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ECC's Onizuka Space Science Day to Present Student Arts Contest for Grades Five-12
2016 marks the 30th anniversary of the Space Shuttle Challenger accident

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

The student with the winning entry will be invited to bring three guests to attend the Onizuka Space Science Day Dinner with NASA astronaut Capt. Sunita Williams on Friday, March 4 at the Ayres Hotel in Hawthorne. Entries are due at 10 p.m. February 23.

Contestants are asked to create a work of art inspired by the theme: "How Can Space Travel Make Our Lives Better?" Accepted forms of artwork include: drawing, painting, printmaking, computer-generated image, photograph or photographic collage. Art must be original – reproductions of other artwork are not accepted. Participants should submit a digital photo or scan of the artwork as an attachment to spaceday@elcamino.edu, or mail to Robin Dreizler c/o Space Science Day Arts Contest, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90506.

Students are also invited to attend the free annual Onizuka Space Science Day event at El Camino College from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

In remembrance of the Space Shuttle Challenger accident 30 years ago, the Onizuka Space Science Day event honors Astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka, who perished along with six other crew members. Astronaut 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 900 students. Guest astronaut Williams, who has spent a total of 322 days in space and holds the record for total spacewalk time by a female astronaut, will give a presentation and answer audience questions. Onizuka Space Science Day is sponsored by the Astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka Memorial Committee, American Honda Motor Company Inc., and El Camino College.

For reservations or more information about the free science event, view www.elcamino.edu/academics/naturalsciences/onizuka-space-science-day/ or contact 310-660-3487 or spaceday@elcamino.edu.

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