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El Camino College Honors Transfer Program Students Present Research, Win Scholarships at Annual Conference

El Camino College Honors Transfer Program (HTP) students Wyatt Matern and Gabriela Lopez made a remarkable showing at the recent statewide HTP research conference and brought home Exemplary Achievement Scholarships – two of only 22 awards handed out to students statewide.

The annual California Honors Transfer Council of California Student Research Conference at the University of California, Irvine (UCI) brought together students from across the state for a chance to present their research in an academic setting. In addition, most of the students will have their abstracts printed in a UCI publication.

This conference was created by ECC Vice President, Academic Affairs Jean Shankweiler when she was the college's HTP director. Many California community colleges participate every year in the daylong event. ECC always sends one of the largest contingents of student research presenters.

Accompanying the students were several El Camino College faculty members, including Sue Bachmann, Debra Breckheimer, Tom Cody, Teresa Palos, and Karen Whitney, HTP co-directors Joseph Holliday and Rachel Williams, and Vice President Jeanie Nishime.

Additionally, a group of HTP students recently presented research at the University of Nevada, Reno at the Western Regional Conference. The conference hosts universities from the entire western region of the United States, allowing students to demonstrate knowledge of particular subjects. The presentation topics included research information on recombinant DNA, super PACs, sickle cell anemia, a prehistoric approach to swimming and the negative effects of dairy products (lactose).

El Camino College Honors Transfer Program students have access to priority registration, academic and social interaction with other highly motivated students, smaller class sizes, designation of HTP on ECC transcripts/degrees, and enrichment seminars.

The HTP offers a unique learning environment that stresses scholastic excellence. The main objective of the program is to better prepare highly-motivated students for transfer to a university by focusing on enhanced writing, reading and study skills.

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