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## **El Camino College to Sponsor 13th Annual South Bay DUI Awareness Fair and Inaugural Health and Safety Fair**

El Camino College will sponsor its 13th Annual South Bay DUI Awareness Fair on April 3, presented with an inaugural Health and Safety Fair.

Scheduled just in time for spring break, the DUI Awareness Fair is designed to increase community awareness about the dangerous consequences that can come from driving under the influence, or getting into a car that is operated by someone under the influence. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the college's Library Lawn and will feature displays, workshops, and interactive demonstrations which show the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

The Health and Safety Fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 3 and will include more than 20 booths with personnel on hand to discuss various issues that effect human health. Some of the topics to be covered include healthy eating and dieting, self-defense, preventing domestic abuse, quitting smoking, and alcohol and drug abuse, among others. This event was created by the Associated Student Organization (ASO) senators of the Health Sciences & Athletics and the Natural Sciences divisions. For more information, contact Sean Borden, Student Senator of Natural Sciences, at 310-561-2064 or [seanvborden@earthlink.net](mailto:seanvborden@earthlink.net).

The El Camino College Police Department, in conjunction with the Avoid the 100 West DUI Taskforce, will sponsor the DUI Awareness event. Members of 12 South Bay police agencies will be available to talk to students and provide valuable information about the dangers and consequences of driving under the influence.

At one demonstration, students can participate in a driving exercise where they drive golf carts through a controlled course while wearing special "DUI goggles" that simulate intoxication so students can experience how being under the influence can affect reflexes. A "crash car" that was involved in an alcohol-related death will also be parked on campus, delivering a strong visual impact to students as they observe the direct result of driving under the influence. Other displays on the Library Lawn and throughout the campus will serve as informative, direct warnings about driving under the influence.

The work of El Camino College Police Department officers has been honored by awards from MADD; one ECC officer was recognized by the State of California for his outstanding performance in DUI arrests six years in a row.

For more information about the 13th Annual South Bay DUI Awareness Fair, call the El Camino College Police Department at 310-660-3100.

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