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El Camino College Seeks Nominations for 2012 Women of Distinction Award

Members of the Women's History Month Committee at El Camino College are seeking candidates for the 2012 "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 9.

The leaders will be honored at the annual Women's Wall of Fame Program set for March 22. They will also 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, and are sponsored by the ECC offices of Staff Development, Staff and Student Diversity, and the Women's History Month Committee. The month-long celebration kicks off with a luncheon on March 9 featuring guest speaker Virginia Pfiffner, ECC dean emeritus. A workshop/car show "Girls in the Garage" follows from 1-2 p.m. March 10 and an afternoon tea/book discussion focusing on *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* is set for 1-2 p.m. March 15.

The events continue with a panel discussion titled "Women Working & Teaching Non-Traditional Careers," scheduled for 1-2 p.m. March 20. Women's History Month wraps up with the El Camino College Women's Wall of Fame Ceremony on March 22, and a "Hat Fashion Show" from 12:30-2 p.m. March 29.

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

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