



# EL CAMINO COLLEGE

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Welcome to El Camino College's Community News!

Preparing students for a successful future is our business. From rewarding careers to celebrated transitions to four-year universities, the success stories of our alumni make us proud and remind us of our important mission – to offer the best in educational services to our community.

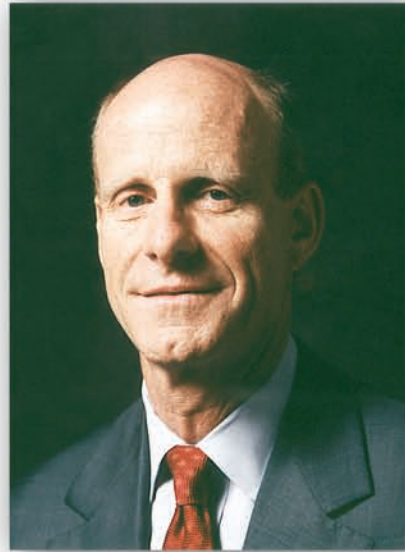
We invite you to meet a few of our students and alumni throughout the pages of this newsletter. Numerous alumni have become teachers, nurses, firefighters, welders and business and community leaders. Many of our students today are on their way to their own successful careers.

El Camino College continues to grow, with nearly 28,000 students enrolled today – a significant increase over that first graduating class of 1948. With this consistent growth, the ability to make needed facilities improvements has been an important part of our future.

More than 60 years ago our community felt strongly enough to establish a new community college in the South Bay and voted to create what is now El Camino College. The spirit of those voters was echoed in a 2002 election that approved our facilities bond. With those funds, we have been able to make many campus safety upgrades, add new technology and infrastructure, and complete extensive remodeling projects.

Whether you are looking to take that first step toward furthering your education, are an alumnus of El Camino College, or a valued community supporter, please stop by our campus and see what we have to offer.

El Camino College is right in your neighborhood. Join us and begin your future now.



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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Fallo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping arch over the first few letters.

Thomas M. Fallo  
Superintendent/President

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## UCLA, UC BERKELEY ... WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO?

**El Camino College is sending more students than ever to UC campuses and the numbers continue to increase.**



### **HONORS TRANSFER PROGRAM DOUBLES PARTICIPANTS RANKED HIGHEST AMONG AREA COLLEGES**

The El Camino College Honors Transfer Program (HTP) is a great way to get to the university of your dreams.

The word is getting out – HTP's numbers doubled in the past four years! ECC's HTP is now ranked No. 1 among all area colleges in the percentage of honors program students accepted to UCLA.

In 2008, a record 87 HTP students were admitted to UCLA – a 93 percent admittance rate, the highest percentage of any honors program in the state.

#### **HONORS TRANSFER PROGRAM (HTP) BENEFITS**

- Priority registration
- Academic and social opportunities
- Honors classes – smaller class sizes
- HTP designation on transcripts and ECC degrees
- HTP counselor, and other assistance
- Enrichment seminars
- Increased chances for scholarships

**More info? Contact the HTP at 310-660-3815.**

## Who Will You Be?



***"I will be a math teacher."***

– William, HTP grad who transferred to UCLA last fall.

***"In the Honors Transfer Program I worked with other highly motivated university-bound students and in two years I was able to complete my general education requirements – ready to transfer to UCLA."***

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## BUILDING FOR SUCCESS

### Measure E Brings New Facilities to Campus

Funds from Measure E continue to enhance the El Camino College campus, creating new and improved learning opportunities for students.



A brand-new **Learning Resources Center** recently opened, featuring a basic skills lab, campus archives, the Ella Rose Madden Nursing Collection, and a digital processing center. The Distance Education/Incubator Conference Center is also located in the new building, available so faculty are able to experiment with flexible learning environments and technologies.



Designed to be energy efficient and environmentally sound, the college's new **Central Plant** houses three hot water boilers and three chillers and will eventually supply water to the entire campus, circulating up to 630 gallons of hot and/or 1,800 gallons of cold water every minute per boiler and chiller.

