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## El Camino College Foundation Gains 10 New Members

The El Camino College Foundation recently added 10 new members to its board of directors to help further its mission to develop community relationships and raise funds to support student success.

"I am looking forward to working with the El Camino College Foundation Board," said El Camino College President Dena P. Maloney, who is also a new Foundation board member. "We have a dynamic group of individuals, committed to helping students succeed and advancing the mission of El Camino College."

New members of the El Camino College Foundation Board of Directors include:

Debra Breckheimer, ECC faculty member; ECC alumna

Gino DiGregorio, partner, Accenture Management Consulting

Kristy Gittings, CPA, Welch & Co.; ECC alumna

John Hahn, vice president, U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management; ECC alumnus

Joe Hibbitt, senior IT (Oracle) consultant, Embie Technical Solutions

Dena P. Maloney, superintendent/president, El Camino Community College District

Nicole Mardesich, ECC Board of Trustees and Foundation student representative

Ann O'Brien, director of marketing communications, Torrance Memorial Medical Center; ECC alumna

Faviola Ochoa, public affairs manager, Southern California Gas Co.

Jeff Sarmiento, manager, Kinecta, retail banking

The El Camino College Foundation is a 501c3 charitable organization established in 1983. The ECC Foundation raises funds that provide financial assistance for students through scholarships, textbooks and other programs. Each spring, 500 scholarships totaling more than \$550,000 are awarded to incoming high school students, students attending El Camino College, and students transferring to four-year colleges and universities.

In addition to the scholarship program, the ECC Foundation supports STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), faculty innovation, and division programs at El Camino College, as well as creates partnerships within the local business community. The Foundation Board also generates support for the South Bay Promise Program, and has established a goal this year to expand the Promise to additional students in the El Camino College service area.

The board of directors comprises individuals representing various constituencies of the South Bay community. They provide fiscal oversight and management of the organization's assets and investments. The El Camino College Foundation and the board of directors are instrumental in providing a foundation model that has been replicated on other California community college campuses.

For more information about the El Camino College Foundation: <a href="http://www.elcamino.edu/foundation/">http://www.elcamino.edu/foundation/</a>.