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El Camino College Schedules "New Student Welcome Day"

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

The free orientation is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 24 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/studentservices/co/welcome.asp.

After a welcome from El Camino College President Thomas M. Fallo, students will hear presentations from Associated Students Organization (ASO) President Rebekka Asher, Dean of Counseling Regina Smith, and counselors Grisela Castro, Bernadette Flameno, and Angie Funes, who coordinated the event.

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

Participants at New Student Welcome Day will also attend workshops covering topics such as college career planning, choosing a major, and transferring to a university. A resource fair will also be available so students can learn about support services such as financial aid, EOPS, and the transfer center.

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 may register at: www.elcamino.edu/studentservices/co/welcome.asp.

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