Update...

Our preliminary financial results are in, and they show that we had another very successful year. Our total assets grew by 19 percent to nearly $4.5 million. This increase came from the solid performance of our investments, our successful fundraising efforts, and from the sale to the college of our building in Hawthorne. We added four new directors to the board, bringing that group to a total of 19. Our general fund budget ended up in the black.

Our most significant achievement for the year was in the area of fundraising. Contributions to the Foundation were up by over 50 percent compared to last year, to a record $730,000.

We also made some significant increases in our grants to campus programs. Starting last year we made three grants to campus programs from our annual fund campaign. This year, at President Thomas M. Fallo’s May management meeting, we nearly tripled the value of those grants to $68,472. These grants are in addition to the hundreds of thousands of dollars that are distributed on campus each year through the designated gifts of both our new and our long-term donors.

Together we are having a direct impact on the students at El Camino College. Your generous gifts are providing books, scholarships, and equipment that help maintain the tradition of quality at ECC. Those of us who work as staff and volunteers for the Foundation are excited about the new opportunities that the new school year brings. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to an even more successful 2004-2005.

Celebrating Success!

RECEPTION: Ian and Jan Teague host private reception to celebrate annual fund campaign success.

By Rodolfo Lopez Jr.

Ian and Jan Teague invited friends of El Camino College to their residence to celebrate the 2004 annual fund campaign.

With the help of friends and supporters, the accomplishments of the past year included the formation of the Alumni Association board of directors, the annual scholarship luncheon, second annual employee giving campaign, Foundation awards to eight campus divisions, the creation of the Hispanic Endowment Fund, the influx of major gifts to the college, and a record fund-raising year.

On hand to thank supporters were college President Dr. Thomas Fallo, Dr. Patricia Caldwell, Vice President of Stu-

El Camino College supporters smile for the camera at the Ian and Jan Teague private reception to celebrate the past years annual fund campaign accomplishments.

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El Camino College Foundation News

El Camino College Honors Graduates with Reception

LIBRARY LAWN: Students celebrate with family, friends and teachers.

By Rodolfo Lopez Jr.

The 57th commencement ceremony on June 11 began with its annual reception in the library lawn for graduating students and their families. The occasion was greeted with sunny skies and warm temperatures. Students met and mingled with the traditional blue caps and gowns.

Administrators, faculty and staff joined the festivities, some wearing regalia from their respective universities and level of degree obtained.

June is a special time for the campus community, as students and their family and friends celebrate the years of hard work, sacrifice and dedication of the students to their education.

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**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

As El Camino College begins its 58th year, we are excited about the endeavors on our campus. Our goals for the 2004-05 academic year continue from last year. These goals include: provide student access and success; retain regular, permanent employees; maintain a balanced budget; continue to move ahead with our Measure E facilities projects; and prepare for our mid-term accreditation report, which required us to better link planning to budget.

**Student Access and Success** – ECC is experiencing tremendous growth in the number of students we are serving. We have added 40-50 additional class sections for this fall; we plan to re-institute our winter session with more classes, totaling about 90; and we will add 70 classes to the spring 2005 schedule.

**Balanced Budget** – We are starting this year with a healthy 5% reserve for contingencies. Because of our enrollment growth in 2003-04, we have received additional funds from the state, assisting us with a balanced budget while increasing the number of classes offered and enhancing student services.

**Regular, permanent employees** – As with last year, ECC will continue to pledge support for our current permanent employees throughout this year, and address faculty and staff positions that support student success.

**Measure E** – We continue to move ahead with our facilities plans, and will continue revising the plan throughout 2005 as building materials costs continue to skyrocket. We were able to purchase much needed equipment last year with bond funds, but will have continued needs as we upgrade existing and build new facilities.

**Accreditation** – We are preparing for our mid-term accreditation report which will show great improvement in linking planning to budget. We will also work toward our next full accreditation which takes place in 2008.

We look forward to a successful and motivating year, and thank you all for your many contributions to the success of our students.

**New Foundation Board Members**

**DIRECTORS:** Four new members join the governance board, bringing total to 19 members.

By Rodolfo Lopez Jr.

We are pleased to welcome new Foundation board members Susan Duncan, David Graeler, Mark Hebson, and Peter Trelenberg.