The two-story building is located on the north side of Murdock Stadium and contains state-of-the-art energy-efficient systems designed to lower energy costs and reduce the campus' carbon footprint.

Our \$25.175 million five-level **parking structure** is nearing completion, at the intersection of Stadium Way and Redondo Beach Boulevard. Ten **tennis courts** and a **softball field** are also scheduled, along with landscaping.

## FOUNDATION/ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Nearly \$500,000 in Matching Funds Available  
in Unprecedented Private Statewide Gift

El Camino College has the opportunity to receive nearly \$500,000 from a private gift to help students reach their educational goals. The half-million dollars in matching funds is among the highest awarded among the state's 109 community colleges, and is part of a \$25 million private gift to the California Community Colleges from the Bernard Osher Foundation, which will fund endowed scholarships throughout the state. In addition, the Osher Foundation extended a challenge for the colleges jointly to raise \$50 million by June 2011. If accomplished, the Osher Foundation will give an additional \$25 million, bringing the total for endowed scholarships to \$100 million. El Camino College is challenged to raise \$973,717, with efforts already in place toward raising these matching funds.

"As a graduate of El Camino College, I know firsthand the value of a community college education," said Thomas M. Fallo, president of El Camino College. "The community college system is an incredible resource that helps thousands of students succeed each year. We are ready to do our part to participate in this groundbreaking program."

### MEET EL CAMINO COLLEGE ALUMNI LANCE IZUMI

#### Alumni Spotlight

As president of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, Lance Izumi believes in the value of a community college education, something he learned himself as a student at El Camino College.

After graduating from Gardena High School, Izumi was ready for UCLA, eager to study history and economics. He was not ready for typing all the term papers he was sure to be assigned.

"I decided to take a summer typing class at El Camino College and it was one of the best courses I have taken in my whole life," he said. "When I went to UCLA I was really confident in my skills and ready to type my term papers. And now, as a writer by profession, I would never be as accomplished without those typing skills."

Izumi is senior director of education studies at the Pacific Research Institute for Public Policy (PRI), a San Francisco-based public-policy think tank. He has written numerous studies on education issues and is the co-author of two books. In addition to his bachelor's degree from UCLA, he holds a master's degree in political science from the University of California at Davis and a juris doctorate from the USC School of Law.



*"I think that my experience at El Camino College mirrors the experience of a lot of people in community colleges across California."*

"So many people attend classes at community college – one class or a series of classes, earning a certificate or a degree. Everyone is part of the California Community Colleges system and everyone has individual stories of success about their good experiences."



## Who Will You Be?



**“I will be a social worker.”**

—Victoria

Victoria, transferred to UC Irvine, majoring in social ecology – received assistance from the ECC Book Fund

### You CAN Afford College!

Student fees at ECC are the lowest in the nation – just 24 percent of the national average. And with recent tuition increases at the UC and CSU level, El Camino College is a better value than ever only \$20 per unit.

### Financial Aid is Here to Help

Need financial assistance for college?

Apply for financial aid, and do it now.

Even those who think they may not be eligible may be surprised. Just apply!

All you need to do is complete the

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

It's online, it's easy, it's waiting for you 24-7.

For more info contact

El Camino Financial Aid Office at

[www.elcamino.edu/student-services/fao](http://www.elcamino.edu/student-services/fao)

or call 310-660-3493.

## WANT TO HELP STUDENTS REACH THEIR GOALS?

Contact the Foundation

[www.elcamino.edu/administration/foundation](http://www.elcamino.edu/administration/foundation)

or call: 310-660-3683

## ONE FOR THE BOOKS

ECC Book Fund Gets a Boost

Since 2002, the El Camino College Book Fund has helped thousands of students pay for needed texts. At that time, the fund topped off at \$12,500; now it's up to \$55,000 – and the need continues to grow.

