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El Camino College Vice President Named to National Digital Fellows Program

El Camino College Vice President, Academic Affairs Jean Shankweiler was recently selected to participate in the Association of Chief Academic Officers (ACAO) Digital Fellows Program. Shankweiler is one of 32 provosts and chief academic officers from across the nation who will learn about effective resources and tested strategies to help understand and adopt high-quality digital courseware for their college or university.

Supported by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the goal of the ACAO Digital Fellows Program is to explore ways to use digital technology to increase retention and persistence to graduation among undergraduates. The fellowship program will also create a public archive of resources on digital learning and related issues to serve the community of academic leaders.

The year-long fellowship opportunity includes four meetings (or convenings) of fellowship recipients for workshops on digital learning. The Gates Foundation grant also includes support for individual campus projects focused on digital learning.

Shankweiler joined El Camino College in 1988 as a chemistry professor. In 2007, she was appointed dean of the Natural Sciences Division and was named vice president, academic affairs in 2015. During her time at El Camino College, she has been dedicated to student success while serving in many capacities, including club adviser, board member of the Onizuka Space Science Day Memorial Committee, and as director of the college's highly successful Honors Transfer Program. Shankweiler also provided leadership to the ECC campus as the 2011 accreditation co-chair for the midterm report and as the 2014 accreditation co-chair for the institutional self-evaluation. For her accomplishments, she was honored with the El Camino College Distinguished Faculty Award in 2001 and the Women of Distinction Award in 2006.

Chartered in 2013, the vision of the ACAO is to provide professional development and networking opportunities to all individuals who are responsible for the leadership of academic affairs in institutions of higher education. The ACAO provides a network of support for chief academic officers through e-lists, professional resources and annual conference, scheduled in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Council on Education.

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