**Susan Duncan** began her career as a tax analyst with KMPG after graduating from the University of Southern California with a bachelor’s degree in business administration. Susan is currently vice president in the consulting area of Morgan Stanley. She is active in the community and serves on the board of trustees for Peninsula Heritage School. She resides in Redondo Beach with her husband of 16 years, Jeff Arnold, and son Nicholas.

**David Graeler**, an attorney with Nossaman, Gunther, Knox & Elliott, is extensively involved in the firm’s eminent domain section and represents LAUSD in both residential and commercial condemnation of property. One of the younger board members, David received his juris doctorate in May 1998 from Loyola Law School and a bachelor’s degree from University of California at Irvine. He brings vast legal experience and a commitment to helping others to the foundation board.

**Mark Hebson** is president of Hebson Insurance Agency in Torrance. Mark is very involved in the community and is a member of the board of directors for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and the Torrance South Bay YMCA. Mark and his wife Jane have been married for 27 years and have three children.

**Peter Trelenberg** is process manager for Exxon Mobil. Pete joined the company in 1980 after receiving his bachelor’s degree in civil and environmental engineering from the University of Wisconsin and has traveled the world during his career. Starting in New Jersey as a project engineer, Pete also held assignments in Houston, Hong Kong, Dallas and now in California. Pete is married and resides in Palos Verdes Estates with his wife and children.
Foundation Awards
Funds to Programs

AWARDS: Student learning and book loans will be increased as a result of Foundation awards to eight divisions.

By Rodolfo Lopez Jr.

At the management meeting on May 19, 2004 in the Alondra Room of the El Camino College campus, eight division deans and managers stood before their colleagues to receive a combined $68,472 in award checks as part of the Foundation’s 2004 annual fund campaign.

Director of Development Katie Gleason and Foundation board members Derf Fredericks, Dr. Virginia Pfiffner and Susan Duncan were in attendance to present the awards. Each division was given the opportunity to submit up to three proposals for program needs. The Foundation board selected the winning proposals.

The eight divisions included business, counseling, enrollment services, fine arts, humanities, industry & technology, student services, and student and community advancement.

The awards will be used to purchase new computers, equipment, software, LCD and audio equipment to be used by students. Funds were also given to support book loans. The awards demonstrate the Foundation’s continuing support of programs on campus.

In 2003, $25,000 was awarded. This year’s total is an increase of 174 percent, prompting praise from El Camino College President Thomas M. Fallo. “The Foundation is doing a really fine job.”

GRADUATION: Student choir entertains
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Students snapped photos, posing with their families, faculty, administrators and anyone who was instrumental in their success. Four white catering tents were set up at different locations to serve a variety of sandwiches, dessert, fruit and refreshments.

In an alumni booth, Katie Gleason, director of development, joined Alumni Association board member Sally Whitney and greeted graduates and passed out Alumni Association membership information.

The reception program also included singing from the student choir led by Dr. Joanna Nachef. Dr. Thomas M. Fallo, president/superintendent, gave a congratulatory speech. Dr. James Schwartz, vice president of academic affairs presented faculty and staff service awards.

New mini-grant program to be launched in November

The El Camino College Foundation will be implementing a faculty and staff mini-grant program in November. This program, funded by donations from the annual fund employee giving campaign, will provide funding opportunities to help innovative faculty and staff improve student learning and workplace environment for enhanced job performance. The $1,000 grant may be used to buy equipment, support course work, promote professional development, or purchase supplies. Projects that relate to learning, customer support or workplace improvements that enhance job performance are eligible. Full- and part-time faculty members and staff are eligible to apply.
Employee Giving Campaign is a success

**GIFTS:** El Camino College employees make a difference through their generous support.

By Katie Gleason

The 2004 employee giving campaign raised $3,757, up from $2,300 last year with donations ranging from $5 to $700. The second annual fund raising effort showed an increase of 33 percent. College employees were invited to make a donation through a personal contribution or payroll deduction and had an opportunity to find out more about the campaign and the support provided by the Foundation at an Open House in April. 100% of the donations from the Employee Giving campaign, which is part of the Annual Fund will be used to fund a new Mini-Grant program that will be launched in November. For the second year in a row, the monies raised through the Employee Giving Campaign were matched by the college in a show of support for the generous donations.

