



President's NEWS

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El Camino College makes a positive difference in people's lives. We provide excellent comprehensive educational programs and services that promote student learning and success in collaboration with our diverse communities.



Welcome New Managers

Welcome to the newest members of the El Camino College management team!



Walter Cox is the new associate dean for the Fine Arts Division. Walter has been a faculty member in El Camino College's Art Department for the past nine years, teaching a variety of courses from advertising design to digital design/publishing. An ECC alumnus, Walter also has a bachelor's degree in art history from USC and a master's in business administration/marketing from California State University, Long Beach.



Gary Greco is the new Special Resource Center director and comes to ECC from Northwestern Connecticut Community College (NCCC), where he held instructional and administrative positions in the Collegiate Education for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program. He has a master's degree in education and a bachelor's degree in human services from Springfield College in Massachusetts, in addition to an associate degree from NCCC.



Linda Clowers, the new associate dean, Academic Affairs, comes to ECC from American Career College, where she was most recently the director of general education. Other career experience includes administrative and teaching positions at Pacific Oaks College, West LA College and Loyola Marymount University. Linda earned a doctorate and master's degree from UC Santa Barbara and a bachelor's degree from UCLA, all in psychology.



Director of Nursing **Wanda Morris** was previously the dean of student learning in the Health, Natural Sciences, and Human Services Division at ECC Compton Center, where she also served as director of nursing. A graduate of former Compton College, Morris went on to earn a bachelor's in nursing from CSU Dominguez Hills, a master's in nursing from UCLA and a doctorate in educational leadership from Argosy University.



Randal Davis is the new associate dean for the Industry & Technology Division. He brings a 32-year career as a law enforcement officer to the position, and has been an administration of justice instructor for more than 20 years at area colleges and institutions, including ECC. Randal has a master's degree in criminal justice and a bachelor's degree in psychology, both from California State University, Long Beach.



Colin Preston, the new director of Athletics and Kinesiology, is a coach and administrator who most recently served as the director of athletics at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. He has a master's degree in sport management from the University of San Francisco and a bachelor's degree from UC Santa Barbara, where he graduated with a major in history and a minor in sport management.



An ECC chemistry professor since 1999, **Amy Grant** is the new dean of the Natural Sciences Division. She serves on the division SLO committee, the scholarship committee, and is a presenter for Onizuka Space Science Day. Amy has a doctorate in chemistry from UC Irvine, and bachelor's degrees in chemistry and biochemistry from State University of New York at Stony Brook. She is also a recipient of the 2010 ECC Distinguished Women Wall of Fame Award.



As the new associate dean of the Mathematical Sciences Division, **Linda Ternes** has career experience as a math instructor and administrator. In addition to teaching positions, she is a primary reviewer for mathematics course outlines for the California Community Colleges' Course Identification Numbering System program. She has a master's degree from CSU Long Beach and a bachelor's degree from Vanguard University, both in math.

ECC Designated Leader in Higher Ed

El Camino College was recently named a leader in higher education by The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine. In the [January 2016 edition](#), ECC was named one of the “Top 25 STEM Schools” for Hispanics in the nation. El Camino College was specifically honored for the mathematics and statistics degrees category. In addition, ECC was ranked in the [February 2016 edition](#) among the top 25 community colleges in the nation for Hispanic students enrolled in the college and associate degrees awarded to Hispanic students. Recognition from the magazine highlights El Camino College’s commitment to helping students achieve their academic goals through outstanding course offerings and a variety of support services.

Students Encouraged to Apply Online Today!

Summer and fall 2016 applications are now being accepted. All district residents and high school graduates can qualify for priority registration if they complete the four steps to enroll at ECC by March 31, 2016:

- 1. APPLY** – New and returning students must complete an application.
- 2. PREPARE** – All new students must participate in an orientation session and are encouraged to take practice placement tests.
- 3. TEST** – Assessment testing must be completed prior to registering for classes.
- 4. PLAN** – Students must see a counselor to develop an educational plan.

For more info on the Steps to Enroll, visit: www.elcamino.edu/welcome/futurestudents/starthere.asp.

Student Success: ECC Physics Team Wins Silver!

Congrats to the El Camino College physics team, which recently won a silver medal in an international competition. Team members Huy Ho, Keith Inouye, and Kenta Morimoto participated in the University Physics Competition, a contest for undergrads. The ECC team ranked eighth out of 73 on their problem, directly competing with many four-year colleges and universities such as Duke University, University of Pennsylvania, and Georgia Institute of Technology.

For this competition, each team analyzed an open-ended physics problem at their home colleges and universities and wrote a formal paper describing the work. This year, the ECC team addressed the problem, “Golfing around a Tree.” In this scenario, a poor shot has placed a golf ball so that a tree lies directly between the ball and the green. ECC professor and team adviser John Coroneus prepared the team for the competition, but as outlined in the contest rules, did not speak to them about this specific problem – they were entirely on their own. The students used a mathematical model and computer simulations to find various solutions, one of which put the golf ball on the green in just one shot! A physics success!



Students (left to right) Huy Ho, Kenta Morimoto, Keith Inouye and adviser John Coroneus.

Onizuka Space Science Day



El Camino College welcomes NASA astronaut Capt. Sunita Williams to Onizuka Space Science Day 2016, scheduled from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 5 in Marsee Auditorium and science classrooms.

Sponsored by El Camino College and American Honda Motor Co., Inc. and coordinated by the ECC Astronaut Ellison Onizuka Memorial Committee, the youth science day is dedicated to Ellison Onizuka, a Space Shuttle Challenger astronaut who perished along with six other crew members during the tragic events of 1986. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Space Shuttle Challenger accident. The event is free and open to serious-minded science students in grades five through 12. Guest astronaut Williams, who has spent a total of 322 days in space and holds the record for total spacewalk time by a female astronaut, will give a presentation to students. To register or for more information, view: www.elcamino.edu/academics/natural-sciences/onizuka-space-science-day/.

Campus Calendar

February

- 25 Black History Month: “Taste of Soul Gospel Brunch”
- 26 President’s Circle Breakfast
- 26-27 ECC Theatre: “Rumors”
- 27 ECC Symphony Orchestra
- 29 ECC Art Gallery Opening: “Culture Clash”

March

- 1 CSU Business Panel
- 2 Financial Aid Cal Grant Deadline Study Abroad Info Session Spring STEM Speaker Series
- 4-6 ECC Theatre: “Rumors”
- 5 Onizuka Space Science Day
- 8-10 Blood Drive

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