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El Camino College Journalism Students Win Top Awards

El Camino College journalism students recently won 27 awards at a competition at California State University, Fullerton, sponsored by the Journalism Association of Community Colleges.

In both mail-in and on-the-spot events, students from the college newspaper and magazine were honored with general excellence honors along with several first-place awards in news writing, column writing, page design, magazine feature and opinion writing and profile coverage. Students from 31 area community colleges attended the event.

El Camino College students honored with first-place awards include: Anna Mavromati, David Saunders, Jeremiah Dobruck, Matt Lopez, Sylvia Madsua, Jaena Cabrera, Nancy Ponder and Sara O'Connell.

The newspaper, *the Union*, was commended for its coverage of the historic agreement between El Camino College and Compton Center; and for its special pages. The campus magazine, "Warrior Life," received many top honors, including a general excellence commendation.

The conference followed the student newspaper's first national award of the year; the Oct. 18 edition was named one of the top three "Best in Show" publications at the Associated Collegiate Press Convention in Washington, D.C., where it also received a regional Pacemaker award as one of the top 15 community college newspapers in the nation. Twelve students and two advisers from El Camino College attended the convention.

Editors of the honored publications are Lopez, Dobruck and Saunders. Advisers are Jolene Combs, Lori Medigovich and Kate McLaughlin.