Hispanic Endowment Fund

**Title V:** Federal grant offers unique opportunity to secure up to $80,000 in matching funds.

By Nelly Rodriguez

Honoring its commitment to serve the needs of our diverse community, the Foundation recently established the Hispanic Endowment Fund. The endowment will facilitate the development and expansion of much-needed student support programs such as scholarships, textbook depot, internships, mentoring, and other role-modeling opportunities.

More than 60 percent of El Camino College students are members of under-represented, low-income and minority populations, and more than 29 percent are Hispanic Americans. Research statistics indicate that without proper support networks, minority students, particularly Hispanic, are at higher risk academically and too often drop out of college.

In partnership with Community Action for Student Achievement (CASA), the Foundation has committed to develop the endowment, and secure matching funds of up to $80,000 from the Title V- Hispanic Serving Institution Grant (which funds CASA).

During the last year, CASA has been cultivating community relationships in the South Bay and beyond and established a fund-raising committee. The group met for the first time on July 8. Ray Durazo, Chairman of the Latin Business Association and CEO of Durazo Communications, facilitated the meeting and assisted in the development of fund-raising strategies.

“All students will benefit from the Hispanic Endowment Fund,” stated Roger Maddaford, Foundation president.

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SUCCESS: A record fundraising year
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dent and Community Advancement, board members Dr. Robert Haag and Dr. Nathaniel Jackson; and foundation board members. Several El Camino College students were also in attendance.

Conversations throughout the evening focused on the accomplishments and future of the college. Leading the charge was Stan Dunn, immediate past president of the foundation board whose excitement about the college was radiating. Surrounded by guests listening closely, Dunn explained the vision of El Camino College using a large illustration of the 2004 Facilities Master Plan (FMP). The first project of the FMP, the Science Complex Renovation, is scheduled for completion by the end of summer and the second phase by December. The second project will be the Humanities Complex Replacement Project.

Dunn says he enjoys being involved with the Foundation. “We have a tremendous board right now,” said Dunn. “It’s like a family, we all live in the community, and we love what we are doing.”

As the evening came to a close, Dr. Fallo stood atop the steps of a mini-bridge arched over the patio pool and thanked the hosts for welcoming everyone into their home. Dr. Fallo also thanked supporters for their contributions to the college.

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Teague gave a compassionate speech about how many years ago, El Camino College was instrumental in his success in life years later. “It is a pleasure to give back. Jan and I are always happy to open up our house to worthy causes,” said Teague. “I have my house because of El Camino College.”

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Honoring Students

One of several pre-graduation activities on campus, the El Camino College scholarship luncheon is an annual event that brings pride and joy to student scholarship winners, and the individuals instrumental in their academic success. The event is notably special to the Alumni Association which awards both the alumni vocational education and academic scholarships to deserving students.

This year’s alumni scholarship winners are Larry Krewson, (vocational education, also pictured in photo at right) and Tieshanetra Johnson, (academic). Each scholarship is worth $750.

Two Art Exhibits to Showcase Alumni Talents

The Alumni Association board of directors recently awarded grants to the El Camino College Art Gallery program for two alumni art exhibits scheduled for 2004-2005.

Artist Connor Everts, 78, is an international artist with art displayed in museums around the world. He attended El Camino College in the ‘50s. A video of his life and his works is to be shown during his exhibit. The grant from the Alumni Association will help to offset the costs of producing the video. The Everts exhibit is scheduled for October 11-November 5, 2004.

Artist Candance Gawne took drawing classes at El Camino College and UCLA. Candance credits the college for her foundation in art studies and says it had a tremendous impact on her life. She creates neon, painting and sculpture. Her exhibit is a retrospective look at what happens in the course of an artist’s life. Funding from the Alumni Association will go toward production of a video and a rear projector for the gallery exhibit. The Gawne exhibit is scheduled for March 28-April 29, 2005.

Both exhibits will be at the El Camino College Art Gallery, for additional information call the Foundation office at (310) 660-3683.

Associate Membership Benefits....

> Alumni Newsletter
> Library card to Schauerman Library
> 10% discount on all purchases at ECC bookstore
> 25% discount on purchase of two tickets to Marsee Auditorium
> Invitation to alumni events

Calling all ALUMNI

Whether you graduated from El Camino College, earned a certificate or have attended classes, we INVITE YOU to join us.

The Alumni Association will provide you with opportunities to reconnect with old friends, other alumni and faculty members, and provide updates on campus activities. You can help build a stronger campus by becoming a member.

