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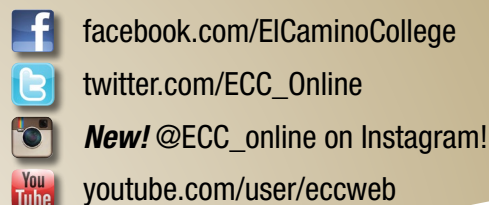
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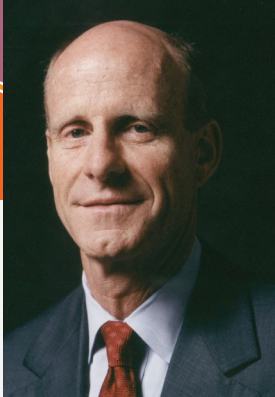
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Message From the President

Welcome to a new year at El Camino College! The beginning of the academic year brings new students ready to succeed in the next step of their educational endeavors, whether it is transferring to a four-year college or university, or finding a rewarding career.

This year, hundreds of new classes were added to the schedule, supporting students as they work to achieve their goals. El Camino College also welcomed 24 new full-time faculty members, four managers, and 22 classified staff members for 2013-14 to join the strong academic community dedicated to student success.

In this issue of *Community News*, you will read about students who found success with the help of ECC faculty, staff and support programs. The Honors Transfer Program is in the spotlight—this outstanding program recently expanded to help even more students transfer to the university of their choice. We also welcome high school graduates from the Class of 2014—see page 12 to find out how to take advantage of our in-district priority registration program.

In addition, please be sure to read the latest news on our facilities plan. The exciting improvements happening on campus are a direct result of community support.

Thank you for appreciating the value your community college provides to the South Bay and beyond.

Thomas Fallo

UCLA @ ECC! Explore, Experience, Connect

UCLA Extension is coming to El Camino College this spring! Watch for classes in a variety of subject areas, all with the excellence that comes with a UCLA-approved curriculum. The program features a variety of courses in business, management and leadership.



Nearly 300 ECC graduates were admitted to the University of California system for fall 2013.

First Year Experience to Expand Award-Winning Program

Bolstered by new district funding, the highly successful First Year Experience (FYE) will admit approximately 300 additional students into the program for Fall 2014, bringing about 10 new cohorts into the group.

Designed to help students be successful in their first year of college life, the El Camino College FYE program regularly boasts top graduation and retention rates and provides a supportive environment of academic and career services. Participating students have access to early registration, orientation, counselors, strategies for success in college, FYE faculty, field trips, and peer mentors.

Students in FYE participate in learning communities (programs in which groups of students take multiple classes together), and also receive help from peer and faculty mentors. The FYE has been honored with awards for its program that offers personalized attention, such as access to counseling and faculty, while linking academic support to student services.

Hundreds of Classes Added for Spring 2014

Additional classes have been added to Spring 2014. The added classes afford students the ability to get the classes they need to earn a degree/certificate or transfer to a four-year university. Beginning this academic year, additional funding from the passage of Proposition 30 helped provide monies to add the classes, including high-demand transfer courses in English, math, and the sciences.

El Camino College's spring semester will begin January 18, 2014 for Saturday classes, and Tuesday, January 21 for Monday through Friday classes. **It only takes four easy steps to enroll at El Camino College:**

1. APPLY

- Go online to www.elcamino.edu, click on "Apply Online."
- Don't forget to submit official transcripts from all accredited colleges and trade schools attended to the El Camino College Records Office. Students applying for Advanced Placement credit must submit official high school transcripts.

2. PREPARE

- Practice placement tests are available online at www.elcamino.edu/student-services/co/assessment-testing.asp
- All new students are required to participate in orientation to become familiar with the college and its resources.
- Orientation is offered online via *MyECC*, and in-person by scheduling a New Student Orientation in the Counseling Office. Appointments are made online through *MyECC*.

