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## **El Camino College Welcomes Commencement Speaker Frank Flores, Northrop Grumman Engineering Executive and STEM Leader**

El Camino College welcomes Frank Flores as the 2017 commencement speaker. The Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems vice president will address the Class of 2017 at the 70th Annual Commencement Ceremony scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday, June 9 in Murdock Stadium.

“We are very pleased to have such a high caliber STEM leader to address our graduates,” said El Camino College President Dena P. Maloney. “Mr. Frank Flores is passionate and dedicated to student success. Students will be inspired by his insights into science, engineering and technology careers. His professional efforts and achievements open doors and set new courses for others to follow.”

Flores is vice president, Engineering Growth and Advancement for the Engineering and Global Product Development (E&GPD) organization at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. In this role, Flores leads all aspects of E&GPD’s people initiatives such as engagement, employee technical development, rotation programs, diversity and inclusion, and technical conferences. His leadership enables the organization to attract, hire, develop and retain the best talent to fulfill current and long-term business requirements.

In addition, Flores oversees broad and robust university and STEM relations programs. He is known for establishing and sustaining solid technical relationships with schools and universities to help shape curriculum and to help guide college and high school students in preparing for careers in the aerospace industry.

Since joining Northrop Grumman in 1978 at the legacy TRW Company, Flores’ career has spanned a wide range of roles from functional management to business development to program management positions. His previous role as vice president of E&GPD for Unmanned Systems included responsibility for managing and deploying people, processes, tools and test resources in support of the company’s autonomous programs. Prior to that, he served as sector vice president, Engineering and Programs within Northrop Grumman’s former Integrated Systems sector. Before that, as a program manager and systems engineer, Flores led the successful development of satellite and avionics communications systems for advanced fighters and terrestrial radio systems.

Flores holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California. His graduate work focused on communications systems design. He is also a graduate of the University of California, San Diego, Executive Program for Scientists and Engineers and he is a Six Sigma Green Belt.

For more information about El Camino College’s 2017 commencement, including parking and seating arrangements, view: <http://www.elcamino.edu/student-services/activities/commencement/>.

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