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El Camino College to Sponsor Planetarium Show & Telescope Viewing

The El Camino College astronomy department will sponsor a free planetarium show and telescope viewing session, starting at 6:30 p.m. April 21. The event will begin in the campus planetarium, followed by a telescope viewing session on the roof of the math building starting at approximately 8 p.m., weather permitting. The event is free and open to the public.

Early arrivals will also be treated to an “early bird” planetarium show for El Camino College employees, their families and any early arrivals. This show will begin at 5 p.m.

The highlight of the show will be images provided by a brand new, state-of-the-art GOTO Chronos projector recently installed in the college planetarium. The nearly \$400,000 projector was purchased with funds from El Camino College’s facilities bond (Measure E) and replaces the previous 35-year-old Spitz projector.

The new projector is widely considered the best in its class, showing accurate and sharp images of the night sky. Stars, planets, the Milky Way, and the moon are all visible at a moment’s notice.

For those who have wondered what the Los Angeles night sky would look like if there were no light pollution, or which constellations are visible in the spring night sky, this show will answer such questions. Participants will also be able to discern stars from planets in the night sky, and can get a glimpse at how the sky will look like in 10,000 years from now.

The view of Saturn is expected to be spectacular this evening. All are welcome to come enjoy the skies, both the way the ancients did and in ways they could only dream about.

The El Camino College planetarium is located on campus, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, near the intersection of Crenshaw and Manhattan Beach boulevards.

For more information, call 310-660-3134.

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