



# SSTARS Chronicle

STUDENT SUCCESS TRANSFER & RETENTION SERVICES

SUMMER / FALL 2008

## SSTARS 2007-2008 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Advisory Committee Involvement
- Breakfast Fundraiser
- Five Student Inductees to SSTARS Hall of Fame
- Five Scholarship Presentations
- Book Donations
- Representation at Campus Fairs & Events
- Completion of New Brochure
- Newsletter Publication
- Support Programs added to SSTARS

## Chair Passes Torch

Say hello to Mr. Harold Tyler, Director of Student Development and Ms. Nancy Fong, MSW, Adjunct Counselor, EOPS/CalWORKs/CARE. Beginning July 1st, they will be the new SSTARS Co-Chairs for the 2008-2009 academic year, replacing current Chair, Ms. Jeanette Magee.

"It has been a pleasure serving as the 2007-2008 SSTARS Chair. This year has been both a busy and productive one for us. With collective efforts of the talented 27 program members, we successfully achieved all of our goals and objectives for the year. The individual efforts while working towards a group effort has been key. Henry Ford stated that 'If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.' This has been a major cause of the ongoing success of SSTARS. Additionally, we are appreciative of the continued support of our Dean, Vice Presidents, and President" - **Jeanette Magee**



"The enthusiasm and dedication that Jeanette brought to the SSTARS organization will be hard to match. But I think that both Nancy and I having been products of a couple of the pro-

grams as former students, makes us thankful and aware of what a tremendous responsibility we have to maintain the high standards of our organization and be dedicated to enhancing what we have as a legacy of services to our students to ensure their success."

- **Harold Tyler**



"I am extremely honored to be the new Co-Chair of SSTARS. Dr. Margaret Quinones-Perez and Ms. Jeanette Magee are extraordinary leaders and I am proud to continue the legacy of the past administrators and faculty of the SSTARS program. I am looking forward to an eventful year continuing the foundational projects and activities the co-chairs and committee members have established. My driving force is the retention and success of El Camino College students with goals to maintain the unity and accomplishments of the SSTARS program."

- **Nancy Fong**



**Let's Have A Great Year!**

## Cloteal C. Thomas Scholarship

Counselor Elaine Moore has created the Cloteal C. Moore Scholarship in memory of her mother. "My mother was a strong advocate for higher education." said an honored Ms. Moore.

The scholarship has been joined with the SSTARS program



Dean of Counseling, Dr. Regina Smith and Counselor Ms. Elaine Moore present the Cloteal C. Thomas Scholarship to Bobby Johnson and Igender Obah.

and has helped SSTARS in becoming an even stronger entity and resource for student success.

The 2007-2008 recipients of the Cloteal C. Moore Scholarship were Bobby Johnson and Igender Obah.

## SSTARS PROGRAMS

Adult Re-Entry  
 CalWORKs  
 Career Center  
 Career Placement  
 Career & Technical Education  
 Careers In Child Care  
 Counseling  
 EOPS/CARE  
 Financial Aid & Scholarships  
 First Year Experience  
 Foster & Kinship Education  
 Honors Transfer  
 International Students  
 Learning Communities  
 Learning Resource Center  
 MESA  
 Matriculation & Student Enhancement  
 Outreach & School Relations  
 Project Success  
 Puente Project  
 Special Resource Center  
 Student Athlete Independent Learning  
 Student Development Office  
 Supplemental Instruction  
 Teacher Education  
 Transfer Center  
 Women in Industry & Technology

SSTARS Newsletter Committee:  
 Luis Barrueta  
 Theresa Clifford  
 Harold Tyler

## Galaxy of the Stars

The 2nd Annual Galaxy of the Stars Breakfast Fundraiser took place in January at the Doubletree Hotel-Torrance/South Bay. The event was a huge success and raised \$6900.00 for SSTARS scholarships and other student needs.

In addition to serving as a fundraiser, the event also recognizes achievements of students who were involved with a SSTARS program during their studies at El Camino College. The following people were all inducted into the SSTARS Hall of Fame.

- Michael Chung - English First Year Experience Program
- Andrea Eke - Human Services Project Success Program
- Nancy Fong - Social Work EOPS/CARE Program
- Jonathan Harris - Counseling Transfer Center
- Hector Ruiz - Theater EOPS

## What's up?

### EOPS Twilight Ball

The 3rd Annual Twilight Ball and Silent Auction hosted by EOPS/CalWORKs/in March at the South End Racquetball Club was a smashing success! It's intent was to raise funds for the students in the respective programs. Funds raised will go towards scholarships, rent assistance, transportation expenses, supplies/uniforms, and other emergency needs.

"Generous El Camino College staff and community organizations and businesses donated the auction items and purchased tables that helped make this event a success.", stated Regina Lee, ECC CalWORKs Recruiter.

All in attendance had an enjoyable evening while knowing that their support is assisting a great cause: the retention of students with financial and educational disadvantages.

The purpose of this event is to celebrate El Camino College student accomplishments and to raise scholarship funds for students involved in Student Services Transfer And Retention Services (SSTARS) programs.

To purchase tickets, please contact Theresa Clifford at (310) 660-6936 or tclifford@ecampus.edu.  
 To order tickets by mail: El Camino College, ATTN: Theresa Clifford, 16007 Cremskay Blvd., Torrance, CA 90506  
 Please make checks payable to: ECC Foundation. Please write "SSTARS" in the memo portion of the check.

### SSTARS Scholarships Awarded

Diane Lombardo, Ashley Hardy, and Denice Ochoa each received a \$600 SSTARS scholarship to assist them with their continued education.

A special thank you goes out to Idania Reyes, Women in Industry & Technology Program Coordinator and John Weitzel, Career Placement Coordinator, for coordination and selection of the scholarship recipients.

## Purpose & Goals of SSTARS

SSTARS was born in the spring of 2003. The Student Services Transfer and Retention Services (SSTARS) committee was created to support the collaboration, communication, and development of services for student success, transfer, and retention.

Our goals are to improve communication between support programs and the community, to increase student retention, to share information about support services, to celebrate student accomplishments, and to raise money for scholarships and other student needs.

