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El Camino College Announces New Vice President

Dr. Jeanie M. Nishime was recently named El Camino College's new vice president, student services, filling a position previously held on an interim basis by Dr. John Baker. She begins her new position March 1.

Nishime joins a relatively new vice presidential administrative team, along with Dr. Jeff Marsee, vice president, administrative services; and Dr Francisco Arce, vice president, academic affairs. The college's three vice presidential positions were left vacant in 2005 due to retirements.

"With Dr. Nishime's career experience covering both administration and working directly with students, we are confident that she will provide guidance and leadership to ensure students' educational needs are met," said Thomas M. Fallo, Superintendent/President of the El Camino College. "We welcome Dr. Nishime to El Camino College."

Nishime is the former associate dean of counseling and career services at Pasadena City College, a post she has held since 1999. In this position, her leadership led to increased counseling services to students, including the implementation of online orientations in English, Spanish and Chinese; and the addition of college orientation courses on high school campuses.

Previous administrative experience includes serving as the dean of counseling and student support services at Riverside Community College, where she worked to develop a matriculation program, a plan to increase student retention, and computerized systems designed to allow data sharing among counseling and admissions staff at all three campuses in the district.

With a strong background in counseling, Nishime was a counselor/advisor at Fullerton College for more than 10 years where she served students in a variety of areas. She has also taught psychology, helping skills and academic strategies courses at community colleges in Fullerton, Riverside, and Pasadena.

An active member in several professional organizations, Nishime belongs to the Matriculation Professionals Association, the International Chair Academy, the National Association of Foreign Students and Advisors, and the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA) where she has made many presentations

at conferences regarding educational leadership and strategies aimed at improving student performance.

Nishime has a doctorate in institutional management from Pepperdine University, a master's degree in counseling from California State University, Long Beach and a bachelor's degree in psychology from Point Loma College in San Diego, where she graduated magna cum laude.

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