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El Camino College Journalism Students Win Top Awards

El Camino College journalism students recently earned 11 awards at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) Southern California conference, including General Excellence for each of the three student media outlets: the “Union” newspaper, the Eccunion.com online news site, and “Warrior Life,” the student magazine. General Excellence is the highest award the organization offers at the regional event.

Seven journalism department students participated in the two-day conference at California State University, Fullerton. Students attended educational workshops, networked with industry professionals and four-year university representatives, and competed against hundreds of like-minded college journalism students from across Southern California.

In addition to the General Excellence honors, El Camino College students brought home a variety of awards:

- Rigo Bonilla:** Second place, opinion story
Eugene Chang: Third place, magazine illustration
Jessica Martinez: Second place, front page layout (broadsheet); Third place, opinion writing; Fourth place, magazine cover design; Third place, magazine design/layout
Thomas Schmit: First place, news writing
Matthew Simon: Third place, copyediting

El Camino College student media advisers Stefanie Frith and Kate McLaughlin also attended the conference. McLaughlin is a member of the JACC board of directors and Frith volunteered as a proctor and judge during the event. The JACC is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to community college journalism in California. It is run by an elected board of directors who represent both students and faculty from around the state.

For more about the El Camino College journalism program, or to read the “Union” online, go to www.elcamino.edu/academics/humanities/journalism/.

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