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## El Camino College Journalism Students Win 16 Awards at Regional Conference

The El Camino College journalism department won 16 awards at the recent Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) Southern California Regional Conference at California State University, Fullerton. Of the 16 awards, the *Union* newspaper won a General Excellence Award, and six were on-the-spot awards.

Approximately 415 students from 35 community colleges attended the event. Students competed in on-the-spot writing, editing, designing and photography competitions. In addition, about 50 workshops led by professional journalists were available to students, covering various aspects of journalism such as news writing, feature writing, sports photography, multimedia journalism and page design.

In the mail-in competition, first place went to Caitlin Martin and Megan Taros for enterprise story/series. Honorable mention awards were given to: Nate Leathers, column writing; Phillip Zymet, opinion story; Pearl Sheets, opinion story; Tony Pinto, photo illustration; and Jessica Ramirez, profile feature story.

In the magazine mail-in competition, *Warrior Life* students won the following awards: second place for magazine feature story went to Ray Ontiveros; first place for magazine profile went to P.J. Ramiro; and a fourth place for magazine opinion story was awarded to Miyu Kataoka.

In the on-the-spot competition, student winners include: Jose Gonzalez, first place for editorial cartoon; Biljana Milasin, first place for feature photo; Toney Fernandez, fourth place for feature photo; Fernando Jimenez, second place, sports photo; Maria Gonzalez, fourth place for news judgment/layout design; and Erika Maldonado, honorable mention for news story.

This past spring, the El Camino College journalism program won the Pacesetter Award for the first time in nine years, at the JACC annual convention in Sacramento.

The Pacesetter, given to colleges that “set the pace” for the rest, was awarded to only five of the 55 California colleges attending the convention. Participating colleges brought more than 600 students and faculty to the convention that included dozens of workshops covering all aspects of journalism as well as on-the-spot writing, editing, designing, and photography competitions.

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