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El Camino College Receives \$3.5 million Grant to Assist Math Students

El Camino College recently was awarded a five-year, \$3.5 million grant in partnership with Santa Monica College to help improve student math skills.

The cooperative Title V grant was granted by the U.S. Department of Education and will be used to increase student success in all developmental mathematics courses, as well as in select transferable mathematics courses.

"This grant is awarded in an area that our students really need," said El Camino College President Thomas M. Fallo. "Research shows that students need more help in basic math concepts, and funds from this grant will help us address those needs."

The "Course Cohort Project" at El Camino College will create student-centered classroom experiences designed to lead to greater student success in math. After five years, each course cohort will possess a rich collection of tested student-centered activities focused on increasing student success and retention.

Each of the two colleges will receive \$300,000 a year for five years to support the math programs. The programs created from grant funding are expected to reach more than 1,000 students at El Camino College and Santa Monica College.