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El Camino College to Award $210,000 in Scholarships

El Camino College will celebrate the academic achievement of 181 students at the El Camino College Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Reception scheduled for 6:30 p.m. April 24 in the Marsee Auditorium. About $210,000 in scholarships will be distributed.

New awards this year are the Virginia and Thomas Riddle Scholarships – 12 separate $2,000 scholarships given to students across all disciplines. The Warren E. Ford Scholarships are also new this year, with awards to both a nursing student and a chemistry student.

“As we celebrate the accomplishments our students, we are also proud of the scope of our scholarship program," said Dr. Thomas M. Fallo, president of El Camino College. “We are extremely grateful for our supporters who made these scholarships possible.”

With many of these scholarships, students will receive financial assistance that in many cases will fully cover tuition, fees and textbooks.

Many donors pledged their support to create “named scholarships” which reward hard-working students with a drive to succeed. Named scholarships for this year include: Paula Carabelli Memorial Scholarship, Warren E. Ford Chemistry Scholarship, Warren E. Ford High School Nursing Scholarship, Louis and Susan Garcia Memorial Scholarship, Dr. Robert Haag Memorial Scholarship, Dr. Olive Hall Scholarship, Dr. Nadine Ishitani Hata Memorial Scholarship, Kinecta Federal Credit Union Scholarship, Dr. Stuart and Audrey Marsee Scholarship, Joe Boyd Noble Memorial Scholarship, Margaret and Philip Pelland Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Virginia and Thomas Riddle Scholarships, Verizon Scholarship, and the White Family Scholarship for Fine Arts.

Mr. Ford, a former chemistry teacher at El Camino College, is one of several donors with a professional connection to the college. Dr. Hall, Dr. Hata, Dr. Marsee, Dr. Haag, and Mr. Turner were administrators/faculty members whose many years of dedication to the campus carry on through these scholarships. Other donors, such as the Pelland Family and the White Family, made major bequests to the college in their wills, demonstrating the value they place on education in our community.

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