

# El Camino College News



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## NEW, STATE-OF-THE-ART HUMANITIES BUILDING

Wireless classrooms, Smart Boards, tricked-out student newsroom – it's all new and it's all state-of-the-art in El Camino College's recently opened Humanities Building.

The \$30.9 million project is the first completely new instructional building on the El Camino College campus in nearly 40 years – three stories of brick, concrete and glass, with energy-efficient features and recycled and eco-friendly materials. All classrooms have podiums and projectors and are designed to let in plenty of natural light.

Thanks to all who supported Measure E, making the Humanities Building and many other facilities improvements on campus possible.

### Humanities Building by the Numbers

- 83,900 square feet: Building size
- 35,000 square feet: Drought-tolerant landscaping
- 560 computers
- 49 offices
- 47 miles of fiber optic and other cable
- 33 classrooms
- 13 computer labs



ECC alumni from each of the college's decades join President Thomas M. Fallo at the Humanities Grand Opening. From left, David Benoit (1970), Kevin Nakano (1980), Brock Gibson (1990), Virginia Pfiffner (1940), Dr. Thomas M. Fallo, Dennis Mangers (1950), Harold Tyler (1960), and Siannah Collado (2000).

## ECC'S OWN AMERICAN IDOL!

Showing off his own brand of funk, rock, and pop, El Camino College student Chikezie was a top 10 finalist on the wildly popular television talent show "American Idol."

Chikezie, 22, an Inglewood resident and member of the college's chorale, was an early favorite, bringing loads of talent, style, and charm to the airwaves.

"To see him steal the show was amazing," said Joanna Nachev, ECC chorale director. "His ability to connect with a live audience as well as a television audience was most evident."



Chikezie, Photo credit: Fox/American Idol.



New Humanities Building interior

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Growing up surfing in the South Bay, producer Dan Wozniak got his start in filmmaking, filming his buddies while they were surfing the curl. His latest production is a ride through the streets of Los Angeles and the South Bay. The new film "Crenshaw Boulevard" is a series of stories showcasing the people and communities that reside along the 24 miles of this venerable road.

Featured prominently in the film is El Camino College – Wozniak's alma mater.

"El Camino College really gave me a solid foundation across the board," he said. "I think that's because the teachers at El Camino really cared. It was an awesome time, and it prepared me well."



Dan Wozniak

### CALLING ALL ALUMNII!

Join the fun – call the El Camino College Alumni Association!  
310-660-3683 or [kgleason@elcamino.edu](mailto:kgleason@elcamino.edu).

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### NEED CASH FOR COLLEGE?

Financial aid is available all year long at El Camino College.

Grants? Scholarships? Loans? Enrollment Fee Waivers? We can help!

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## WITH HONORS

El Camino College Honors Transfer Program (HTP) students recently participated in the state Honors Transfer Council of California Student Research Conference at UC Irvine. Fourteen ECC students participated in this conference – most gave verbal presentations on their research topics. ECC students received four of 20 awards!

The highest award at the conference was named after Dr. Jean Shankweiler, ECC chemistry professor and interim dean of natural sciences, who organized the first HTCC conference.

**The HTP:** A unique learning environment which stresses scholastic excellence for highly motivated students.

**Benefits:** Priority registration, academic and social interaction with other highly motivated students, smaller class size, designation of HTP on transcript / degree, and enrichment seminars.



The HTP team, joined by Director Joseph Holliday, secretary Susan McLeod, Dr. Shankweiler, and Vice President Academic Affairs, Francisco Arce.



HTP award winners John Bacolores, Nancy Tripathi, and Elyse Yerelian.

WARRIOR ATHLETES



Teaching ESL



Women's Volleyball Team



Sam Taylor

Women's Volleyball – State Champs!

The El Camino College women's volleyball team took the 2007 California Community College State Championship, bringing home the first state volleyball title since 1983 – a victory that included MVP LeValley Pattison, who is now ECC's head volleyball coach.

Sam Taylor was named tournament MVP and fellow teammates Lauren Simmons, Marcella Hernandez, and Karina Worhstien were named to the All Tournament Team.

ECC is the first college outside the Orange Empire Conference to win the state tournament in 15 years; the victory is also the first time a team from the loser's bracket won the tournament.

Teaching Teachers

Start your teaching career right here! The El Camino College Teacher Education Program (TEP) has scheduled a Guest Speakers' Symposium for April 26, featuring more than 25 sessions on a variety of topics for future educators.

- Pathways to Careers in Education
- Positive Discipline
- Working with Parents and Paraprofessionals
- Technology in the Classroom
- Lesson Plans for All Grade Levels
- Test Preparation Strategies
- Interviewing/Resume Writing
- Teaching to Diversity
- Financial Aid
- Stress/Wellness
- Men in Education
- And more!

The TEP guides students to a variety of careers in teaching by offering workshops, advisement, internships and other activities. More info? Call 310.660.3573.

ECC – AT HIGH SCHOOL!

Why not start your college education while still in high school? At El Camino College, you can, and pay no fees!

What a great way to get a head-start on college – and with the cost savings, it's almost like a scholarship! Check out the class schedule online for class offerings.

Fees still only \$20 per unit!

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## Who will you be?



**"I will be an oncologist."**

Roxanna, El Camino College student leader;  
plans to transfer to UCLA.

### EL CAMINO COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

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Superintendent / President

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Academic Affairs

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Vice President  
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**Dr. Jeanie Nishime**  
Vice President  
Student Services

### **- Welcome - High School Senior Day**

It's all here and it's all for you -  
check it out!

**"High School Senior Day"**  
May 23, 2008

- ▶ Learn about ECC's academic and vocational career programs
- ▶ Info on financial aid, transferring, and scholarships

Representatives from UC Berkeley,  
UCLA, USC, Cal State Long Beach  
and more!

It's first-come, first-served, so see your  
high school counselor today for more info.

**Registration for summer and fall  
classes begins June 2, 2008**

**Summer Session begins June 16  
Fall Semester starts August 23**

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