A Message about Excellence from President Maloney

Excellent educational programs and services leading to student success is a primary focus at ECC. This is also a key component of our Mission Statement. Innovative practices across all disciplines lead to unique learning opportunities for students. Examples of student success at ECC include: students earning STEM associate degrees nearly doubled in the last five years; ECC regularly ranks in the top 10 in the state in transfers to UC/CSU; and each year we recognize dozens of student-athletes with a 3.0 GPA or higher. I was honored to support our outstanding Honors Transfer Program students last month at the annual statewide conference at UC Irvine, which featured 30 ECC student presenters.

El Camino College’s excellence also shows in many student activities, such as the internationally award-winning physics team; our nationally recognized journalism program, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary; and many other champions in athletics, academics and the arts.

ECC’s powerhouse debate team just proved on a national level that they can compete with the best – including universities. In the past couple of weeks, the debate team competed in two national championship tournaments, with their best showing ever. ECC was host of the recent National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence. Isaac Curtiss and Mason Jones placed higher than any previous ECC team, with an impressive 21st place finish out of the top 54 individual debate teams in the nation. Three teams then competed in the National Parliamentary Debate Association championship at Cal State Long Beach, setting community college records, finishing as the highest ranked community college, and winning the Community College National Championship award for the second time.

Safety Matters:

Active Shooter Response Training: Chief Michael Trevis will lead another session on active shooter readiness from 1-2 p.m. April 21 in Social Sciences 203. Chief Trevis and the ECC Police Department have already provided safety presentations to more than 500 students, faculty and staff – this workshop will offer hands-on strategies to use in an emergency. Active shooter scenarios, practical implications of the “run, hide, fight” plan, and proactive approaches to use in the classroom will be discussed. Faculty will receive one hour of flex credit for attending. Register via Professional Development Reporter, www.elcamino.edu/administration/staffdev/pdreporter.asp.

Telephones: Work has begun on re-programing the ECC 911 feature on all existing telephones so the ECC Police Dispatch will see a specific location identifying from where the call is originating. Currently some phones only provide a general building location when the ECC 911 feature is utilized. Phones in the MBA, Humanities, Student Services and ITEC buildings are in the first group for these enhancements. A schedule is being developed for the remaining buildings on campus. A plan to install a telephone in every classroom is also under development.

Door locks: Four new “Lock Bloks” were installed in the MBA Building last week for pilot testing. Lock Bloks are specialized devices that allow classrooms and offices to be quickly secured from the inside, without looking for keys to lock doors during an emergency. This new safety feature is designed for existing doors that can only be locked and unlocked from the outside.
C-CERT - Congratulations!

Congratulations to the 23 staff members who recently received their certification in Campus Community Emergency Response Team (C-CERT)! The second C-CERT Program concluded with much success, increasing the number of trained emergency responders on campus. The program educates participants in disaster preparedness, disaster psychology, fire suppression, terrorism awareness, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. Thank you to all C-CERT members for completing this training – your contributions to the safety of the college community are greatly appreciated. Look for the next C-CERT Program this summer and register with Valerie Wagner at extension 3156 in the Office of Safety and Health.

Meet the President

President Maloney looks forward to meeting the campus community at an upcoming meet-and-greet reception scheduled from 1-3 p.m. April 14 in the Alondra Room. ECC faculty, staff and managers are invited to stop by for refreshments and conversation with President Maloney. This is also an opportunity to share news and ideas with the President!

Open Office Hours: In addition, all employees are welcome to drop in to meet with President Maloney at any of the times noted below. This is a great opportunity to share information about department, student, faculty or staff accomplishments, and present new ideas or programs. No appointment necessary, just stop by: Wednesday, April 13 - 12:30-2 p.m.; Monday, April 25 - 12:30-2 p.m.; and Thursday, April 28 - 2:30 - 4 p.m. The President’s Office is located in the Administration Building, Room 100.

Faculty Laptops

New faculty laptops are here! Distribution of more than 170 new faculty laptops or tablets has already begun. Full-time faculty members who have not yet received a laptop should contact the Help Desk at extension 6571 for an appointment. The initial set up of new equipment takes about 20-30 minutes; each faculty member will get on the network and learn basic navigation and understanding of the device. The Board of Trustees recently approved funds to purchase these computers for full-time faculty at both ECC and ECC Compton Center.

Student Success: Scholarship Awards

Congratulations to the 550 outstanding students who will be awarded El Camino College Foundation Scholarships totaling $1.2 million for the 2016-2017 academic year. Students whose scholarships are privately funded will have the opportunity to meet the donors at the annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony on April 14. The ECC scholarship program continues to grow, providing critical support to students in a variety of academic disciplines. This year, 19 incoming students will be awarded scholarships of $1,000 per year for two years via the high school scholarship program. The Osher Endowed Scholarships will provide 217 students with $1,000 scholarships this year.

Warriors Football: New Coach

Gifford Lindheim was recently named the new Warriors head football coach. He comes to ECC after seven years as head football coach at Santa Monica College, where he led the Corsairs to five consecutive conference championships and 34 straight conference game victories. Lindheim joins the team as it begins a new era of Warriors football in a brand new, $37.2 million Murdock Stadium, scheduled to open later this year. The 2016 football season will kick off in the modern stadium, which is designed to support the college’s outstanding athletic programs and kinesiology classes.

Though the stadium is new, El Camino College has nearly seven decades of outstanding athletics history, with a tradition of excellence for student-athletes who excel both in academic and athletic endeavors.

Congrats to the Class of 2016: #ECCGrad

Follow El Camino College @ECC_Online as we live-tweet and post photos during the commencement reception and ceremony! Be sure to follow ECC on Instagram and Twitter and join in the celebration using #ECCGrad. Continuing the tradition of the “Blue Carpet Event” during the Commencement Reception, the step-and-repeat photo op will be available on the Library Lawn before and after the commencement ceremony. Graduates, family, friends and El Camino College faculty and staff are invited to walk the Blue Carpet and take photos celebrating student success. Use #ECCGrad when sharing on social media to be included in the ECC Storify collection after commencement. You may also post best wishes to the Class of 2016 online: www.elcamino.edu/events/commencement-2016/

Spring/Summer Dates

Mark your calendars: The 2016 spring semester ends on May 13 this year, with commencement ceremonies scheduled for Friday, May 13 in Murdock Stadium for El Camino College and Thursday, May 12 in the Tartar Quad for ECC Compton Center. The first six-week summer session begins Tuesday, May 31. The eight-week summer session begins June 20 and the second six-week summer session begins July 12.

Click here for more info about these and other events at El Camino College.