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## El Camino College Director of Admissions & Records Honored for Outstanding Service

El Camino College Director of Admissions & Records William (Bill) Mulrooney recently received the highest honor possible from the California Association of Community College Registrars and Admissions Officers (CACCRAO).

Mulrooney was honored with the Robert Brown Distinguished Service Award at the 35th Annual CACCRAO Conference in Sacramento. This annual award recognizes a commitment to leadership, innovation and professional standards by members who work to further the profession of admissions and records in the 112 California Community Colleges. Mulrooney is the 16th recipient of the award from CACCRAO, which offers regional workshops and other training opportunities to communicate best practices, legislative updates, and innovative trends in technology.

Mulrooney has worked in education for 22 years, and will celebrate his 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary at El Camino College in June. On his first day at ECC, he agreed to participate on a committee sponsored by the Chancellor's Office to develop an online application for admissions for the entire community college system. Two weeks later, he attended the first meeting of the newly formed task force; by 2003, he was chairman, serving four years and then again for two years. With ECC as a pilot college, the committee created CCCApply, an online application now used by 105 of the 112 California Community Colleges. More than two million students use CCCApply each year to apply to college.

In addition, Mulrooney led the way in an electronic transcript project sponsored by the Chancellor's Office, with El Camino College once again serving as a pilot college. The electronic transcript, now called eTranCa, is used in more than 60 California Community Colleges, along with most of the schools in the California State University and University of California systems, as well as some private colleges and universities, such as USC.

Mulrooney most recently worked with the Chancellor's Office on a committee involving MyEdu, a planning tool for students in the California Community College system. He was recently elected to chair the newly formed steering committee of MyEdu.

Throughout his career, Mulrooney has presented on a variety of topics at the state and regional level regarding admissions issues such as repeats and withdrawals, residency, and best practices in office operations. At El Camino College, he led the implementation of CCCApply, eTranCa, Web registration, online transcript requests, online adds and drops, and a new degree audit process, in addition to other programs. Mulrooney also guided the efforts for a new Veterans Resource Center and a new International Student Center at the college.

"El Camino College has been a leader in many admissions and records innovations because our Admissions & Records staff is so experienced, so knowledgeable, and so dedicated to their jobs," Mulrooney said. "In addition, the support of the administration has enabled the department to take many big steps forward. I am very fortunate to work with these people."