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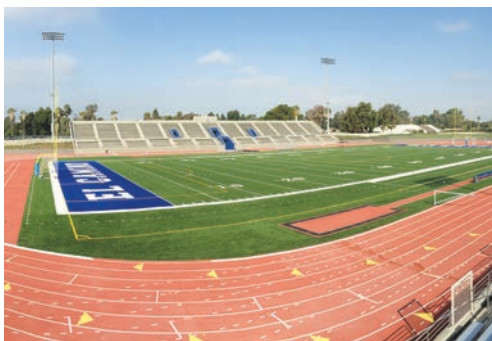
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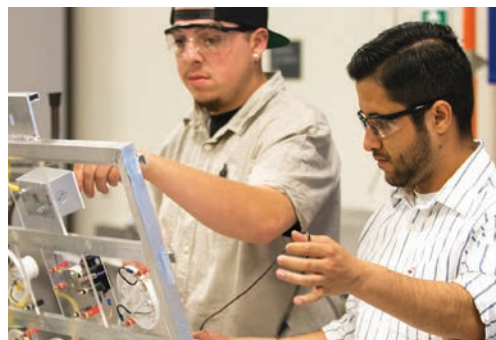
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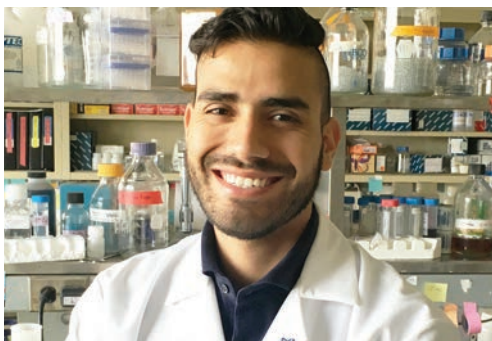
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have begun our new academic year with a renewed focus on innovation, student equity and success.

Our mission at El Camino College is to make 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. We are dedicated to achieving our mission and ensuring that everyone who wishes to pursue higher education and earn a degree or certificate is able to accomplish that goal at El Camino College.

The college will implement several innovative programs in the coming year, all designed to increase access to a college education and ensure students are successful once they arrive here. In our pursuit for equity and achievement we are constantly working to ensure that all students have what they need to succeed – in the classroom, in the tutoring lab, in the library, in the concert hall or on the playing field. Students have access to facilities that support teaching and learning, backed by the technology necessary to support their success.

We are also proud to be a strong and trusted partner in the South Bay, working with community leaders to align our programs with the workforce needs of the future. We share a common interest in the economic vitality of the South Bay, and we are a proactive provider of education and training that support this region. Watch for future innovations such as expanded evening/weekend classes for working adults, new educational technology initiatives and additional college/career pathways with area high schools.

Please enjoy this edition of "Community News" as we give campus updates and highlight several hardworking students and successful alumni. Students like veteran and ECC grad Josh DuFault who was recently awarded the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship and is now attending Stanford University. Dakari Jones is another outstanding student – she started at El Camino College while still in high school via the South Bay Promise program. Dakari continues to be an exemplary student and we are pleased to report that the South Bay Promise will serve additional area schools in the near future.

We look forward to a productive year!



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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Josh DuFault



ECC graduate **Josh DuFault** was recently awarded the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship and is now attending Stanford University. The U.S. Navy veteran and exemplary computer science student was also accepted to numerous highly selective universities from across the country, including Yale, Rice and Dartmouth.

“El Camino College has offered me amazing opportunities. There are so many ways to find help with classwork, participate in research projects with the Honors Transfer Program, and tap into other resources,” said Josh, a Torrance native whose mother and grandmother are also ECC alumnae.

Student Success Grant

A recent \$1.5 million, three-year grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office will help El Camino College better prepare students for success in college-level courses. Funding will support programs designed to ease the transition from high school to college and shorten the time between basic skills education and college completion. ECC is one of 43 community colleges statewide to receive funding from this \$60 million grant.