TO JOIN CALL: 310.660.3683

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A Mexican fiesta was held in April for alumni and friends at the home of Don and Sharon Greco, which has won architectural awards for its contemporary and innovative design. Cliff Meidl Olympian and 2003 Distinguished Alumni of the Year for El Camino College, spoke to the group about his experiences and how it helped shape his future after a near-fatal accident which required years of vigorous physical therapy.

The event is one of several planned by the alumni board of directors to welcome alumni back to El Camino College and to provide an opportunity for them to get to know other alumni and find out what is going on at the college.

Kristen and Cliff Meidl relax after his keynote remarks. Cliff, a Mira Costa and ECC alumnus who went on to become an Olympian after a nearly fatal accident, was one of six MCHS alumni on the 1996 U.S. Olympic team. He suffered three cardiac arrests and nearly had his legs amputated after he came into contact with a 4,000-volt buried electrical cable on a construction job, but he went through a rigorous rehabilitation process and became a world class kayaker.

ECC alumni listen to Don Greco as he describes activities in support of ECC.

Alumni News

Upcoming Tours through Community Education at El Camino College
Italian Vista / March 3-15, 2005
Heritage of America / April 16-24, 2005
South Pacific Wonders / June 14-28, 2005
American Rockies by Rail / July 23-31, 2005

In Fall 2005:
Fall Foliage of the Northeast
Smithsonian/Russian River (Russia) Tour
New York City at Christmas

If you would like detailed information about any of these tours, please call Community Education at 310-660-6460.

Center for the Arts
25 percent discount for Alumni and Friends

Faculty Art Show - Alumni Reception
September 17 (Fri.), 6 p.m. Art Gallery

Shirley Jones
November 6 (Sat.), 8 p.m. Marsee

Blake Shelton
November 14 (Sun.), 7 p.m. Marsee

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
March 18, 2005 (Fri.), 8 p.m. Marsee

Susan Egan
April 1, 2005 (Fri.), 8 p.m. Marsee

Newspaper News

FN is published in the spring, summer and fall of each year for alumni, community partners and donors of El Camino College.

The purpose of FN is to inform constituents of success stories made possible through charitable giving, to highlight the various student programs on campus, and to provide information about the Foundation office, Board of Directors Alumni Association, and upcoming events.

We welcome comments and contributions to the newsletter. For deadlines, please contact the editor-in-chief.

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El Camino College to join Torrance Memorial Medical Center’s PAD program

PARTNERSHIP: TMMC will fund program that will place four units around campus.

By Linda R. Norris, R.N.
Coordinator, PAD Program

One of the leading causes of death in the United States is Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), which affects more than 450,000 people annually. In Sudden Cardiac Arrest, the heart goes into a fatal heart rhythm sometimes without any precipitating symptoms. Public Access Defibrillation programs, or PADs, are designed to bring early defibrillation technology to the layperson.

Torrance Memorial Medical Center started its PAD program approximately two years ago and is currently supporting nearly 50 units throughout the South Bay. More than 20 of these units have been donated by TMMC and its Community Benefits Program.

Torrance Memorial Medical Center has identified El Camino College as an ideal location for PADs. In two different phases, we plan on working together to initially place 10 units at the college. Four of the units will be located in police vehicles, and six in strategic areas around campus. We are delighted to announce that funding for four of the units will be through the Community Benefits program at TMMC. These units cost between $2,100 and $2,500 apiece. TMMC will assist El Camino College in arranging the appropriate training, will supply the necessary medical direction and device prescription, and provide ongoing support as necessary. Ultimately, we hope to place a total of 20 units on the ECC campus.

A Community Open House to celebrate the recently renovated Science Complex will be held Friday, November 5 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Started in mid 2001, Phase I of the renovation has been completed. Students were able to enroll in summer science courses in the new classrooms and labs. Phase II of the renovation is scheduled for completion December 2004 and will include the Natural Sciences building and the planetarium. A new telescope and projection system will be installed in the planetarium.

Invited guests will be able to take tours at the open house, talk with faculty members, enjoy refreshments, and learn more about the Facilities Master Plan (FMP). The FMP is a 15-year infrastructure and building renovation plan for the campus. Funded by a bond passed by South Bay voters in November 2002, the improvements will modernize classrooms with 21st century technology.