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## **Onizuka Space Science Day Returns to El Camino College** **Essay contest for grades five through 12 announced**

Serious-minded science students in grades five through 12 are encouraged to enter the annual El Camino College Onizuka Space Science Day essay contest.

The student with the winning entry will be invited to bring three guests to attend the Space Science Day dinner with a NASA astronaut, set for Friday, March 6 at the Hacienda Hotel in El Segundo. Entries are due at 10 p.m. February 24.

Contestants are asked to complete the following statement in 150 words or less:

***When I look into the sky and think about space, I wonder...***

Essays should be submitted in the body of an email (no attachments) to Robin Dreizler at [spaceday@elcamino.edu](mailto:spaceday@elcamino.edu) or via fax: 310-660-6786. Submissions may also be sent by mail to 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90506. Students should include name, home address, phone number or parent email, grade in school, teacher's name, and school of attendance.

Students are also invited to attend the annual Onizuka Space Science Day event at El Camino College from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 7.

In remembrance of the Space Shuttle Challenger accident 29 years ago, the Onizuka Space Science Day event honors Astronaut Ellison Onizuka, who perished along with six other crew members. Mr. Onizuka's dream of encouraging youth to strive for and achieve their career goals is perpetuated through this event.

Onizuka Space Science Day activities will feature various hands-on activities and demonstrations in astronomy, physics and chemistry, along with a free lunch for the first 800 students. Furthering the atmosphere of scientific exploration, a guest astronaut will give a presentation to students.

Onizuka Space Science Day is sponsored by the Astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka Memorial Committee, American Honda Motor Company Inc., and El Camino College. Entrance to the event is free but reservations are required as seats are limited for the demonstrations and lectures. For reservations or more information about the free science event, contact 310-660-3487 or [spaceday@elcamino.edu](mailto:spaceday@elcamino.edu).

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