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President's

"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."

Classified Professional Development Week

Classified employees from El Camino College and Compton Center participated in the Classified Professional Development week. The week culminated in "Mission Possible" – a fun team-building project where teams were asked to construct the tallest freestanding tower possible, using supplied items such as newspapers, Styro-foam cups, straws, file folders, rubber bands, and a plentiful supply of masking tape. The top three towers were relocated to the Campus Theatre where "The Fab Five" team was awarded the first place medal, followed by "The Wizards" in second place. Teams included staff from El Camino College and Compton Center.



The "Supremes" entertained ECC employees during lunch. Pictured from left to right with President Fallo: Dawn Reid, Regina Smith, Jeanette Magee, and Ann Garten. Also pictured are: Iris Fernandez, Julieta Ortiz, Tom Connolly, Laurie Linka, and Sumino Otsuji, the winning 'Mission Possible' team - the 'Fab Five.'



Student Success

As we approach commencement on June 11, we invite everyone to celebrate the success of our students who are a continual source of pride at El Camino College. Many have received scholarships for their hard work, as well as awards and internships in disciplines, from art to science. At the recent Honors Transfer Program celebration, 79 students received the Award of Academic Excellence for a cumulative GPA of at least 3.75. Academic Awards Night recognized more than 90 students for academic excellence. We are honored to celebrate these achievements. Congratulations to the Class of 2010!

with access to appropriate equipment and technology to better serve students.

The goal in providing this resource is to promote educational excellence through technology to foster innovation, creativity and efficiency.

ECC and Compton Center Faculty to Receive Computers

The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees recently approved funds to purchase computers for full-time faculty at both El Camino College and our Compton Center. The board approved the allocation of funds to purchase laptop computers to provide faculty

Budget News

The Board of Trustees reviewed a \$125 million tentative general fund unrestricted budget for 2010-11. The budget is considered a tentative fiscal plan, as the state has not finalized its 2010-11 revenue allocations for community colleges.

The total general fund unrestricted budget for El Camino College is \$125,049,260 and maintains a reserve above the minimum 6 percent as advised by the state.

The tentative budget does not include a COLA increase for base apportionment revenue. Salary appropriations are based on current staffing plans. Operational appropriations are budgeted at the 2009-10 level; the budget calls for spending \$3.6 million of the general fund reserve to fund operations. A final El Camino College

budget will be presented to the Board at its September meeting, by which time we hope the Legislature and Governor have approved a state budget.

One aspect of the May Revise is the proposal to completely eliminate CalWORKs funding. This impacts our most vulnerable students, who may lose their opportunity for a college education even as we work to maintain access, increase student success and ensure student equity.

The Governor has withdrawn his proposal to suspend the Competitive Cal Grants program and included \$45.5 million to fund new grants in the 2010-11 fiscal year.

As in previous financially difficult times, El Camino College remains committed to offering the best possible academic and support services to our students. We thank everyone for their continued dedication to the college and our students.

ARCC 2010 Report

The recently released [2010 Accountability Report for the Community Colleges](#) (ARCC) shows both improvements and declines among the performance indicators for both El Camino College and ECC Compton Center. Overall, El Camino College has shown improvement across three measures and slight declines on three; one indicator remained stable. Compared to similar colleges, ECC was above average on three of the seven indicators.

Statistics show that El Camino College prepares students well for careers and transfers. In fact, among top California transfer colleges, ECC has the highest percentage admission rate to UCLA. More good news in this area: the Student Progress and Achievement Rate (SPAR) is above the peer group average. While many ECC students continue to complete degrees and transfer, other students take advantage of new skill-based certificates. In 2008-09, certificates awarded increased by 20 percent.

The percentage of students earning at least 30 units is an indicator of students' "staying power" in college and progress toward other goals. This percentage at ECC is below average; however, the college has already taken steps to examine this trend, including a comprehensive class schedule review to identify issues of adequate course offerings. In addition, research has focused recently on evaluating college success programs.

ECC usually performs very well in student persistence, or the percentage enrolled in a sec-

ond full term in a community college. This year's number remains well above average, suggesting that quality curriculum, instruction, and student support services enable students to continue their education.

The Successful Course Completion Rate continues to increase in vocational courses, and is close to the peer group average. The addition of more lower-unit, skill-based certificates may be motivating students to succeed.

The ESL improvement rate remains well above average.

Finally, the latest data shows that the basic skills completion rate experienced a slight uptick while the improvement rate through the basic skills series increased by nearly two points; both rates remain below average. In response, the college continues to explore bold interventions, particularly targeting the third of our students who begin at the basic skills level. Intrusive counseling, teaching that supports participative learning, academic support labs, and college success courses are all underway.

2010 Facilities Master Plan

Take a look at concept proposals for El Camino College's 2010 Facilities Master Plan, presented at a recent open forum. The proposed plan will take us through the year 2020. The "preferred option" features a student-centered campus where academic areas are organized in a unified grouping of buildings connected by landscaped pathways. The proposed plan also focuses on increased green space, with places for students to gather, study and socialize. For details, click [here](#).

CAMPUS CALENDAR

May

- 27 STEM Conference
- 31 Memorial Day Holiday
(Campus Closed)

June

- 4 ECC Fashion Show
ECC Jazz Band
- 5 South Bay Youth Orchestra
Community Choir
- 6 ECC Orchestra
Chorale/Concert Choir
- 7-8 Low Tech Dance Concert
- 8 New Student Registration
- 10 ECC Compton Center
Commencement
- 11 ECC Commencement

