

SSTARS Chronicle

Student Success Transfer & Retention Services

El Camino College Mission Statement

To meet the needs of our diverse community and ensure success by offering quality comprehensive educational opportunities



SSTARS Hall of Fame recipients and their program sponsors at the annual breakfast.

SSTARS 2011 Recognition Grant Awarded

The SSTARS Recognition Grant has been made possible by generous donations from El Camino College administrators, faculty, staff, students and community members. Thanks to this generous commitment, the SSTARS program has been able to award grants to students each year.

The SSTARS Program established this recognition grant to support students who have demonstrated a commitment to completing their education; and have certain financial hardships that make it difficult to pay for the cost of attending college. This grant is intended to help students reach their educational goals.

The 2011 SSTARS Grants recipients are

Sidikat Giwa	\$500
Adilene Gloria	\$500
Angela Songco	\$250
Esther Songco	\$250
Lacoya Theus	\$250
Lena Yamaguchi	\$250

SSTARS would like to send a special thank you to Michelle Arthur, Mary Beth Barrios, Bernadette Flameno, Kelsey Iino, Brenda Jackson, Victoria Martinez, Elaine Moore, Lisa Perez, Naomi Tokuda, and Clara Weston for assisting with selection of grant recipients.

Goals

To improve communication between programs and the community.

To increase student retention rates and ultimately success in college.

To share information about our programs and services.

To celebrate student accomplishments.

To raise money for the El Camino College Library Book Depot and other student needs.

www.elcamino.edu/studentservices/co/sstars.asp

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Fifth Annual Galaxy of the Stars Breakfast Fundraiser

The Fifth Annual Galaxy of the Stars Breakfast Fundraiser took place January 28, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel-Torrance/South Bay. The keynote speaker was Harold Tyler. This year's event was a huge success and raised \$7,145 for SSTARS grants and other student support needs. SSTARS would like to thank those programs and individuals whose generosity and support helped to make this event a success.

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 inducted into the SSTARS Hall of Fame.

Garcell Zardes – Project Success
 Angela Funes – EOPS/CARE/CalWORKS
 Ronald Calderon – Counseling/Puente Program
 Raul Campos – Enrollment Services/First Year Experience
 Ana K. Soltero Lopez – Inglewood Center
 Blanca Prado – Puente Project/Career and Transfer Program



Dr. Regina Smith, dean of counseling, thanks Harold Tyler for his years of service.

SSTARS Wish List

WISH: 2011-12 El Camino College Catalogs
 Amount: 45 copies
 Cost: \$5 each
 Program: Project Success
 Contact: Elaine Moore 310-660-3593 x 3632

WISH: Student planners for the 2011-12 academic year
 Amount: 1,160
 Cost: \$2.35 each
 Program: EOPS
 Contact: Clara Weston 310-660-3593 x 6056

WISH: Part-time clerical assistant
 Cost: \$18,000
 Program: Career Center Advisory Committee
 Contact: Van Ngyuen at 310-660-3593 x 6137

If you would like to contribute and help grant a wish, please notify the contact person directly.

SSTAR Alumni

Two former SSTARS scholarship recipients are recent graduates from Howard University.

Igenda Obah, accounting major, and Bobby Johnson, a communications studies major, graduated from Howard University in Washington D.C., on May 14, 2011. Both students received a SSTARS scholarship in Spring 2008.

Igenda will start a position with one of the big four accounting firms in Los Angeles this August. Bobby will work with a school program in Washington, D.C.