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El Camino College to Host Meeting of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges

El Camino College will host the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges on November 8-9. The board meets once per year at one of the 112 community colleges in the system and this year the members chose El Camino College.

“We are pleased the Board of Governors selected El Camino College for 2010,” said Thomas M. Fallo, president of El Camino College. “We are delighted to host this group and look forward to introducing the members to just a few of the many outstanding students, faculty, and staff here at El Camino College.”

El Camino College especially welcomes ECC alumni and Board of Governors member Lance Izumi. A past president of the Board, Izumi attended El Camino College the summer after graduating from Gardena High School and right before he went to UCLA to study history and economics. He also holds a master’s degree in political science from the University of California at Davis and a juris doctorate from the USC School of Law.

“I decided to take a summer typing class at El Camino College and it was one of the best courses I have taken in my whole life,” said Izumi, senior director of education studies at the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy (PRI), a San Francisco-based public-policy think tank. “When I went to UCLA I was really confident in my skills and ready to type my term papers. And now, as a writer by profession, I would not be as accomplished without those typing skills.”

“I think that my experience at El Camino College mirrors the experience of a lot of people in community colleges across California. So many people attend classes at community college – one class or a series of classes, earning a certificate or a degree. Everyone is part of the California Community Colleges system and everyone has individual stories of success about their good experiences.”

The Board of Governors sets policy and provides guidance for the 72 districts and 112 colleges in the system. The 17-member board, appointed by the governor, formally interacts with state and federal officials and other state organizations. The Board meets regularly throughout the year, usually in Sacramento. It develops and recommends policy, and reviews and comments on policies developed by other groups, locally-elected boards, and the Legislature.

In 1995, the Board of Governors began holding an annual meeting at a community college campus, with the remaining meetings held in Sacramento. The Board alternates holding its campus meeting between Northern, Southern, Bay Area, and Central Valley locations, whenever possible. The upcoming visit to El Camino College will be the first Board meeting in the Los Angeles area for a number of years. Last year the board met at City College of San Francisco.

The Board visit will include a tour of the El Camino College campus on Monday afternoon; and a tour of ECC Compton Center on Tuesday morning.

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