A new program aims to re-energize and increase the dollars in the venerable Book Fund, in addition to promoting philanthropy in new graduates. The innovative “Honor Loan Program” encourages and empowers students who have benefited from the Book Fund to donate the amount of the voucher within five years.

Currently, the Book Fund offers up to \$200 per voucher, one per student. The Foundation's goal is to increase the Book Fund to \$100,000 per year.

Need Foundation/Alumni info? Contact

[www.elcamino.edu/administration/foundation](http://www.elcamino.edu/administration/foundation)

## TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

### The Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver (BOGW) Program

Enrollment fees are waived for qualified students for the entire school year for qualifying students.

### Grants

Grants are a kind of financial aid that do not have to be paid back. Programs include: Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, and Cal Grants

### Scholarships

Awards are based upon specific qualifications, talents, or merit – often without regard to financial need

### Work-study

Students earn money toward their education through part-time jobs

Apply online today!

[www.elcamino.edu](http://www.elcamino.edu)

## HIGH-TECH AUTO

### Emissions Testing Program

Start your engines – we can all breathe easier with El Camino College's new ground-breaking program in the cutting-edge, all-wheel drive emission control testing field.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) is replacing the college's two-wheel drive station with high-tech, all-wheel drive equipment. ECC is one of only three locations in the world with this technology, and the only one in the United States.

The new all-wheel-drive equipment at El Camino College will be able to test ALL vehicles, including two- and four-wheel drive. Students will receive training and obtain work-ready skills as automotive technicians in the public or private sector.

## WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

### Students Earn "The Tools to Success"

Ten El Camino College Women In Technology (WIT) program students have the tools they need to reach their goals, thanks to the Nissan Tool Kit Program. Students were given tools needed to pursue their studies in automotive technology, computer electronics and hardware, machine tool technology, manufacturing technology and welding.



## COMMUNITY COLLEGES... KNOW THE NUMBERS

- 60 percent of CSU and 30 percent of UC graduates are community college transfers
- 80 percent of firefighters, law enforcement officers and emergency medical technicians are credentialed at community colleges
- 70 percent of the nurses in California are community college graduates

## Who Will You Be?



**"I will be an automotive technician."**

– Christian

Plans a career in the high-paying auto technology industry

## Who Will You Be?



**"I will be a welder."**

– Dulce

Pursuing a welding career

## ECC'S TRACI GRANGER

### All-Time Fastest Master Swimmer in the World

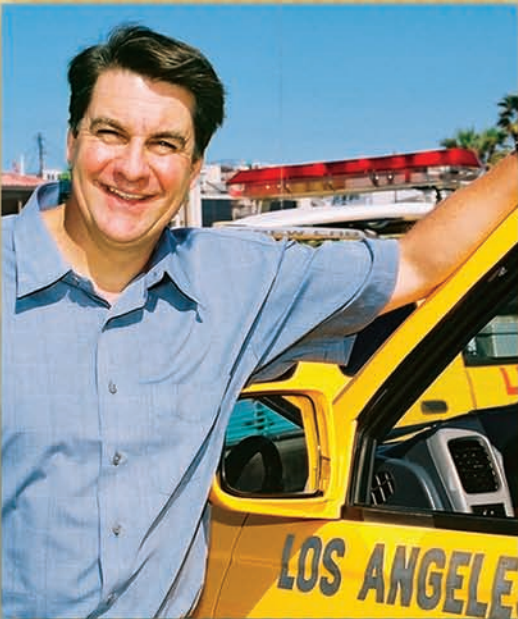


In the water, no one in the world can beat El Camino College instructor and swim coach Traci Granger, who was recently named the world's fastest masters swimmer in her division. Granger set a world record in the 50-54 age group while competing in the Southern Pacific Masters Association (SPMA) Regional Short Course Meters Championships in Long Beach.

Swimming the 50-meter butterfly in 30.60 seconds, Traci bested the previous record of 31.16. Her world record follows two national records set this past spring in the 50-54 age group of the USMS Short Course Yard Championships.

