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El Camino College to Celebrate Classified Staff with Fourth Annual Electric Cart Parade

El Camino College staff members are getting their electric carts in gear and getting ready for the Fourth Annual El Camino College Electric Cart Parade. On April 3, staff members at El Camino College will show off their creative side as they decorate the college's basic service carts and transform them into moveable works of art. The fun begins at 11:30 a.m.

Pirates, surfers, golfers and wild animals – last year's Electric Cart Parade had it all. Of course, what would a wacky parade be without an appearance from Elvis? He was there, too, taking care of business.

The imaginative event is part of El Camino College's annual Classified Professional Development Day, inspired by Pasadena's madcap "Doo Dah Parade." In keeping with the theme, original trophies are made from tin cans, everyone becomes a winner, and the rest is history.

"This is a great day for professional growth for our staff, as well as an enjoyable time for us to come together, have some fun, and celebrate our creativity," said El Camino College President Thomas M. Fallo.

Classified Development Day also includes lunch on the Library Lawn and a presentation from Billy Riggs, a motivational speaker, magician and "edutainer."

Past parade entries have covered it all, from the wild to the wacky. Campuswide, groups or divisions team up to design, accessorize and build the cart creation of their dreams.

Last year, the spectacular "Alice in Wonderland" electric cart from the two-time champion Financial Aid Department swept both the First Place and the People's Choice awards. Complete with Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, the Queen of Hearts and a handful of playing cards (hearts, of course), the entry even had the famous Alice and the Mad Hatter.