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El Camino College Teacher Education Program to Sponsor Third Annual Conference for Future Teachers

El Camino College's Teacher Education Program (TEP) will sponsor its Third Annual Conference for Future Teachers from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 30 on the Torrance-area campus, 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard.

The conference is titled "Bridging the Gap: the Teachers We Need," and will feature three strands of workshops focusing on three high-needs areas: Special Education, Math and Science, and Career and Technical Education. In addition, teachers from area schools will be on hand to offer tips on being successful educators in their respective fields, such as preschool, elementary, special education, middle school, and high school.

One of the workshops will feature author and educational reformer Jonathan Mooney who will also sign copies of his book "The Short Bus: A Journey Beyond Normal." Mooney will present his unique perspective on working with students with learning disabilities. Another workshop by ECC instructor Steve Cocca covers on hands-on teaching and will show participants how to create a projects-based curriculum for career/technical courses.

In addition, participants will enjoy a demonstration from the Torrance Unified School District high school robotics team TORBOTS.

Other workshop topics include: a special education panel, Reflective Teaching for Math and Science, credentialing in special education, science, math and CTE.

Reservations are required; there are no registration fees, but a \$10 donation is requested and will go toward the TEP's education service project for area elementary schools. The donation is payable at the door. The event is also sponsored by Seeds Head Start Career Advancement Partnership, the CTE Teacher Pipeline program, and CDC WORKs!

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