Career & Technical Education = Jobs!



El Camino College students have access to real-world education and hands-on training in 33 Career & Technical Education (CTE) programs that lead to high-paying careers.

Increase wages, qualify for promotions, learn a new trade – find out more about El Camino College CTE programs: www.elcamino.edu/academics/cte/

CTE Spotlight: HVAC Program

An estimated 84,000 total new job openings are expected in the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning field through 2024. El Camino College’s brand new facility and cutting-edge courses prepare students for employment in this global industry. Students learn through lectures, demonstrations, and hands-on training. The program recently received a six-year accreditation from the HVAC Excellence Accreditation Review Committee for meeting and/or exceeding all standards.



ECC HVAC Program: www.elcamino.edu/academics/indtech/acr/

CONNECT WITH ECC

Pathways and Partnerships in Education

Through outreach partnerships with high schools, universities, local employers, community-based organizations, and workforce development agencies, El Camino College offers programs such as Career Pathways, CTE Transitions (high school to college), Engineering Technology/Project Lead The Way, and a Robotics Academy, among others. In the summer, the college also offers free STEM enrichment programs for high school students, including the Math Academy, STEM Young Scholars Summer Program, and the START (STEM Training and Robotics Technology) Program.

LA Opera Comes to ECC

El Camino College Center for the Arts, in partnership with Los Angeles Opera, will present a free performance of "Figaro's American Adventure" to area elementary school students on Feb. 1 in Marsee Auditorium. This charming opera created by Eli and LeRoy Villanueva is based on Rossini's popular classic, "The Barber of Seville," and is specifically geared toward elementary school students. This LA Opera outreach event is designed to teach students the basics of opera, music and performance.



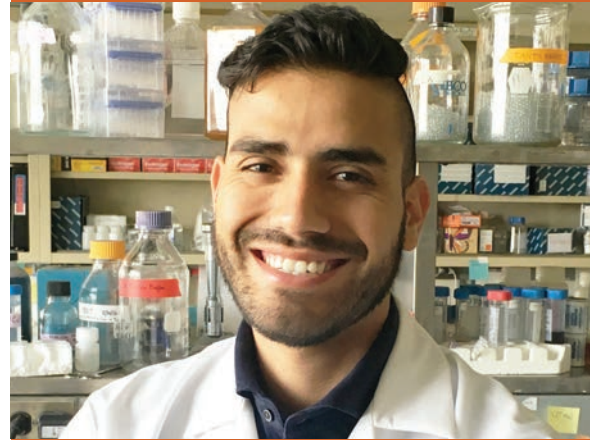
For more information or to make a reservation, visit www.elcamino.edu/centerforthearts/performances/laopera.asp

Free College Classes Available!

High school students: did you know that you can get started on your college education at El Camino College – for FREE? Enrollment fees are waived for eligible juniors and seniors who want to earn college credits while still in high school. Students must be California residents to be eligible for a fee waiver.

Concurrent enrollment: www.elcamino.edu/studentservices/highschool/.

TRANSFER SUCCESS



Michael Espino

ECC and UC Berkeley graduate **Michael Espino** is in his second year of lab work fighting the battle against dangerous diseases. By compiling data, he and other researchers can begin working toward the ideal treatment for these viruses – a vaccine.

Michael said he owes much of his passion for research and science to the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program at El Camino College. He worked two jobs while he was a student, including a full-time job running a hair salon. Without the support of staff members in MESA and the motivation he found interacting with other passionate students in the program, Michael said he might have dropped out.

"With MESA, you're around students who want the same things you want – who want to transfer to a university and work in science or math or engineering," added Michael, who is now gearing up for graduate school. "I loved being around people like that, it really helped me."

MESA Info:
www.elcamino.edu/academics/mathsciences/mesa/.

GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION

Murdock Stadium

El Camino College celebrated the grand opening of the new Murdock Stadium and Athletic Complex with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 1. The brand new, state-of-the-art facility officially opened just in time for the first football game of the 2016 season. The \$48 million stadium and athletic education and fitness complex was funded by the 2002 Measure E facilities bond. Supporting the college's outstanding men's and women's athletic programs and kinesiology classes, the facility also includes a community walking track.





