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El Camino College to Stage Campuswide Earthquake Drill As Participants in Great California ShakeOut

All students, faculty and staff at El Camino College will be among the millions of participants in this year's Great California ShakeOut, expected to be one of the largest preparedness events in U.S. history.

This statewide earthquake drill, spanning all 58 California counties, is planned for Thursday, October 21. When the alert sounds at 10:21 a.m. on that day, all El Camino College students, faculty and staff will:

- DROP to the ground
- Take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table
- HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops.

When given notice, everyone will be instructed to evacuate in an orderly manner to their building's designated assembly area. A building emergency responder will give directions. Everyone should stay in the designated area until given notice by the building captain to return to the building.

Experts advise the importance of immediately protecting yourself as best as possible in the event of an earthquake. Earthquakes occur without warning and may be so violent that running or crawling is impossible. Those in outside areas are advised to get into the open – away from buildings, power lines and trees.

This ShakeOut drill is a great opportunity to practice safety procedures in case of an earthquake. Last year, nearly 6.9 million Californians participated in this large-scale earthquake preparedness drill, and even more participants are expected this year.

For more information, contact Valerie Wagner at El Camino College: 310-660-3593, Ext. 3156. General information about this statewide event is available at:
<http://www.elcamino.edu/shakeout/>.

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