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El Camino College to Celebrate Spring with Annual Cherry Blossom Festival

El Camino College's 12th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival is scheduled for 1 to 2 p.m. March 8 on campus, next to the Planetarium and the cherry trees.

The annual "Dr. Nadine Ishitani Hata Memorial Cherry Blossom Festival" is named after the college's former Vice President of Academic Affairs, who passed away in 2005. Dr. Hata was an internationally known scholar who was extremely involved in academia and community work. She was instrumental in bringing the cherry trees to the campus 12 years ago, one of the many programs she supported during her 34-year career at El Camino College.

Under Dr. Hata's leadership, the Cherry Blossom Festival has become a college tradition – a way to ring in the spring season and celebrate friendship.

Koto artists will perform, and students from English instructor Clint Margrave's poetry class will present haiku poetry. In addition, light refreshments will be served. The Cherry Blossom Festival is sponsored by the El Camino College Foundation and the Office of Staff and Student Diversity. For more information, call 310-660-3593, extension 3813.

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