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El Camino College's Project Success Celebrates 25 Years

El Camino College's Project Success will celebrate a quarter of a century of helping students reach their academic goals at a 25th Anniversary Awards Dinner set for June 7 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Torrance.

Students will be honored for their outstanding work at El Camino College. Graduates, staff, and faculty will also be recognized for their contributions to student success.

The guest speaker for the Project Success awards dinner is Florida Commissioner of Education Gerard Robinson, an El Camino College and Project Success alumnus. After graduating from El Camino College, Robinson transferred to Howard University, earning a bachelor's degree in philosophy and anthropology. He then returned to Los Angeles to teach fifth grade and help with a student services program in Compton. Robinson continued at Harvard University where he earned a master's degree in education.

Project Success is a recruitment and retention program that originally targeted recent African American high school graduates from the inner city areas of Los Angeles County. The program was developed in 1987 in response to the disproportionate number of African American students who had either dropped or had been academically dismissed from El Camino College. The program is now open to any at-risk student who recently graduated from high school and is motivated and serious about college.

Support services available to Project Success students include academic counseling, pre-registration workshops, mentoring, cultural and university field trips, book loans, scholarships, and learning communities.

Tickets to the 25th Anniversary Project Success Awards Dinner cost \$50 per person. For reservations, or for more information, please contact Brian Mims at 310-660-3593, extension 6037 or bmims@elcamino.edu.

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