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## **El Camino College Honors El Segundo Resident Donald Brann as 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards Honoree**

**Photo available upon request.**

El Camino College recently honored El Segundo resident and city councilman Donald Brann as a 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award honoree.

Brann is one of five honorees of the Distinguished Alumni Awards, given to ECC alumni who have shown outstanding achievement in their chosen career, service to the community or area of endeavor, and have gained local, state, or national recognition for their contributions. Honorees were selected by a committee and represent the fields of art, medicine, politics, business, and education.

Brann is the former superintendent of the Wiseburn School District in Hawthorne, and attended the district's schools as a youth. He moved to Hawthorne with his family in 1953 and attended Normandie Avenue School, beginning a nearly 60-year connection with the Wiseburn School District.

After graduating from Hawthorne High School, Brann became the first in his family to attend college when he enrolled at El Camino College. After graduating from ECC, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from USC; a master's degree from California State University, Los Angeles; and a doctorate degree from USC.

In his 40 years as an educator, he held numerous teaching and administrative positions, including four superintendent assignments – most recently serving as superintendent of the Wiseburn School District in Hawthorne, where he remained for 15 years.

Brann founded the California Small School Districts Association in 1983, and is vice president of The Cosca Group, an executive search firm placing superintendents across the state. In addition, Brann founded Da Vinci Charter Schools in 2008, the same year he was elected to the El Segundo City Council. Brann teaches a course at Loyola Marymount University titled "The Business of Education," and works with the Beach Cities League of Women Voters.

In addition to Brann, the El Camino College Distinguished Alumni for 2011 include: David Benoit, musician/composer; Pat Furey, Los Angeles County Principal Deputy County Counsel; Michael Montoya, Director, Southern California Edison; and Cinna Toy-Wohlmuth, Doctor of Medicine.

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