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## **El Camino College Receives Final Contribution in SCE “Green Jobs Education Initiative”**

The El Camino College Foundation recently received a \$100,000 contribution from Southern California Edison (SCE), as part of the Green Jobs Education Initiative. This donation marks the second and final installment to the college, as part of a \$2 million scholarship program to support green jobs technology.

El Camino College is one of 10 California community colleges participating in the Green Jobs Education Initiative, designed to fund sustainable or "green" education and job training for college students. Funding was distributed to ECC at \$100,000 per year for two years. The contributions will be invested as part of the Osher Scholarship Endowment Fund, which will be matched for a total of \$300,000, thus funding 15 \$1,000 scholarships for El Camino College students every year, into perpetuity.

Southern California Edison has been a significant contributor to the Osher Initiative and other community college programs throughout the state.

“This generous donation from Southern California Edison promotes student success and provides education and training for environmentally friendly careers that are in the forefront of industry today,” said El Camino College President Thomas M. Fallo. “We appreciate this support for students to achieve their goals.”

Green Jobs Education Initiative scholarships will support students with financial need who are enrolled in green job workforce preparation. This includes training programs or study of solar panel installation, water and wastewater management, transportation and alternative fuels, biofuels production and farming, environmental compliance or sustainability planning.

The Bernard Osher Foundation in May 2008 made a generous gift in the amount of \$25 million to the California Community Colleges system to fund scholarships throughout the state. California’s 112 community colleges were challenged to raise \$50 million in matching funds by June 2011.

To date, El Camino College has raised a total of \$1,085,215.98 in gifts and pledges, which exceeds the original goal of \$973,977. Total fund-raising, including El Camino College Compton Center, is \$1,272,065.91.

El Camino College will submit the \$100,000 SCE contribution to the Osher Foundation. This will bring the SCE Green Jobs Technology Scholarships to \$200,000, which will be matched by Osher, for a total of \$300,000 for ECC students. The college will begin awarding Green Jobs scholarships in Spring 2011.

The Osher Foundation has lifted the cap on funds that may be submitted for the matching program through June 30, 2011 and the El Camino College Foundation will continue to raise money for scholarships. Once completed, the Osher scholarships will add an additional \$100,000 in annual awards each year.

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