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South Bay High School Students Participate in Free Summer Science/Math Program at El Camino College

Rohan Vohra spent part of his summer at El Camino College, enrolled in a geometry program that took the mathematical concepts out of the classroom and into the real world.

Rohan, a Mira Costa High School sophomore, participated in the new Geometry Young Scholars (GYS) Program, open to high school students concurrently enrolled in Geometry Math 60 at El Camino College.

"I wanted to get ahead in my studies at Mira Costa," said Rohan, adding that the summer courses still allowed time for the beach and basketball. "This class has been a good way to prepare for my sophomore year."

The exciting new El Camino College summer program was designed to promote an interest in science, technology, engineering, and math careers for high school students. Students have access to group and personalized tutoring/study sessions; presentations by inspiring speakers from relevant math and science fields; college readiness and career workshops; and field trips to locations such as NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, UCLA, and Northrop Grumman Space Park.

"This class not only helped with my geometry studies, but I also learned about different fields such as engineering," said Lori Wright, a sophomore at King Drew Magnet High School. "I have an interest in bio-medical studies and this class has definitely prepared me for college work one day."

Funded by a U.S. Department of Education Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Grant, the STEM project aims to increase the number of students pursuing and succeeding in STEM disciplines at El Camino College, transferring in STEM majors to four-year universities, or entering a related workforce. Students met twice a week through July 30 at El Camino College, with field trips scheduled on selected Fridays.

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