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Prizes, Giveaways, Offered at El Camino College New Student Welcome Day

Prizes, giveaways and entertainment will be offered at El Camino College's "New Student Welcome Day," an orientation and outreach event designed to welcome students to the Torrance campus and guide them into college life.

The free event from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 22 will offer students a chance to win an iPod and certificates to the bookstore, among other prizes; tour the campus; register for classes; get a photo ID; meet counselors, deans, and professors; and buy texts at the El Camino College Bookstore. Students should meet at the Marsee Auditorium.

Participants will also join a panel discussion on college life led by El Camino College students, learn about the resources available on campus, and attend workshops covering topics such as college career planning, choosing a major, transferring to a university, and financial aid. Lunch is also provided, with lunchtime music provided by radio station Power 106.

Students will be greeted with welcome statements from El Camino College President Dr. Thomas M. Fallo as well as vice presidents and counselors.

"We welcome all new students to our campus and to this event," said Dr. Fallo. "We are here to serve our community and hope that this Welcome Day will make our new students and their families feel at home on campus."

The second-annual event came from a brainstorming session within the Associated Students Organization. Student leaders decided that a welcome event would help new students feel connected to their new school, and help them feel at comfortable right away at El Camino College.

"This is such a great idea for new students because it gives them the chance to start college off on the right foot," said Ashley Bachmann, one of the student planners. "The information students receive on Welcome Day will give them that extra edge they need for a successful academic, social, and extracurricular life at El Camino College – a well-rounded college experience."

To register or for more information, go to <u>www.elcamino.edu</u>.