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El Camino College Engineering Student to Participate in JPL Internship

El Camino College engineering student Fernando Reyes has been accepted into a prestigious JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory) internship program. Reyes, an electrical engineering major, will participate in the JPL SIRI (Student Independent Research Intern) program this spring.

Reyes is an active member of El Camino College's Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement Program (MESA). This organization provides support to students who are majoring in math or science so they excel academically and transfer to four-year institutions. He plans to transfer this fall to Cal Poly Pomona, and will continue his studies in electrical engineering.

"I am very excited for this amazing internship opportunity that was presented to me and am thankful for the support of MESA that made this opportunity possible," Reyes said. "I cannot put into words the future impact that this internship will have on my education and life – JPL will open the doors to a better future."

The SIRI program was created in 2003 to offer college students the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in scientific research and engineering while they are in the early stages of their higher education and career plans.

Reyes will work on the research project: NEXUS: A Network Testbed for Future Spacecraft Interconnects with a mentor, gaining real-life work experiences. The project will investigate a scalable interconnect networking technology for future spacecraft avionics systems. Reyes will help develop and implement a testbed, benchmark and document the findings.

For more information about the El Camino College MESA program, contact Arturo Hernandez at 310-660-3887 or e-mail mesa@elcamino.edu.

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