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## **El Camino College Foundation to Establish New Scholarships**

The El Camino College Foundation recently announced its new Foundation Scholarship Program, offering an unprecedented amount of scholarships for deserving students.

In an effort to meet the needs of El Camino College's diverse student population, the scholarship program will include 80 new scholarships this year, for a total first-year distribution of \$100,000. Annual scholarships will range from \$500 to \$1,500; multi-year scholarships will cover \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year. The substantial scholarships will assist, and in many cases, fully cover tuition, fees and textbooks – setting the Foundation Scholarship Program apart from any other.

“This program is ground-breaking – and unlike all others because a deserving student who is awarded one of these scholarships could actually have all educational costs paid for while attending El Camino College,” said Dr. Thomas M. Fallo, president of El Camino College. “With the financial burden removed, students can really concentrate on their studies and their future career.

“We are grateful for the generosity of our supporters who made these scholarships possible.”

A reception to launch the Foundation Scholarship Program is scheduled for 6 p.m. Nov. 16 in the El Camino College Planetarium. The event will serve to thank and recognize donors who have supported the Foundation throughout the year, and whose generosity made the scholarship program possible. Additionally, special recognition will go to the individual donors who have stepped forward to establish named scholarships (minimum of \$10,000) which are an integral part of the program.

After the program, guests will be invited into the planetarium for a 30-minute planetarium viewing conducted by El Camino College professor David Vakil.

The El Camino College Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a mission to enhance El Camino College's ability to excel in providing educational opportunities to its diverse community and students by promoting the college, identifying and developing community resources, and building internal and external partnerships.

The Foundation Scholarship Program falls right into step with the Foundation's mission – supporters plan for this dynamic program to grow each year, in order to help an even greater number of El Camino College students.