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El Camino College Seeks Nominations for 2011 Women of Distinction Award

Members of the Women's History Month Committee at El Camino College are seeking nominees for the 2011 "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; and 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 10.

The leaders will be honored at the annual Women's Wall of Fame Program set for March 24. They will 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 throughout March, sponsored by ECC offices of Staff Development, Staff and Student Diversity, and the Women's History Month Committee. The celebration kicks off with the presentation: "Eva Brown-Reflections on Her Life" from 1-2 p.m. March 1 in the college's Schauerman Library, Distance Education Room 166. Mrs. Eva Brown was a Holocaust survivor who spoke at El Camino College and throughout the community about her experiences. Her most important message was one of tolerance. Mrs. Brown passed away in late December, leaving many contributions to the college.

Women's History Month events continue with a luncheon scheduled from noon-1:30 p.m. March 4. A "Girls in the Garage" Workshop and Car Show is set for March 5; a panel discussion titled "Historical Contributions of Women of Color" will take place from 1-2 p.m. March 10; an Afternoon Tea/Book Discussion of "The Help" is 1-2:30 p.m. March 17; and a panel discussion titled "Record Your History" is planned for 1-2 p.m. March 22. Women's History Month wraps up with the El Camino College Women's Wall of Fame Ceremony on March 24, and a "Hat Fashion Show" from 10-11 a.m. and from 1-2 p.m. March 31.

To nominate a candidate, or for a full list of Women's History Month activities, go to www.elcamino.edu/events/whm2011.asp or call 310-660-3868.

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