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El Camino College and Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems to Sponsor “Global Innovation Summit”

The El Camino College Industry & Technology Division is partnering with Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems (NGAS) to sponsor an exciting morning of innovation, science and creativity.

The Northrop Grumman Global Innovation Summit is an intern and student demonstration activity similar to a live-action video game. The summit is scheduled for 9 a.m. to noon July 28 in El Camino College’s Murdock Stadium. The event is free and open to the public – everyone is encouraged to attend!

Five teams of ECC/Hawthorne High School students and Northrop Grumman interns will battle together to save the world from simulated wildfires ravaging the planet. They’ll accomplish this feat using RC planes, quad copters, and rovers (with silly string!) they have spent their summer designing, building and flying.

“This is a great opportunity for our students to incorporate their technical skills and critical thinking, along with communication and teamwork,” said El Camino College Industry & Technology Division Dean Stephanie Rodriguez.

One of Northrop Grumman's initiatives to encourage STEM education across the globe, the event is designed to bring student teams together to solve problems.

“The NG mentor team noticed that while many schools and workplaces focus on teaching technical skills, what often is the pivotal factor is the ability to communicate and work as a team,” said Katie Halmagean, NGAS aerospace engineer and demonstration program lead. “We constructed a fun project with technical challenges, yet it requires collaboration, rapid innovation and creativity from all five teams to succeed.”

At the summit, wildfires will be represented with 6-foot-tall fabric flames on a football field-sized map of the world. Each vehicle has a critical and unique role to extinguish the fires, as each of the teams use technology, and above all, cooperation, to support this simulated disaster relief.

El Camino College is located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance. Campus parking is \$3. For more information about the Global Innovation Summit, contact Karen Latuner at 310-660-3593, extension 3520, or view <https://tinyurl.com/NGGlobalInnovationSummit>.