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El Camino College's Educational Development Program Wins Statewide Exemplary Honors

The El Camino College Special Resource Center's Educational Development Program was recently named an "Exemplary Program Award" honorable mention from the State Academic Senate. The California Community Colleges Board of Governors recognized ECC's outstanding program earlier this year.

The ECC Educational Development Program provides comprehensive services for the college's Disabled Students Programs and Services students.

The program's 15 courses include academic support for students concurrently enrolled in English, math and computer literacy; courses focused on the soft skills necessary for success, such as time-management and self-regulation; curriculum to enhance self-awareness of strengths and weaknesses related to academics and technology; and courses taught in American Sign Language for students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The modest-sized department manages to offer multiple sections of nearly all the 15 courses each semester.

Students enrolled in the courses have access to a variety of support services available through El Camino College's Special Resource Center (SRC). The SRC houses the High-Tech Center and Alternate Media Services in which educational development computer literacy faculty collaborate with seasoned staff to support students as they use the services. The result is high-quality instruction via assistive hardware and software technology, all of which facilitates educational access. This "combination and collaboration" creates a welcoming, supportive environment for Educational Development Program students, and reinforces El Camino College's mission of providing equal access to its diverse student population.

The annual Exemplary Program Award is sponsored by the Foundation for California Community Colleges. Award nominees must show the overall success of their program; a contribution to faculty engagement; demonstrate a response to the needs of students, faculty and the college; collaborate with other programs on campus or within the community; provide evidence that demonstrates how the program supports the community college mission; and can be used as models for other community colleges.

This award was established in 1991, and the first recipient was El Camino College's Project Success. El Camino College was again honored with the award during the 2009-10 academic year, recognizing the First Year Experience program.

For more information on El Camino College's Special Resource Center, view:

<http://www.elcamino.edu/academics/src/>.

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