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## **El Camino College Schedules Events for Women's History Month**

El Camino College has scheduled a variety of Women's History Month events throughout March. This year recognizes women in "STEM" careers, with the theme: "Women Inspiring Innovation through Imagination: Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)."

The celebration begins with the Women's History Month luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. March 8 in the college's Alondra Room. The luncheon features guest speaker Special Agent Meredith Burke, coordinator for the FBI Los Angeles Evidence Response Teams. Meredith oversees five teams that are in charge of collecting evidence supporting FBI priority investigations. Evidence Response Teams strive to be the model for crime scene processing from the standpoint of safety, expertise, training, equipment, and ability. Burke will share information from some of her teams' investigations.

Women's History Month events continue with an Industry & Technology conference for girls and women from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 15 in the college's East Dining Room. This conference is designed to introduce women and girls to study paths and jobs in non-traditional careers. Workshops and a resource/job fair are on the day's agenda.

In addition, a tea and book discussion is scheduled for 1-2:30 p.m. March 28, covering the book "¡Yo!" by Julia Alvarez. This novel has been described as a "full and true exploration of a woman's soul," a meditation on the writing life, and a lyrical account of the immigrant's search for identity and a place in the world.

One highlight of Women's History Month is the El Camino College Women's Wall of Fame Ceremony on March 21, where the 2013 Women of Distinction will be honored. This award recognizes outstanding women from the El Camino College area, honoring them for their contributions to the community.

Award nominations may be made by friends, family, and colleagues; or individuals may nominate themselves. Nominees will be judged for their contributions in one or more of the following areas: professional accomplishments; leadership and/or mentorship; and social, educational, or health services.

Those nominated must also live or work in the communities within the El Camino Community College District. The nomination deadline is March 8.

Women's History Month is sponsored by ECC Office of Staff Development and the Women's History Month Committee. To nominate a candidate, or for a full list of Women's History Month activities, go to [www.elcamino.edu/events/whm.asp](http://www.elcamino.edu/events/whm.asp) or call 310-660-3868.