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El Camino College Seeks Nominations for 2010 Women of Distinction Award

Members of the Women's History Month Committee at El Camino College are seeking nominees for the 2010 Women of Distinction Award.

The "Women of Distinction Award" recognizes outstanding women from the El Camino College area, honoring them for their contributions to the community. Honorees are selected by the committee each year during March – Women's History Month.

Award nominations can be made by friends, family, and colleagues; or individuals may nominate themselves. Nominees will be judged for their contributions in one or more of the following areas:

- Professional accomplishments
- Leadership and/or mentorship
- Social, educational, or health services

Those nominated must also live or work in the communities within the El Camino Community College District: El Segundo, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Lawndale, Lennox, Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Torrance. The nomination deadline is March 12.

The leaders will be honored at the annual Women's Wall of Fame Program set for March 23. Their accomplishments also will be featured on the El Camino College Women's Wall of Fame throughout the year and their names will be engraved on a plaque that remains on the wall permanently.

A variety of Women's History Month events are planned through March. The overarching theme for March 2010 is: "Writing Women Back into History," in celebration of Women's History Month's 30th Anniversary.

"Domestic Violence Awareness Week" starts the week of March 15 and will feature a screening of "Sin by Silence," an emotionally packed documentary that examines the stories of women incarcerated for reacting to abuse. The film runs from 1-2 p.m. March 16 in the library's distance education room and shows how these women have learned from their past and advocate for a future free from domestic violence.

A "Domestic Violence Panel," led by Andrea Welsing-Lowery, a retired Torrance Police Department lieutenant and counselor Michael Hertica, will conduct a follow-up discussion of the film "Sin by Silence" and discuss general domestic violence issues from 1-2 p.m. March 18 in the library's distance education room.

A Women in Non-Traditional Careers Panel is scheduled from 1-2 p.m. March 17 in the library's distance education room. Many fields will be represented, including: geology, underwater welding, production management, law enforcement, and photography.

For a full list of El Camino College Women's History Month events, go to <http://www.elcamino.edu/whm.asp>, or call 310-660-3868.

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