## SURFING THE FILM SCENE

### ECC History Professor Gets His Close Up



Mix the South Bay surf scene with the wave riders of Ireland, and the results are a picturesque new film that is winning awards and the attention of moviegoers worldwide.

El Camino College history professor Dr. Arthur Verge appears in the new documentary "Waveriders," which explores the spectacular nature of big wave surfing in Ireland. The film is based in part on a short biography Verge wrote about South Bay pioneering surfer George Freeth, the son of an Irishman and the world's first lifeguard.

Surfing history is brought into the film through Freeth, who went on to transform and popularize the sport in California.

"Waveriders" won best documentary at the Irish Film & Television Academy Awards; and won the prestigious audience award for best film at the Dublin International Film Festival – the only honor awarded at the festival. The film had three successful screenings at the recent Santa Barbara Film Festival and is now in release throughout Ireland and the United Kingdom. A release in the United States is expected at a future date.

# ECC FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



## NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

El Camino College's pioneering First Year Experience (FYE) program recently received national accolades for success in both enrolling and graduating students.

The results were released in the national report, "Modeling HSIs: Campus Practices That Work for Latino Students," released by Excelencia in Education, a nonprofit policy group.

ECC's highly successful FYE program was praised for its outstanding graduation and retention rates. Students in the First Year Experience participate in learning communities (programs in which groups of students take multiple classes together), and also receive help from peer and faculty mentors.

### FYE - THE HELP YOU NEED

Designed to help students be successful in their first year of college, the El Camino College First Year Experience (FYE) program provides a supportive environment of educational and career services.

#### **FYE Students have access to:**

- Early registration
- Orientation
- FYE counseling
- Learning community courses
- Strategies for success in college
- Designated FYE faculty
- Field trips
- Peer mentors

## Who Will You Be?



***"I will be a communications specialist."***

- Megan

FYE student, Associated Students Organization President, plans to transfer to UCLA



### Sports Illustrated Student Athlete

ECC volleyball standout Karina Woehrstein was featured in a recent "faces in the crowd" column in *Sports Illustrated*. Karina was a sophomore libero on the El Camino College State Championship Women's Volleyball Team this past season, contributing 498 digs (5.6 per game) to the state-champion team.

She was an All-South Coast Conference and all-state selection, as well as state tournament MVP. El Camino College was 74-5 and won two state titles during her two seasons.

### Who Will You Be?



**"I will be a public administrator."**

— Alex

ECC water polo player, plans to transfer to the Air Force Academy

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

### REPEAT State Champs!



It's a repeat for El Camino College women's volleyball – the team won its second consecutive state title on December 7, defeating No. 1 Santa Rosa in the final tournament game.

The Warriors ended the 2008 season 32-2, with South Regional Tournament and South Coast Conference coach of the year honors going to Coach LeValley Pattison. Five players made the All Tournament team: Sam Taylor, Jo'vine Tulikihifo, Amrita Tuladhar, Kara Lei Cummings and Karina Woehrstein, who was also named MVP of the tournament. In addition, Taylor and Woehrstein were voted to the All State team and were named All Southern California. Taylor was also named First Team All American.

## WARRIOR FOOTBALL SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

### Record Number Transfer with Scholarships



El Camino College's longstanding tradition of sending outstanding athletes to excellent four-year colleges and universities continues! Congratulations to the record-breaking 36 students who transferred on football scholarships this past fall. We certainly anticipate that this year's athletes will have the same success in the future.

A trademark of the El Camino College football program is that players have the opportunity to play 22 games in two years, and they leave ECC as experienced college football players. Nearly 85 players have earned full-paid NCAA scholarships in the past four years – most of them continue their education all the way through graduation.

## ECC NEWS AND NOTES

The **Special Resource Center (SRC)** was recognized for its groundbreaking work in serving students with disabilities. The SRC is halfway through a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Rehabilitation Services Administration and is partnering with Western Oregon University to run the Western Region Interpreter Education Center (WRIEC), dedicated to education and professional development for interpreters at all levels.



