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## El Camino College Encourages Area High School Students to Apply Now to Be Eligible for Priority Registration for Fall 2014

In an effort to help in-district high school seniors get the college classes they need for summer and fall 2014, El Camino College is continuing the practice of priority registration for this group.

Securing a priority registration date has always been important to communications major Anjeannette Aguilar, who also works at El Camino College's Information Desk.

"I encourage every incoming high school student I see to apply as early as possible so that he or she can qualify for priority registration," said Anjeannette, who is also a member of the ECC Student Ambassadors, Honors Transfer Program, First Year Experience Program, and the Associated Students Association.

"At the Information Desk, I see stressed out freshmen because they didn't jump on the opportunity to register before other students. If you apply by the deadline, you are set for registration – something that is a really big benefit and something you will appreciate in the future. Students should start now -- don't wait until the last minute!"

Priority registration is available to 2014 high school graduates living within the El Camino Community College District, which includes: El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance. High school graduates must complete all four steps to enroll at ECC by March 31, 2014.

In-district high school graduates can also use the summer sessions to take care of a few classes before the fall semester begins on August 23. The first six-week summer session begins Wednesday, May 21; an eight-week session begins Monday, June 16; and a second six-week session begins Thursday, July 7.

New students are encouraged to apply as soon as possible to begin the four easy steps to enroll at El Camino College:

**APPLY** New and returning students must complete an application

**PREPARE** All new students must participate in an Orientation session and are encouraged

to take advantage of the practice placement tests

**TEST** Assessment testing must be completed prior to registering for classes

**PLAN** Students must see a counselor prior to registration to develop an education plan

"Incoming freshmen who complete these steps qualify for priority registration – this will give them a better chance to enroll in courses they need to meet their educational goals, whether that is to earn a degree and transfer or complete a career program," said El Camino College President Thomas Fallo.

High school students interested in attending El Camino College for the fall 2014 semester are encouraged to apply and complete all four of the required Steps to Enrollment as early as possible, even if they haven't made their final decisions about higher education.

Submitting an application does not commit a student to attending ECC, but if that student does decide to enroll in classes at ECC, he or she will be ready to go, without the stress of enrolling and registering at the last minute.

High school students should go to www.elcamino.edu and apply online today! For more information, go to www.elcamino.edu/priority-registration/.