ATHLETIC COMPLEX HIGHLIGHTS

The modern stadium replaces the original 1949 structure, named after El Camino College founding President Forrest G. Murdock.

Features:

- 7,869-seat stadium
- synthetic turf fields for both football and soccer
- collegiate nine-lane running track with pole vault, high jump, long jump, and steeple chase
- athletic training facility, modern locker rooms and equipment room
- elevated viewing areas, roof-top filming deck, press box for both teams
- communication and technology: sitewide Wi-Fi, wireless radio/coach communications, and audio/visual systems
- practice field (completed 2013): serves classes and athletics and includes shot put, discus, javelin, and synthetic turf
- drought-tolerant plants and reclaimed water

New Season of Warriors Football in New Stadium

Warriors begin 2016 season with new head coach

The 2016 Warrior football season marked a time of new beginnings. The first game of the season was played in the new stadium led by new head coach Gifford Lindheim, who stepped in after ECC alumnus and venerable football head coach John Featherstone retired at the end of 2015 after more than 30 years.

The El Camino College Foundation recently introduced a new endowed scholarship created to honor Coach Featherstone. To join past players, family, friends, and colleagues in making a donation in honor of "Coach Feather's" years of service or for more information, contact foundation@elcamino.edu or 310-660-6040.

SOUTH BAY PROMISE



The South Bay Promise provides a pathway from high school to El Camino College, and then on to California State University, Dominguez Hills, or another four-year university. In collaboration with the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, El Camino College partners with the Centinela Valley Union High School District, Inglewood Unified School District, and CSU Dominguez Hills to give students a head start on a college education. The program will expand to include Torrance Unified School District next fall.

Dakari Jones enrolled in the South Bay Promise as a senior at Leuzinger High School. Now she is a successful full-time student at El Camino College, with plans to transfer to a university to study theater.

“The South Bay Promise helped me navigate the college process so much more efficiently and effectively. I made friends, figured out what I want to do with my life, with my major, and the program helped me organize my life academically.”

Honors Transfer Program: Pathway to University

Joseph Luck, the 2015-16 president of the ECC Honors Transfer Club, said he wasn't the most motivated student in high school. But after joining the Honors Transfer Program (HTP), he met a group of students who helped him kick his studies into high gear.

“HTP made me want to try harder in school,” said Joseph, who graduated from ECC this past spring and is now at UCLA continuing his studies in business economics. “I liked being with all those motivated people.”

This year, 150 HTP students transferred to universities such as UCLA or UC Berkeley. Another 200 students joined the program this fall. The HTP had the highest percentage – 93 percent – of honors students admitted to UCLA last year, as part of the Transfer Alliance Program. With a range of opportunities for students to present research and learn leadership skills, the HTP also prepares students for future academic and career challenges.



HTP students Breanna Lytle, Madeline Embisan, Grant Orzechowski, Bavly Ibrahim, Yelda Falahahwazi, and Linda Tajalli, and co-director Joe Holliday (third from left), attended the 2016 Western Regional Honors Council student research conference at UC Riverside.

HTP Benefits

- Priority admission consideration for universities
- Priority registration for ECC classes
- Smaller class sizes
- Informative workshops
- Permanent notation of honors on ECC transcript
- Opportunities for scholarships and internships

First Year Experience

Summer Academy Helps Students Achieve

The El Camino College First Year Experience (FYE) program completed a pilot summer reading and writing academy to help students reduce the number of basic and development courses they need to take by scoring higher on placement tests. After completing the academy, the vast majority of students in the program were able to move up at least one class level this fall – saving time and money.



