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El Camino College Professor Honored for Outstanding Contributions to Art Education

El Camino College photography Professor Darilyn Rowan was recently honored for her outstanding contributions to art education in the City of Torrance. Rowan is one of four area educators who recently received a "Making a Difference Award" from the Torrance Performing Arts Consortium (TPAC), in partnership with the *Daily Breeze*.

The award included a certificate signed by State Senator Ted Lieu, a silver medallion, and a check for \$1,000 to be used for the El Camino College photography program.

The awards were presented before a concert at Torino Plaza, one of several events scheduled to celebrate Torrance's 100-year anniversary. In attendance was ECC Board of Trustees Vice President Maureen O'Donnell, who also serves on the TPAC board of trustees.

Rowan has taught a variety of El Camino College photo classes during the last 22 years, including portraiture, intermediate-level view camera operation, gum bichromate printing, pinhole cameras, photograms, and the production of student photograph books.

Rowan's work is found in prominent museum collections and archives around the world, including Harvard University, La Bibliothèque Nationale de France, the New York Public Library, and the Children's Holocaust Museum in Japan. She has been selected as a finalist in the Photographer's Forum Best of Photography Competition, one of the highest honors in her field.

At El Camino College, Rowan provides leadership and mentorship for the adjunct faculty while overseeing the daily operation and maintenance of the photography lab and lighting studio.

She has served on numerous college committees, including the Division Council, Division SLO Committee, Division CTE Committee, and the Enrollment Management Committee. She annually organizes student photography shows both on campus and in the community, works collaboratively with other departments within the division and campuswide, and has hosted photogram workshops for children as well as master classes for photography students.

In planning for the future of the program, Rowan helped to secure Career Technical Education and bond funds that relocated the program with a new digital lab in the Art Building during the summer of 2009.

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