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El Camino College Dean Given First Amendment Award

An El Camino College dean was recently named one of six administrators statewide to receive a First Amendment Award from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC).

Tom Lew, dean of the humanities division at El Camino College, was nominated by the El Camino College journalism department in recognition of his extraordinary administrative support for the campus journalism program, and for community college journalism in general.

During his tenure, the journalism program at El Camino College has grown to include two full-time faculty members, three part-time faculty members, and has developed two successful online courses, making it one of the largest journalism departments in the state.

Working with JACC officials, Lew conducted a workshop at a faculty conference recently, where he discussed enrollment from the view of administration and offered ideas to JACC members for boosting enrollment on their campuses.

JACC has 65 member community colleges; its executive board consists of both students and faculty. The organization conducts workshops, seminars, and competitions each year.

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