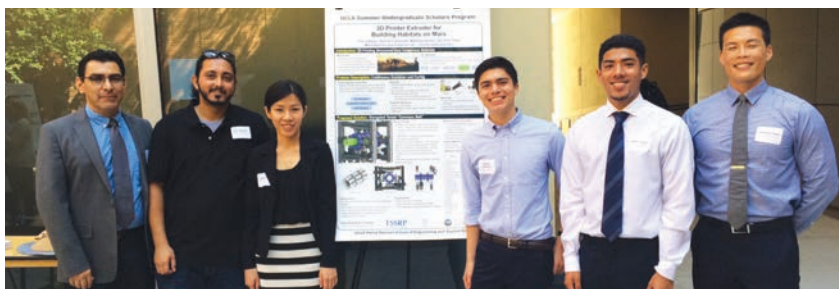
About FYE

Designed to help students be successful in their first year of college, ECC's FYE program regularly boasts top graduation, transfer and retention rates, while providing a supportive environment of academic and career services. Participating students have access to early registration, orientation, strategies for success in college, field trips, and peer mentors.

FYE Info: www.elcamino.edu/student-services/fye

ECC Students Complete Research at UCLA

Five El Camino College MESA/STEM students got a first-hand look at the world of scientific research through the UCLA Engineering Transfer Student Summer Research Program this past summer. ECC's Keith Inouye, Samuel Lidzbarski, Nga Nguyen, Chico Baber, and Johnson Chou joined other science majors from Los Angeles-area community colleges for the eight-week UCLA student summer research program. Students assisted researchers in the Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science. They also had the opportunity to attend numerous professional development and networking activities while working and living on campus.



MESA Director Arturo Hernandez (left) joins students Chico Baber, Nga Nguyen, Samuel Lidzbarski, Keith Inouye, and Johnson Chou at the UCLA Engineering Transfer Student Summer Research Program this past summer.

ECC ALUMNI

Meghan Yap

"El Camino College was a great experience, it gave me the time and space I needed to grow and decide what I wanted to do."

Hometown:

Hawthorne

Graduated from ECC 2013

Graduated from UC San Diego 2016



Erick Quintanilla

"The resources at El Camino College helped me navigate through higher education and choose my academic path."

High School:

Gardena High School

Graduated from ECC 2016

Transferred to UC Berkeley



Randi Simonette

"El Camino College helped me reach my goal in higher learning by showing me an immeasurable amount of love and support."

High School:

North Torrance High School

Graduated from ECC 2016

Transferred to UCLA



CALLING ALL ALUMNI

Foundation — 2016 Distinguished Alumni Awards

El Camino College has announced four outstanding honorees for the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Awards. ECC Distinguished Alumni have shown exemplary achievement in their chosen career, service to the community, or area of endeavor.

Honorees for this prestigious award include:

Eleanor Bersano: retired educator and community activist

George Nakano: retired teacher/administrator and politician, California State Assembly member, Torrance City Council member

Laura Allman Schenasi: executive vice president, Torrance Memorial Health Care Foundation

William Young: actor, director, writer

The Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner is set for 6:30 p.m. January 13 at the Torrance Marriott. Tickets are \$90 and are available via the Foundation Office: foundation@elcamino.edu or 310-660-3683.

#LetsGoElCamino

Alumni are encouraged to share their stories, challenge their friends, and show their Warrior pride at www.elcamino.edu/letsgo using #LetsGoElCamino on social media.

Join us today via this fundraising challenge that supports scholarships and programs for student success!

Athletic Hall of Fame

ECC celebrated the 27th Athletic Hall of Fame and honored eight new inductees – seven student-athletes and one coach. Former ECC football coach John Featherstone became the first two-time Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, named as a player in 2005 and this year as a coach.



El Camino College recently honored Athletic Hall of Fame inductees for 2016. Back row, from left: Jeff Cummins, Chloe Grimm, Fritz Marohn, Harold Young, and Tim Buzbee. Front row: Hal Simonek and John Featherstone.

Foundation Adds 10 New Members

The El Camino College Foundation recently added 10 new members to its board of directors to help further its mission to develop community relationships and raise funds to support student success.

