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El Camino College Receives Nearly \$3.5 Million in Grants

El Camino College recently announced that three separate grants totaling nearly \$3.5 million were awarded to a variety of college programs to better serve students.

Funding includes: a \$1.7 million Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) grant; a five-year, \$1.4 million dollar grant from the Department of Health and Human Services; and a \$386,700 grant from the State Chancellor's Office to the El Camino College Business Training Center.

"These grants will enable the college to provide additional assistance to the students we serve and will go a long way to strengthen our existing outstanding programs," said El Camino College President Thomas M. Fallo.

The \$1.7 million STEM grant was awarded to the Mathematical Sciences, Natural Sciences, and the Industry and Technology divisions and is sponsored by the 2008 College Cost Reduction and Access Act (CCRAA), Title V Hispanic Serving Institution for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields. The project is designed to strengthen STEM programs to increase the number of students attaining degrees in these fields, as well as increase the number of students who successfully transfer to universities to pursue degrees in these fields.

A \$1.4 million grant to the El Camino College Childhood Education Department is from the Department of Health and Human Services and will be used to recruit current and prospective Head Start Teachers in the El Camino College and El Camino College Compton Center areas, and to strengthen the childhood education programs at both campuses. This grant will also have teams working to train and educate early childhood educators to work with English language learners and children with special needs. In addition, student participants will receive help in obtaining Child Development Permits and associate and bachelor's degrees.

The El Camino College Business Training Center received \$386,700 from the State Chancellor's Office to implement a California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) Project to recruit, assess, and provide student learning assistance courses and student support services to help students pass the CAHSEE. The program will operate from three different locations: Inglewood Center, Compton Center and El Camino College, and is designed to create and improve non-credit instruction for students by partnering with area high schools and offering support in coursework and in preparing for the exam.

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