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El Camino College Students Given Tools, Encouragement from Nissan Foundation

El Camino College students and instructors in the Women in Technology (WIT) program were recently honored for their accomplishments at a Nissan Foundation Tool Kit Presentation Luncheon.

Ten El Camino College students were given tools to pursue their studies in automotive technology, computer electronics and hardware, machine tool technology, manufacturing technology and welding. Students include: Stacy Ramirez Avila, Monica Bacelis, Arcelia Gonzalez, Christina Nickerson, Marlinda Quesada, Monica Reyes, Nancy Reyes, Michelle Renee Trice, Caryn Yokota, and Kristine Woo.

"I feel like I found my place, finally. I have had three majors so far, looking for what suits me the best," said Yakota, a tool box recipient and a WIT student. "With welding, this is what I feel like I can do for the rest of my life and be happy."

This follows six tool kits that were handed out to students this past spring. The program, sponsored by the Nissan Foundation, supports women in the WIT program who have completed at least nine units at El Camino College or El Camino College Compton Center.

In addition, the "Hard Hat Award" was presented to instructors who are dedicated to helping women achieve their goals in non-traditional careers: Steve Cocca, Sam Dantzler, Lynn Fielding, Curtis Garrett, Hiram Hironaka, Fred Lamm, John Lewis, Charles Owens, George Rodriguez, John Ruggirello, and Ken Zion were all recipients.

The El Camino College Women in Technology program supports women who want to pursue non-traditional careers by providing a forum for guest speakers, lectures, and industry tours. Students view non-traditional employment from a practical, hands-on, interactive stance. Counseling, peer support group, tutoring and child care are also available. For more information, contact 310-660-6780.

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