



# 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.*

## *Coach Featherstone Honored*

Congratulations to Coach John Featherstone who was honored with a resolution from the El Camino Board of Trustees in recognition of his career accomplishments. Coach Featherstone recently celebrated his 200th victory as Warrior football head coach. John accepted the accolades on behalf of all outstanding student-athletes, assistant coaches, faculty, and staff who contributed to the successful ECC football program.

John's affiliation with the El Camino College football program began with his time as a student-athlete (1967-1968), and includes his ECC coaching career, which began in 1985. Now in his 26th season, John recently secured his 200th victory coaching Warrior football.

After graduating from El Camino College, John earned a bachelor's degree in journalism with a minor in physical education in 1970 and a master's degree in physical education in 1973, both from San Diego State University. John's commitment to



*Coach Featherstone and his daughters Ivy and Keegan.*

education and student success extends to helping numerous players secure scholarships each year to continue their academic and athletic endeavors at the university level.

## **Grant Funding Exceeds \$9.7 Million in 2011**

In the past three months, El Camino College has received approximately \$8.6 million new grant funding to help students reach their academic goals. The recent funds are part of an overall \$11.7 million in grants received by El Camino College in 2011. Fall grants include:

**National Science Foundation (NSF) Achievement Scholarships in Engineering, Mathematics and Science:** This federal grant will provide 122 scholarships to academically talented, low-income students pursuing degrees in STEM disciplines. Qualified students will be eligible to receive scholarships for two years of academic study at ECC and a scholarship upon transferring to a four-year university. **\$598,550 over five years**

**Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement Program (MESA) - Fund for Student Success:** MESA Community College Program (MCCP), part of the MESA Undergraduate Program, provides support to community college students who are majoring in math or science. Assistance is offered in academics and in transferring to four-year institutions. <http://www.elcamino.edu/academics/mathsciences/mesa/>. **\$50,500 for one year**

**State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Grant Pilot Program: Center for International Trade Development (CITD):** The goal of the California STEP project is to deliver export promotion activities, targeting 700 California small and medium size companies with a projected outcome of \$25 million in new exports. ECC's funding is part of a California Community Colleges grant of \$2.54 million from the U.S. Small Business Administration that will be used to in-

crease California's small business export market share and create more jobs in the year ahead. <http://www.californiastep.org/>. **\$106,896 for one year**

**Economic and Workforce Development Program, Responsive Training Fund: Center for International Trade Development (CITD):** The Responsive Training Fund program enables colleges to provide short-term, intensive training for incumbent workers in identified Strategic Priority Areas as well as other local impact sectors. The El Camino College CITD has partnered with the Los Angeles Customs Broker and Freight Forwarders Association (LACBFFA) to support our existing International Trade Compliance Institute, an extensive training program on international trade regulations. <http://www.elcaminocitd.org>. **\$234,730 for one year**

**Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM):** Funding from this grant will provide support to Hispanic and low-income students transferring in STEM fields. Goals include increasing the number of STEM degrees awarded and increasing the number of students who transfer in STEM majors to four-year colleges and universities. Plans also include centralizing, expanding and strengthening academic and student support services for STEM students. <http://www.elcamino.edu/academics/stem/index.asp>. **\$869,627 in year one, \$4.34 million over five years**

**Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math STEM, partnership with Mount St. Mary's College:** This federal grant, secured in partnership with Mount St. Mary's College, is designed to enhance curricula and support for Hispanic, female and low-income students in the STEM disciplines. The grant also will also provide tutoring programs and summer workshops to support and retain first- and second-year students in STEM areas. ECC's funding is part of a grant of \$6 million awarded to Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles. **\$251,800 in year one; \$1.35 million over five years**

**California IT & Advanced Manufacturing Career Pathways Project, H-1B Technical Skills Training Grants:** This project will offer certification and/or industry credentials in information technology (IT) and advanced manufacturing to up-skill and advance incumbent workers climbing a successful career pathway, as well as re-employ displaced workers by providing skills to demonstrate proficiency in rap-

idly changing, globally competitive technology fields. Through this program, employers will get the skilled workers they need, and students will be equipped with the necessary knowledge, skills, and abilities to succeed in new and emerging occupations in high-growth industries. ECC's funding is part of a grant of \$5M awarded to the California Manufacturers and Technology Association (CMTA). **\$2 million over four years**

## Scholarship News

The annual El Camino College Scholarship Program is off to a strong start! Since the program opened November 2, the scholarship office has been busy with activity. Many students have begun the application process. The number of students accessing the online application has already doubled versus this time last year.

Students were first notified about the scholarship application period opening via their ECC email. Stories promoting the scholarship program in college publications such as *ECC Matters* and *President's News* followed, in addition to several posts on the ECC Facebook page and Twitter. A notice also appears prominently in the "ECC Highlights" section of the college's website, which links directly to the [scholarship Web page](#). Of course, passing along the news in person is always effective, and we thank everyone for their contributions in the collegewide effort to help spread the word about our outstanding scholarship program.

The ECC Scholarship Program is an important part of the college's efforts to increase student success. There is still time to apply! Scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,000 and may be used to help pay for tuition, books and fees. This past May, approximately \$350,000 in scholarships was awarded to about 325 El Camino College students. Applications are available online via *MyECC*, and are due February 29, 2012.

## Spring Flex Day

Spring 2011 Flex Day is set for February 8. The day begins with morning refreshments and check-in from 8:00-9:00 a.m., followed by a general session and division/department meetings. Optional workshops will be offered following lunch. We look forward to seeing everyone at Spring Flex Day, a time to meet up with colleagues after the winter recess and get ready for the new semester.