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El Camino College Honors Transfer Program Students Win Awards

El Camino College Honors Transfer Program (HTP) students recently made presentations and won several awards at the statewide Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) Student Research Conference at UC Irvine. Fourteen El Camino College students participated in this conference, most of whom gave oral presentations on research topics. In addition, El Camino College students received four out of 20 awards presented to students from all over the state.

Students John Bacolores and Elise Yerelian received the Outstanding Abstract Awards at the conference, and Nancy Tripathi and John Bacolores received the Exceptional Achievement Awards. Bacolores was the only student to receive both awards in the statewide conference.

Dr. Jean Shankweiler, El Camino College chemistry professor and interim dean of the Natural Sciences Division, was the distinguished guest of honor at this conference. The prestigious Director's Scholarship, created to recognize and reward student excellence, also honors each year a vital director who is a member of the Honors Transfer Council of California.

This year, the honor went to Dr. Shankweiler, who organized the first HTCC conference, effectively changing the lives of thousands of students. Dr. Shankweiler's presidency was characterized by growth for the HTCC and the implementation of new technology.

Dr. Shankweiler is well known for her dedication to student success. She served four years as director of the El Camino College Honors Transfer Program and served as president of the Honors Transfer Council of California. A leader in her department, Dr. Shankweiler has secured many grants for equipment and software, and is a dedicated mentor to part-time faculty.

"We are extremely proud of the performance shown by our Honors Transfer Program students, and especially proud of the work Dr. Shankweiler has performed at El Camino College through the years," said Thomas M. Fallo, president of El Camino College.

The HTP conference was sponsored by the Honors Transfer Council of California in order to give community college students a unique opportunity to present their

undergraduate research in a university setting and to have their abstracts printed in a university publication.

The El Camino College HTP is led by director Joseph Holliday, and offers a unique learning environment which stresses scholastic excellence. The major objective of the program is to better prepare highly-motivated students for transfer to a university by focusing on enhanced writing, reading and study skills. Program benefits include: priority registration, academic and social interaction with other highly motivated students, smaller class sizes, designation of HTP on El Camino College transcripts/degrees, and enrichment seminars.

Participation in the recent conference was supported by the El Camino College Foundation. El Camino College faculty members Rodolfo Otero, Amy Himsel, and Steve Leonelli attended and assisted the HTP team at the conference.

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