3. TEST

- Testing must be completed before registering for classes.
- For Assessment & Testing Center hours, visit www.elcamino.edu/student-services/co/assessment-testing.asp.

4. PLAN

- You must see a counselor prior to registration and develop an educational plan.
- To schedule a counseling appointment, go to www.elcamino.edu and click on *MyECC*.

Continuing student registration begins Tuesday, November 19, 2013

New and returning student registration begins Wednesday, December 11, 2013



Academic Endeavors: Honors Transfer Program

This fall El Camino College welcomed a record-breaking 225 new students into the Honors Transfer Program (HTP). The college has doubled the budget for the HTP, which will allow the program to increase in size by approximately 50 percent over the next few years, making it the second-largest honors program in the state. This funding will also support a permanent secretary, an increase in summer staffing, and updated equipment.

Consistently ranked No. 2 in the state for Transfer Alliance Program (TAP) admissions into UCLA, the HTP is one of the top honors programs in California, based on enrollment, participation in state honors events, and transfers to universities.

This past spring, the HTP sponsored 20 student presenters at the Honors Transfer Council of California Student Research Conference at the University of California at Irvine. The ECC contingent received two out of the 20 Student Excellence Scholarships and one of the Outstanding Poster Awards.

For more information about the El Camino College Honors Transfer Program, go to www.elcamino.edu/academics/honorstransfer/

Apply Today! ECC Scholarship Program

The El Camino College Foundation Online Scholarship Application is now open! Students with a 2.0 grade point average or better and have completed, or are in the process of completing, a minimum of six graded credit units at ECC are encouraged to apply by the December 6 deadline. Scholarships range from \$500 to \$5,000 and may be used to help pay for tuition, books and fees. A record-breaking \$1.4 million was awarded to approximately 650 students for the 2013-2014 academic year.

For more information about the El Camino College Scholarship Program, go to www.elcamino.edu/studentservices/fao/main_scholar.asp

Student Spotlight



Cindy Barrientos

Cindy Barrientos is an HTP alumna who transferred to the University of California at San Diego this fall to continue her studies in physiology and neuroscience. She graduated from Torrance High School in 2008 and from El Camino College in 2013. Cindy won a scholarship at the 2013 Honors Transfer Council of California Student Research Conference at UC Irvine for her award-winning research poster, titled: "The effect of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs on the cellular communication of *Vibrio harveyi*."

"I thought this would be a great topic as there is a lot of concern over environmental impacts due to human activities," she said. "Due to more sensitive equipment, scientists are able to find trace pharmaceuticals in marine habitats. I wanted to see if these low concentrations could potentially harm the organisms by testing an effect on the marine bacteria, *Vibrio harveyi*."

Facilities Update

Measure E Projects

Work on Measure E facilities projects continue, with many campus improvements in safety and technology already complete. The following projects are in progress and are supported by the 2002 Measure E facilities bond.

For more information about Measure E projects, go to www.elcamino.edu/bond/

STEM Center

The new El Camino College STEM Center is expected to open this spring to house the MESA program and provide support for students studying STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) disciplines. The 9,334-square-foot, state-of-the-art learning facility will feature quiet study areas, as well as an open area for groups of students to collaborate on projects. The space can also accommodate a large classroom setting, or be converted into three smaller work areas for tutoring or activities such as academic excellence workshops or other presentations. Access to computers for schoolwork and a teleconferencing center will also be available.

New Multi-Purpose Stadium

This winter, construction will begin on Phase Two of the Kinesiology and Fitness Complex. This \$37.2 million project includes the construction of a brand new, modern stadium to support the college's outstanding athletic programs and kinesiology classes. The new design replaces the current structure, which was built in 1949, and will include a running track, as well as a field for both football and soccer. Various support facilities such as a new field house and storage areas will also be incorporated into the plan. Landscaping designs will include drought-tolerant plants and the use of reclaimed water wherever possible.



