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El Camino College Schedules “New Student Welcome Day”

All new full-time, first-time students at El Camino College are invited to attend the Fifth Annual New Student Welcome Day, an orientation event designed to welcome students and ease them into college life.

The free orientation is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 25 and will offer students a chance to tour the campus; get a photo ID; meet counselors and professors; and buy textbooks at the El Camino College Bookstore. To register, students should go to <http://www.elcamino.edu/student-services/co/welcome.asp>.

A personal greeting will welcome students, with presentations from El Camino College President Thomas M. Fallo as well as the Associated Students Organization (ASO) president and counselors.

“We welcome everyone to our campus and hope that this New Student Welcome Day will make our new students and their families feel at home at El Camino College,” said President Fallo.

The fifth-annual event came from a brainstorming session within the ASO. Student leaders decided that a welcome event would help new students feel connected to their new school, and ease the transition to the college environment.

Student Maria Gutierrez remembers her first time at New Student Welcome Day as a turning point where she started to feel comfortable at El Camino College.

“The best part about the day is that you get all the information you need, so by the time you get there on the first day of classes, you are not scared or nervous,” added Gutierrez, now a student worker in the counseling department who is helping the planning committee.

“The student panels were also my favorite – students were there and they told us straight out how it was going to be in college. It made me realize how many things I had to do in order to be successful in school. Yes, there is time for friends and other things, but you also have to dedicate time for classes and homework to get things done.”

Gutierrez went on to become president of Puente, an ECC support program that supports students transferring to four-year colleges and universities. She plans to transfer next year to California State University, Dominguez Hills and become an elementary school teacher.

Participants at New Student Welcome Day will also learn about the resources available at El Camino College, and attend workshops covering topics such as college career planning, choosing a major, transferring to a university, and financial aid. Lunch is also provided to participants on a first-come, first-served basis with lunchtime music provided by radio station 97.1 AMP FM.

Free parking is available in Lot L. Students can register at:
www.elcamino.edu/studentservices/co/welcome.asp.

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