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*Second in a series - from El Camino College's 65 years of student success.*

## **El Camino College Celebrates 65 Years of Serving the South Bay; Alumni Success: 1960s**

Many alumni throughout El Camino College's 65 years of serving the South Bay have found success in higher education and their careers. Numerous outstanding alumni continue to make an impact on their communities, both in their careers and in other aspects of their lives, and they started at El Camino College.

When alumnus Fred Dryer was a student at ECC from 1965-66, President Stuart E. Marsee was at the helm, guiding El Camino College through 24 years of building and growth, including the prestigious 2,048-seat Marsee Auditorium, where students and community members enjoy cultural and entertainment events to this day.

Dryer said his life was changing as well. Before becoming the movie and TV star well-known for his eight-year stint on the television show "Hunter," Dryer was an ECC football standout who went on to an outstanding NFL career.

"El Camino College started me on the road of success in athletics and in the theater arts," said the 1997 ECC Distinguished Alumni honoree. "The college brought a definite change in my career goals and attitude."

After graduating from El Camino College, Dryer transferred to San Diego State University, where he earned a football scholarship. In 1969 Dryer was the 13th overall pick in the NFL draft, selected in the first round by the New York Giants. After three seasons, he was traded to the Los Angeles Rams where he earned All Pro honors playing right defensive end. His outstanding career is highlighted by becoming the only NFL player to score two safeties in one game.

Dryer retired from the NFL in 1981 and in 1984 landed the leading role in the hit TV series "Hunter." He continues to act, and has since turned to producing, establishing his own production company.

Dryer is one of thousands of students started their higher education endeavors at El Camino College, leading the way to successful careers in the South Bay and beyond. Students have access to a high-quality, affordable education to transfer to a university or gain employment in areas such as nursing, firefighting and other first-responder and health care positions.

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