Architectural rendering

New Shops Building Groundbreaking

A groundbreaking ceremony this past summer marked the beginning of construction for a new \$31.8 million Shops Building. This project includes a brand new 44,400-square-foot, state-of-the-art learning center, complete with indoor and outdoor learning spaces. Housing the Welding Technology, Automotive Collision Repair and Painting, Automotive Technology, and Air Conditioning and Refrigeration programs, the building will



Architectural rendering

offer modern learning facilities for students, including exterior covered areas and vehicle/equipment yards, paint spray booths, and an Emergency Preparedness Building, which will also contain equipment and supplies for the college's emergency response program.

Industry & Technology Building

The former Math & Computer Science Building (built in 1969) will be completely renovated to house Industry & Technology programs, which currently occupy a building that opened in 1959. The renovated, \$25.4 million, 105,000-square-foot Industry & Technology Building will provide an interactive learning center for Administration of Justice; Architecture; Computer Aided Design and Drafting; Cosmetology; Fashion Design; Fire Technology; Electronics and Computer Hardware Technology; Automation, Robotics, and Manufacturing; and the Observatory. Thirteen classrooms and 24 labs supporting computers, machines, drafting, fashion, and cosmetology, as well as associated tool rooms are also part of the design.



Architectural rendering

Student Spotlight



Brianne O'Donoghue

Brianne O'Donoghue recently graduated among the top of her class from El Segundo High School. She is now an El Camino College student, double majoring in political science and English.

She also joined the Honors Transfer Program and is interested in getting involved in clubs—both opportunities have allowed her to meet new friends and try new things.

"I really enjoy El Camino College so far," she said. "There are so many things to do and people who can help if you have questions. My teachers are really knowledgeable and enthusiastic. I made a great choice."

A Master Swimmer

Master swimmer and El Camino College professor Traci Granger broke several national and international speed records this past spring and summer. As one of the fastest swimmers in the world, she bested many athletes in younger age brackets. And she won these victories after taking nearly one year off from competing due to hip surgery.



In May, Granger traveled to Indianapolis and shook up the short course nationals, winning five events and breaking a national record in the 50-yard butterfly, with a time of 27.45. She felt tired, but did not detect post-surgery problems, so she decided to join the international long course competition. International competitors race in metered pools, so champions in these races are considered the fastest in the world.

This year the competition was scheduled for August in Mission Viejo, the one-year anniversary of Granger's surgery. She competed in five events, took first place in four, second in one, and broke the world record in the 50-meter butterfly, with a time of 30.97. And yet, as a lifelong competitive swimmer, Granger does not set out to be a champion; she just enjoys the workout and the camaraderie.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

El Camino College Nursing

The El Camino College Nursing Program recently celebrated its 50th anniversary of educating and preparing student nurses to serve the community. One of the largest associate degree programs in California, the ECC Nursing Program has graduated more than 2,500 registered nurses in the past 50 years—the majority of those graduates went on to obtain employment as registered nurses in the South Bay. Scholarships are also an important part of the program. New to the scholarship program this year is a \$2.6 million federal grant supporting student nurses.

For more information about the El Camino College Nursing Program, go to www.elcamino.edu/academics/healthsciences/nursing/



Third Annual MESA Math Challenge

Congratulations to the four outstanding ECC mathematicians who scored big in the Third Annual MESA Math Challenge. The MESA Math Challenge is a mathematics test designed for MESA community college students. The 60-minute test is modeled after the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year College's Student Math League test. Students faced 20 multiple choice questions, covering algebra, trigonometry, pre-calculus, and analytical geometry. Nearly 190 MESA students in teams of five or more participated from 21 MESA community college campuses across the state.

MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) provides support to community college students who are majoring in math or science so they excel academically and transfer to four-year institutions. For more information, go to www.elcamino.edu/academics/mathsciences/mesa/.



