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**El Camino College Welcomes Commencement Speaker:  
Harold Tyler, ECC Grad and Longtime Director of Student Development**

El Camino College welcomes Harold Tyler, an ECC graduate and the longtime director of student development, who will address the Class of 2011 at the 64th Annual Commencement Ceremony scheduled for 4 p.m. June 10 in Murdock Stadium.

“Harold is a great choice to address the Class of 2011,” said El Camino College President Thomas M. Fallo. “His success, as both a student and an employee, was won through hard work and service to others. Harold has inspired and guided innumerable students to a successful future.”

Tyler retired from his position as director of student development this past December, after 35 years of service to El Camino College. His contributions through the past four decades have led to the success of thousands of ECC students. He knew all five of the college’s presidents, and has enjoyed watching ECC grow and change. Reflecting on his time at ECC, Tyler noted that what he will miss most is working with students.

Tyler started his higher education journey at El Camino College, where he earned an associate degree in 1975. He continued his education at California State University, Dominguez Hills, where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in business.

As an ECC student, he served as an officer with student government. The dean of men at the time, Dr. Henry Kirk, recognized Tyler’s leadership potential and strongly suggested that he apply for a specialist position in the Student Activities Office when he graduated. Tyler landed the job and 13 years later became director of student development.

In his retirement, Tyler can often be found on the courts. As a youth, he played on the Compton High School basketball team, and was a volunteer assistant coach for the ECC basketball team from 1973-75. He has announced Warrior basketball games for the past three years.

Still an avid basketball player, coach, and fan, Tyler coaches his grandson, in addition to spending time with his four grown children and grandchildren.

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