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El Camino College Honors Transfer Students Achieve Success at Annual Conference

Twelve students in the El Camino College Honors Transfer Program (HTP) recently presented research projects at the statewide Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) Student Research Conference at the University of California at Irvine.

Two students took home awards for their research, and were honored at the conference for their accomplishments. Kevin Hopp and Natalie Stumph received Exemplary Student Scholarships from the HTCC, two of only 20 awarded statewide.

In addition, El Camino College HTP co-director Joe Holliday presented the honorary director's award to ECC Professor Robert McLeod for his work in establishing and leading the HTCC during the 1990s.

This conference was created by ECC Natural Sciences Dean Jean Shankweiler when she was HTP director, and many community colleges from all over California participate every year in the daylong event. ECC always sends one of the largest contingents of student presenters. The event is designed to give community college students a unique opportunity to present their undergraduate research in a university setting and to have their abstracts printed in a university publication.

El Camino College students who participated in the conference include: Angela Park, *Saving Thirsty Lives One System at a Time*; Jill Parker, *Worldwide Increase in Dead Zones: Causes and Consequences*; Jade Kobayashi, *International Policy Concerning Bioethical Violations in Experimentation*; Karen Garcia, *Ahead of Her Time: Advocating Feminism in Pride and Prejudice*; Zachary Inoue, *Swing for the Fences: August Wilson's Fences*; Joanna Ong, *How Games Have Changed the World: The Historical Role of Play in Societal Problem-Solving*; Thanh Le, *Marijuana Policy within Federalism*; Dakota Bloom, *Schwarz's Land Bridge: A Useful Scientific Failure*; Daniella Delucia, Lezinah Ncube, and Natalie Stumph, *Just For Now: Examining the Internal and External Factors That Create a Temporary Identity*.

ECC faculty mentors include: professors Marilyn Anderson, Susan Bachman, Joe Holliday, Angela Simon, Jason Suarez, Eduardo Munoz, Joan Thureson, and Rachel Williams.

El Camino College Honors Transfer Program students have access to priority registration, academic and social interaction with other highly motivated students, smaller class sizes, designation of HTP on El Camino College transcripts/degrees, and enrichment seminars. The HTP offers a unique learning environment which stresses scholastic excellence. The major objective of the program is to better prepare highly-motivated students for transfer to a university by focusing on enhanced writing, reading and study skills.