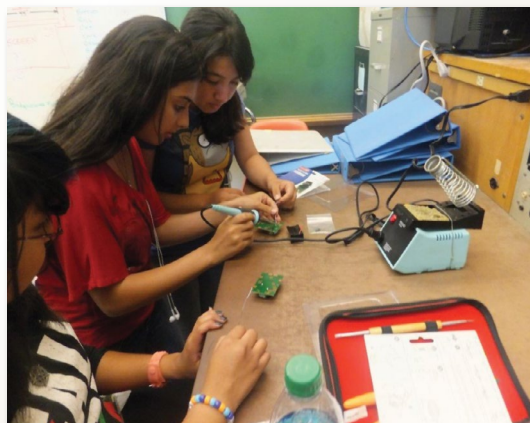
El Camino College MESA Team Individual Competition winners include first-place winner Austin Van Biezen; in addition to second-place winner Iflah Nasir, and Andres Moncada and Avery Marshall in third place.

Summer Math Academy

About 125 new El Camino College students attended a free, three-week math academy this past summer. The 2013 El Camino College Summer Math Academy provided an opportunity to study math for three weeks in a friendly, stress-free environment. Students learned how to study efficiently and become prepared for college placement testing through study workshops that covered basic skills, algebra and precalculus. Participants were able to take the math placement test at the end of the session. By scoring higher on the math placement test, students have the opportunity to finish required math courses in a timely manner and be on track to graduate.

The program's goal is to give students the equipment they need and access to all the resources El Camino College has to offer so they can apply, be placed in the appropriate classes, and create an education plan before registration. The math academy will expand for summer 2014 to include current students as well.

High School STEM Scholars @ ECC



Twenty-five area high school students attended the ECC Summer 2013 STEM Young Scholars program—a month of workshops, guest speakers, field trips, and interactive lab activities for young people interested in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) disciplines. Students from Da Vinci Design High School, Da Vinci Science High School, South High School, Hawthorne High School, Leuzinger High School, Gardena High School, Charter Environmental High School, Lawndale High School, Lennox Academy, West High School and Bishop Montgomery High School participated in the program.

Transfer...

Success Stories



Imani Crenshaw

Meet El Camino College alumna Imani Crenshaw. The West Torrance High School graduate attended the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) Convention and Career Fair in Florida this past summer to receive the Gannet Foundation Award for Innovation in Watchdog Journalism for the webisode series, “Como Amar: How to Love.” Imani transferred to Hampton University this fall as a broadcast journalism major.



Mike Le

Lifelong Redondo Beach resident Mike Le graduated from El Camino College this past spring and immediately left the West Coast for Harvard University to attend the summer session. He transferred to the University of California at Berkeley this fall to continue his studies in economics. At UC Berkeley, Le is involved in student government and is now the group’s assistant director of grants and development.

Machine Tool Technology Program Receives National Accreditation

El Camino College’s Machine Tool Technology Program has been awarded National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) Accreditation for excellence in metalworking training. This highly regarded certification demonstrates El Camino College’s high standards and commitment to a strong program that prepares students for employment in machine shops, tool rooms, and instrument and experimental laboratories, while providing upgrade opportunities for employed industrial personnel.



The program received high ratings in several evaluation areas, including: purpose, equipment/tooling/measuring devices, program features, administration, faculty, student credentialing, and advisory committee evaluation. The program is accredited in NIMS Machining Level I and II, with emphasis on measurement; materials and safety; job planning; benchwork and layout; drill press; turning operations; and milling.

For more information about El Camino College Machine Tool Technology degree and certificate programs, go to www.elcamino.edu/academics/indtech/mtt/

Program Spotlight: ECC Wins 14 Journalism Awards at State Conference

The *Union* online newspaper and *Warrior Life Magazine* were both awarded the prestigious General Excellence Award, with staff writers bringing home a total of 14 awards at the 2013 Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) State Convention in Sacramento. El Camino College student journalists spent four days competing in on-the-spot contests, attending a variety of workshops, and networking with peers and professionals. The event was attended by more than 40 community colleges, nearly 500 journalism students and dozens of industry professionals.

