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El Camino College MESA Students Secure MESA- NSF Scholarships

Seven El Camino College MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) students recently won prestigious National Science Foundation scholarships, totaling \$81,500. The scholarships will be used to help pay for college expenses.

“Transfer Ready” scholarships, each for \$10,500, went to: Luis Carranza, an electrical engineering major from Gardena who plans to transfer to UCLA; Esteban Flores, a mechanical engineering major from Los Angeles who will transfer to USC; and Fernando Reyes, a Hawthorne resident, who will transfer to Cal Poly Pomona to major in electrical engineering.

In addition, “Rising Sophomore” scholarships of \$12,500 each were awarded to Kemberly Harry, of Gardena, a mechanical engineering major; Eduardo Mendez, of Wilmington, also a mechanical engineering major; Daniela Moreno-Lopez, a Torrance resident and computer engineering major; and Ernesto Sosa, a bio-engineering major from Torrance.

The MESA California Community College Transfer Scholarship Consortium administers this scholarship program funded by the National Science Foundation. Students are awarded based on academic performance, leadership, MESA involvement and financial need. All of the students are transferring to four-year colleges or universities that also have a MESA program. Eligibility for the NSF-MESA S-STEM program is open to students from 30 MESA Community College programs in California.

The MESA Program at El Camino College provides mathematics, engineering and science academic enrichment. The program promotes academic excellence that supports successful transfer to four-year institutions in mathematics-based majors.

Currently MESA has programs in 33 of California’s 110 community colleges and serves less than one half a percent of the one million full-time community college students in the state. Yet, MESA students account for 10 percent of all Latino STEM transfers, 13 percent of all African American STEM transfers and 20 percent of all Native American STEM transfers in California. One hundred percent of MESA community college students who transfer to four-year institutions pursue STEM majors.

For more information, go to www.elcamino.edu/academics/mathsciences/mesa/.

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