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## **El Camino College Foundation Increases Funds, Scholarships to Students**

The El Camino College Foundation recently announced that more students are receiving scholarships, and more funds are being allocated toward helping students succeed.

According to recently released figures, the Foundation Scholarship Program funded last year approximately 241 scholarships totaling \$220,000, a 100 percent increase in the number of scholarships awarded and a 77 percent increase in the dollars awarded from 2007.

With many of these scholarships, El Camino College students receive financial assistance that will fully cover tuition, fees and textbooks.

"This is great news that even in these difficult economic times, our Foundation and its supporters are finding ways to support students, just when it is needed most," said El Camino College President Thomas M. Fallo.

Funding from the college's Madden endowment fund totaled \$171,703 – a significant 154 percent increase in funding over last year's average. College programs supported by this funding include: \$22,389 for Radiological Technology curriculum materials, lab equipment and attendance at an annual conference; \$30,814 to Library Resources for books, periodicals, and nursing databases; and \$118,500 for Nursing Department conference attendance, hosting the Ella Rosa Madden Oncology Conference, and a new nursing simulation lab.

The Ella Rose Madden Simulation Lab, or "sim lab," as it is called, opened this past fall and features high fidelity mannequins that mimic the human body. Last summer, crews worked to transform the nursing department into a simulated hospital, complete with nursing stations and a central supply area.

The nursing program at El Camino College is one of the largest in California and boasts a pass rate on the national licensing examination averaging above 95 percent. Graduates earn an associate degree and are prepared for entry into the healthcare field as a registered nurse.

The El Camino College Foundation also awarded \$81,402 in faculty grants and continues to raise funds to fulfill its mission of supporting student success.

For more information on the El Camino College Foundation, contact 310-660-3593, Ext. 6040.

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