement classes. She continued as an El Camino College student after graduating from high school and spent the next two years excelling at academics, while participating in a variety of clubs and activities.

After graduating from El Camino College in 1979, Dr. Toy-Wohlmuth transferred to Loma Linda University where she earned a bachelor's degree and a medical degree. She is now Assistant Clinical Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Loma Linda University and the Obstetrics and Gynecology Program Director at White Memorial Medical Center.

Her faculty experience is accented with completing a Fellowship in Educational Leadership at the University



of Southern California, and receiving the National Faculty Award for Excellence in Resident Education in 1998 and 2011. She continues working with organizations that promote academia and medical education, such as the Los Angeles Obstetrical & Gynecological Society (past president), the Pacific Coast Obstetrical & Gynecological Society's Los Angeles Caucus (chair), and the OB GYN Assembly of Southern California (executive committee).

Dr. Toy-Wohlmuth is a recipient of the 2011 El Camino College Distinguished Alumni Award, honored for outstanding achievement in her chosen career and service to the community.

El Camino College Commencement is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. June 8 in Murdock Stadium. A Graduate & Faculty Reception begins at 1:00 pm on the ECC Library Lawn. Parking and admission are free - no reservations required. All are welcome to attend this wonderful celebration of student success. Congratulations to the Class of 2012!

A Celebration of Students: Scholarship Reception

John Twedt travels 100 miles each week to attend El Camino College. He began taking a couple of night classes three years ago while working as a carpenter at ExxonMobil in Torrance. With the economic downturn, he was laid off and began taking more classes.

"I liked El Camino College so much I decided to stay," said John, who plans to transfer to the University of California at Santa Cruz in the fall. "At first I was just looking to learn vocational skills, but I found out it was possible to earn an engineering degree. It is worth it to drive so far each week for this college."

John is one of 424 El Camino College students who will receive a scholarship this academic year. He will be honored for his academic achievements at the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Reception on May 10 at Marsee Auditorium. Melanie Lundquist, alumna

of Los Angeles Valley College and dedicated El Camino College supporter, will be the keynote speaker for the event. More than \$600,000 in scholarships will be distributed in amounts from \$500 to \$4,000 throughout the year to outstanding students.

A record number of students applied for scholarships this year using the online system. This spring also marks the first year that El Camino College will receive a full distribution from the Osher Scholarship Endowment of \$139,000, which will continue each year.

Classified Professional Development Week: May 21-25

Start assembling your team for the Third Annual Team Building Extravaganza, scheduled for Friday, May 25! Participants in the Team Building Activity must register ahead of time, either with two to five team members or as an individual. All participants will receive

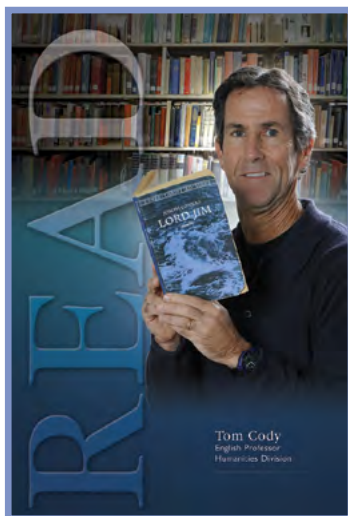
a commemorative T-shirt. Classified Professional Development Week includes a variety of interesting and informative personal and professional development activities, including workshops on fitness, xeriscape gardening and estate planning. Join the fun for a karaoke lunch on Friday, May 25.

Be sure to visit or participate in the Creative Hobby Showcase, where employees will show off their creative side. Are you a quilter, knitter, painter, photographer or other type of craftsman? Share your talent and display some of your masterpieces at this fun event, scheduled for May 22. Please contact the Staff Development Office to reserve your showcase space. We also look forward to Thursday, May 24 for the Faculty & Staff Appreciation Day Reception, an El Camino College tradition where we thank the campus community for their dedication to the college and the students we serve. Everyone is encouraged to participate in Classified Professional Development Week activities!

Go Green: Bike Week!

Are you interested in finding out more about rideshare opportunities for employees? Have you been considering using your bike to get to campus? This presentation is for you! ECC's "Green Team" will present the latest in the Green Bag Lunch Series, featuring "Rideshare/Bike to ECC" from noon to 12:50 p.m. May 10 in the Alondra Room. ECC Police Officer Erick Mendoza will highlight different options available, along with the benefits of ridesharing. Institutional Research Director Irene Graff, an experienced bicycle commuter, will cover the basics of riding to work. This event coincides with Bike Week LA, May 14-18. Please contact Parking Services at extension 3983 to learn more about the ECC Rideshare Program, incentives, and other rideshare information.

READ Poster Celebrities Announced



Congratulations to our new READ poster celebrities who were recently honored at our annual READ Poster

Unveiling in the Library Lobby. Tom Cody, English professor and Irene Graff, Institutional Research director, were selected based on their continued support and use of the library during the past year. Since 2005, the Library has celebrated reading in the month of April by creating posters featuring campus personalities posing with their favorite books. The event is part of the library's annual celebration of National Library Week/Month, and is designed to remind everyone on campus, especially students, of the importance of reading and libraries. Come on by, and check out who is "hanging around" the library!

President Evaluation

The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees invites letters regarding Superintendent/President Thomas M. Fallo's effectiveness during 2011-12, as well as suggestions for the direction the college should take in the upcoming academic year.

This is the annual evaluation time in which the board reviews all suggestions to assist in planning the college's future. Please send your comments marked "confidential" by May 30 to Board President William J. Beverly, in care of Kathy Oswald, in the President's Office. Your comments will be forwarded, unopened, to board members for review.

Campus Calendar

May

- 9 Private and Out-of-State University Fair
- 10 Master Plan Meeting
Green Bag Series; "Rideshare/Bike to ECC"
Scholarship Awards Ceremony & Reception
- 11 Athletic Golf Classic
Last Day to Drop with a "W"
- 11-12 *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- 12 *On Ensemble / Taiko 2.0*
- 14-18 Bike Week
- 14 *Allison A. Armstrong, Speaker*
- 15 Continuing Student Registration Begins
- 16 Citizens' Oversight Committee
Academic Awards &
Presidential Scholars Reception
- 17 Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet
Bike to Work Day
- 18 Art Department Open House
EOPS/CalWORKs/CARE Awards Ceremony
9th Annual Anthropology Student
Research Symposium
UC/CSU Admit Reception
- 18-20 *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
- 19 *Emma Jürgensen Kheradyer, Dance*
- 20 Concert Band
Women's Chorus
- 21 Board of Trustees Meeting
Dance Band
- 21-25 Classified Professional Development Week