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El Camino College MESA Students Secure NSF Scholarships

Three El Camino College MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement) students recently won prestigious National Science Foundation scholarships, totaling \$33,500. The scholarships will be used to help pay for college expenses.

A “Rising Sophomore” scholarship of \$12,500 was awarded to Gilberto Hernandez, a mechanical engineering student from Lawndale. Gilberto will attend one more year at El Camino College and then transfer to a four-year college or university.

“Transfer Ready” scholarships, each for \$10,500, went to: Brett Lopez, an aerospace engineering major from Inglewood who plans to transfer to UCLA this fall; and Mario Cabrera, an aerospace engineering student from Hawthorne, who will continue his education at California Polytechnic University, Pomona this fall.

The MESA California Community College Transfer Scholarship Consortium administers this scholarship program funded by the National Science Foundation. Students are awarded based on academic performance, leadership, MESA involvement and financial need. All of the students are transferring to four-year colleges or universities that also have a MESA program.

The MESA program at El Camino College provides mathematics, engineering and science academic enrichment. The program promotes academic excellence that supports successful transfer to four-year institutions in mathematics-based majors. With tutoring and mentoring, extra study sessions, transfer counseling and study centers, MESA provides an environment that allows students to succeed in math and science and navigate the transfer system more easily.

For more information, go to www.elcamino.edu/academics/mathsciences/mesa/.

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