For more information about the ECC journalism program, or to read the Union online, go to www.elcamino.edu/academics/humanities/journalism/

News & Notes

Elevated Art



two bird-like formations of paper airplanes suspended in flight.

ECC art professor Joyce Dallal is a featured artist at Los Angeles International Airport's Terminal 3. Her work "Elevate" is on display through December 31, part of a new public showcase designed to highlight recent airport renovations. "Elevate" transforms the terminal's atrium in dramatic fashion, surrounding travelers with

"Would You Woodwork?"



basic instruction about woodworking equipment. C.C. is now working hard to earn a fine woodworking and cabinet maker certificate, while producing her fun and informative video segments. Go to few-bits.com/category/my-projects/ to view the segments.

C.C. Boyce came to Los Angeles for an acting career, but her goals expanded when she enrolled in woodworking classes at ECC. She recently launched the first two installments of "Would You Woodwork?" a new comedic and instructional Web series where she gives

Planetarium Shows for Fall

The community is invited to fall planetarium shows at El Camino College! The planetarium features an amazing projector by Chronos, which projects the night sky from all over the world onto the planetarium dome. Upgrades to the planetarium were made possible by Measure E. The shows are free and open to the public, made possible with funding by a Title III HSI-STEM grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Upcoming shows include a fulldome feature at 3 and 5 p.m. November 2; a look at dark matter and dark energy at 8 p.m. November 15; and a viewing of supernovae, neutron stars, and black holes at 8 p.m. December 13.

Connect with ECC

El Camino College's social accounts are the place to be! Join in the conversation with the more than 26,000 Facebook fans and 3,700 Twitter followers who are keeping up with college happenings. In addition, our new Instagram photo and video-sharing profile is a hit! Look for us on Instagram at [ecc_online](https://www.instagram.com/ecc_online), or tag your photos [#ecc_online](https://www.instagram.com/ecc_online).

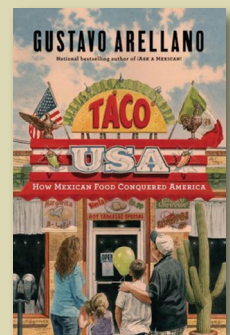


The @ECC_Online Twitter account continues to receive several mentions per day and followers retweet ECC posts on a regular basis. Since creating the ECC profile on Facebook in January 2009, the college has gained an average of 479 new "likes" per week. ECC's level of engagement, measured by the number of fans—as well as shares, comments and likes on various posts—indicate that we have a successful mix of visuals, humor, student spotlights, important information, current events, and just as important, a great response record to fans.

Be a part of ECC social media. We want to hear from you, so sign up and say hello!

Hispanic Heritage Month

Award-winning columnist and author Gustavo Arellano recently visited El Camino College to lead a lecture and Q&A session during Hispanic Heritage Month. Arellano is the editor of "OC Weekly" and author of the nationally syndicated column "Ask a Mexican!" He also presented his latest book



"Taco USA: How Mexican Food Conquered America."

Financial Aid TV

ECC's new "Financial Aid TV" features short video clips that answer questions about financial aid. Students have 24-7 access to this service that covers a variety of topics from understanding the application to the new GI Bill eligibility guidelines. Financial aid is a great way to pay for fees, books, and other college expenses. Go to elcamino.edu/studentservices/fao/ to learn more.



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South Bay High School Graduates Receive Priority Registration*

*Priority registration is available to 2014 high school graduates living within the El Camino Community College District (El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance) who complete these four easy steps by March 31, 2014.

Applications for summer/fall 2014 accepted online beginning November 1



Scan with a smartphone for detailed information, or go online:
www.elcamino.edu/priority-registration.



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