A gold medal was awarded to the **Public Relations & Marketing** Department for a 30-second television ad promoting the college. The award was presented by the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) at its annual regional conference. The ECC ad was among 400 entries in a variety of categories, and one of about 20 entries for television ads.



Faculty and students from the Fire Technology program assisted in the dedication and memorial ceremony for the **City of Redondo Beach 9-11 Tribute**, a project of the Leadership Redondo Class of 2007. The new memorial, which features a piece of steel from the World Trade Center, was unveiled at the ceremony.



ECC project manager Pauline Annarino was elected to her third term as president of the American Association of Grant Professionals (AAGP). At the same time, the Grant Professionals Certification Institute (GPCI) also unveiled the **Pauline Annarino Founding President Award**, a volunteer achievement award to be given each year by the GPCI.



Come view the **Anthropology Museum's exhibit for 2008-09**, titled: "Our Bodies: Vessels of Expression." Students in the Museum Studies program created the exhibit, which explores the varied cultural approaches to the presentation of the body in Asia, the circum-Pacific region and in modern North America, and how the motivations and approaches taken to body modification have changed through time.

**Three separate grants were awarded** to campus programs, totaling nearly \$3.5 million. Funding includes: a \$1.7 million Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) grant to the Mathematical Sciences, Natural Sciences, and the Industry and Technology divisions designed to strengthen STEM programs. The Childhood Education Department won a five-year, \$1.4 million dollar grant; and a \$386,700 grant from the State Chancellor's Office to the BTC was also awarded.



**Professor Emeritus James Mack** published music arrangements with New York-based Kendor Music, Inc., a major nationally known publishing house. Professor Mack was the director of instrumental music at ECC for 34 years before he retired from full-time teaching in June 1998.



Four outstanding students were honored at the annual **SSTARS (Student Services Transfer and Retention Services) breakfast banquet**. The event is designed to celebrate student achievement while also raising money for scholarships. George Peter Cable, Ashley Dester, Megan McLean, Chanell Smith, and Trayvon Waller were recognized for their hard work.



Advanced photography students Lyn Watanabe and Laura Bellamy are finalists in the **Photographer's Forum Best of College Photography Competition**. This international competition draws more than 20,000 entries; the top 5 percent are selected as finalists.



**Photo instructor Joyce Dallal** is a featured artist in an exhibit titled, "Flight," which was displayed in the North East Gallery of the United Nations Visitors Lobby in New York. The exhibit of sculptural installations centers on the theme of war and peace and its human consequences and implications.



Twenty-three students were selected to the **University of California at Irvine Saturdays with Scientists** program for 2008-09. They joined more than 40 other community college students who participated in hands-on activities and lectures with some of UC Irvine's top faculty from the science disciplines.

The El Camino Community College District is committed to providing equal opportunity in which no person is subjected to discrimination on the basis of ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, age, sex, race, color, ancestry, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability or retaliation.

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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

**ECC Ranked Among  
Highest in State  
for Transfers!**

### TRANSFER FACTS

El Camino College is ranked ...

- **in the top 10** in the state in sending students to the UC and CSU systems
- **fifth** in students transferring to UCLA
- **third** in students transferring to Cal State Long Beach
- **first** in students transferring to Cal State Dominguez Hills

and has more than doubled the number of students transferring to UC Berkeley.



### ECC Nursing State-of-the-Art Laboratory

A new state-of-the-art simulation lab recently opened along with a revamped ECC Nursing Department facility. The new **Ella Rose Madden Simulation Lab** features high fidelity mannequins that mimic the human body. This past summer, crews transformed the nursing department into a simulated hospital, with nursing stations and a central supply.

The El Camino College nursing program is one of the largest in California and boasts a pass rate on the national licensing examination averaging above 95 percent. Graduates earn an associate degree and are prepared for entry into the health care field as a registered nurse. Alumni of the El Camino College Nursing Department are employed throughout the United States in a variety of fields.

**More info? Call 310-660-3281**