



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 2011-2012!

Welcome to the 2011-2012 academic year. Last week we began the new semester with the annual Flex Day; a great time to regroup and reconnect after what was hopefully an enjoyable summer.

We also greeted more than 1,000 new students last week at New Student Welcome Day. Students participated in tours and workshops and learned about the many El Camino College programs designed to support academic success.

Our students' success is a continual source of inspiration as they work with determination to reach their goals. This past spring, we were proud to award approximately \$350,000 in scholarships to about 325 El Camino College students at the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Reception. We look forward to even more outstanding scholars this fall semester.

Again, welcome to a new academic year. Please remember, the President's office is open every Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. throughout the year if you would like to discuss topics or share good news. May you enjoy a successful, rewarding, and healthy new year.

Accreditation Mid-Term Report

We are preparing for our mid-term accreditation report under the leadership of Jean Shankweiler, dean of Natural Sciences, and Evelyn Uyemura, ESL faculty. All colleges are required to file a mid-term report in the third year after each comprehensive evaluation. A draft will be presented to the Board of Trustees at its September 8 meeting.

The report is due October 15, 2011 to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). The report demonstrates the college's progress on all nine recommendations and self-identified issues from the 2008 Self-Study Report. It has been reviewed and discussed through the appropriate collegial consultation groups at both El Camino College and El Camino College Compton Center. An open forum was held at El Camino College and teleconferenced with El Camino College Compton Center in May 2011 to allow faculty and staff an opportunity to comment on the self-identified issues and recommendations.

Significant progress is seen in the areas of academic planning and we are well-placed to reaffirm our accreditation status.

The Accreditation Steering Committee includes the following members:

- Jeanie Nishime, Vice President, Student and Community Advancement and Accreditation Liaison Officer
- Jean Shankweiler, Dean of Natural Sciences and Accreditation Co-Chair
- Evelyn Uyemura, Humanities Faculty and Accreditation Co-Chair

- Arvid Spor, Dean, Enrollment Services
- Claudia Lee, Interim Associate Dean, Academic Affairs
- Chris Gold, History Faculty and Academic Senate President
- Jo Ann Higdon, Vice President, Administrative Services
- Ed Martinez, Library Faculty
- Julieta Ortiz, Classified Representative, Student and Community Advancement
- Dexter Vaughn, Counseling Faculty
- Matt Hutcherson, Classified Representative, Academic Affairs
- Ruth Roach, English Faculty, El Camino College Compton Center

Budget News

ECC's proposed 2011-12 budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their September 8 meeting. The budget reflects current information available from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. The 2011-12 California State budget may require additional fiscal modifications following the December 15 state revenue calculations.

Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) for the 2011-12 proposed budget is calculated with an enrollment goal of 18,167 FTES. Adjustments to the funded FTES may also result after the State's mid-year budget review. At this time State officials believe the December budget review will require additional reductions to both FTES and the budget.

El Camino College's 2011-12 budget provides \$6 million of deficit funding. The 2011-12 projected balance is \$16.2 million.

An overview of the final proposed budget was presented to the Planning and Budgeting Committee on August 18. The proposed Final Budget will be made available for public inspection beginning August 24, 2011 in the Office of the Vice President of Administrative Services and [online](#).

Renovated Social Science Building Opens



Our newly renovated Social Science Building opened recently with a ribbon cutting celebration, just in time for the new academic year. The \$5.6 million project is one of numerous facilities improvements supported by funds from Measure E, in addition to state funding.

All the building's systems have been completely replaced, with entirely new plumbing, electrical, air-conditioning, fire alarm and data/communications. The elevator was also upgraded to ADA compliance. All 21 classrooms feature a presentation station containing a desk computer, digital document camera, video player, laptop connection, audio amplifier, media switcher, and lavalier microphone – all connected to a wide screen format multimedia projector.

In addition, social science faculty will be the first at the college to use the newly adopted Utology AV Control System in a classroom environment. Technicians will be able to instantly communicate with faculty using video, voice, and chat; remotely diagnose and verify the status of equipment in the room; capture help calls in an integrated ticket system; and remotely control the room.

The building's energy-efficient features include dual pane glazing on the windows, which provide plenty of natural lighting; high efficiency air handlers; and the use of recycled and eco-friendly materials wherever possible.

In other facilities news, work continues on the \$2 million restroom renovation project and the \$11.6 million data conversion project, which will connect all campus buildings to the new



electrical substation and provide an expanded data network. Work was recently completed on the Campus Signage and Wayfinding Project, providing new location and directional signs posted throughout campus.

Please check out our [current map](#) for construction information, sidewalk and road closures. It will be updated as new information becomes available.

ECC Completes Historic Scholarship Endowment Campaign; Osher Initiative Reports a Successful Finish



A historic fundraising campaign for the largest-ever scholarship endowment for a community college system in the nation's history recently came to a successful end. More than \$66.5 million was raised for the California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment, enough to fund at least 3,325 full scholarships every year, in perpetuity.

At El Camino College, Osher funds raised exceeded the original goal of \$973,977, for a total of \$1,630,159. The fundraising, including El Camino College Compton Center, will be matched by the Osher Foundation for a total of \$2,445,338, which will be permanently endowed for scholarships. The endowment will generate \$122,000 annually to fund at least 122 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each.

This past May at the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Reception, 13 new "named" \$1,000 Osher scholarships were added; 37 ECC students received Osher scholarships this year.

Campus Calendar

September

- 5 Labor Day Holiday (Campus Closed)
- 6 First Day to Apply for
Fall Graduation and Certificates
- 8 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 9 Add Period Ends
Last Day to Drop and be Eligible for a Refund
- 12-15 Club Rush
- 23 Last Day to Drop w/out Note on Permanent Record