New members include:

- **Debra Breckheimer**
ECC faculty member and alumna
- **Gino DiGregorio**
Partner, Accenture Management Consulting
- **Kristy Gittings**
CPA, Welch & Co.; and ECC alumna
- **John Hahn**
Vice President, U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management; and ECC alumnus
- **Joe Hibbitt**
Senior IT (Oracle) Consultant, Embie Technical Solutions
- **Dena P. Maloney**
Superintendent/President, El Camino Community College District
- **Nicole Mardesich**
ECC Board of Trustees and Foundation student representative
- **Ann O'Brien**
Director of Marketing Communications, Torrance Memorial Medical Center; and ECC alumna
- **Faviola Ochoa**
Public Affairs Manager, Southern California Gas Co.
- **Jeff Sarmiento**
Manager, Kinecta, retail banking

ECC Foundation raises funds that provide financial assistance for students through scholarships, textbooks and other programs. Each spring, 500 scholarships totaling more than \$550,000 are awarded to incoming high school students, students attending El Camino College, and students transferring to four-year colleges and universities. In addition to the scholarship program, the ECC Foundation supports STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), faculty innovation, and division programs at El Camino College, as well as creates partnerships within the local business community. The Foundation Board also generates support for the South Bay Promise Program, and has established a goal this year to expand the Promise to additional students in the El Camino College service area.

To make a contribution, go online: www.elcamino.edu/foundation/donate.asp.

NEWS & NOTES

CACT Program Honored by U.S. Department of Defense

El Camino College was recently presented with the prestigious Nunn-Perry Award for its assistance in mentoring a manufacturing business and helping the company improve its performance under the U.S. Department of Defense's Mentor-Protégé Program. William Labadie, Manager, Special Projects and Robert Rusinek, Senior Director Supply Chain Management, from Orbital ATK presented the El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees with the award at the July 2016 meeting.



Pictured from left to right: ECCCD Board of Trustees member Mary E. Combs; Board Secretary Cliff Numark; Superintendent/President Dena P. Maloney; William Labadie; ECCCD Board President Kenneth A. Brown; Robert Rusinek; Jose Anaya, Dean of Community Advancement; ECCCD Board Vice President John Vargas; Student Member Nicole Mardesich; and Board member William Beverly.

An Athletic Guide to Aging



ECC alumna and professor Sharkie Zartman's empowering new book "Take on Aging as a Sport" reveals how to compete

in life's most challenging sport – the aging game.

Outstanding Education

The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education Magazine named ECC in the top 25 institutions for supporting Hispanic students earning math and statistics degrees. This list included both two-year and four-year institutions across the nation. ECC is also among the top 25 community colleges in the nation for Hispanic students enrolled in the college and earning associate degrees.

Coach Lofgren Honored

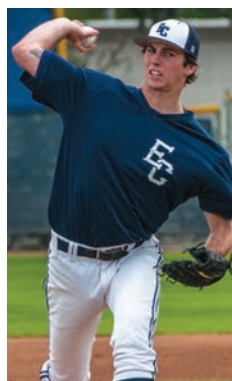


ECC alumnus and cross country and track & field coach Dean Lofgren received the first-ever running mentor/coaching award

at the 23rd annual Village Runner 4th of July 5K in Redondo Beach.

ECC in MLB Draft

Two former ECC baseball players were selected in the last day of the 2016 MLB First-Year Player Draft! Right-handed pitcher Dalton Erb (right), who played for North Torrance High and ECC, was selected in the 30th round by the San Diego Padres. Sean Isaac (left), a Mira Costa High grad and ECC standout, was selected in the 35th round by the Los Angeles Angels.



Winter Term 2017

A five-week winter term is scheduled for January 5 to February 7, 2017. A variety of day and evening courses will be offered, from transferrable general education to career and technical education (CTE). Basic skills courses in math, English, and educational development will also be available, in addition to distance education/online classes.

CFA: New Season and Ticketing System



A new ticketing and customer service system is up and running at the Center for the Arts! This streamlined, state-of-the-art digital platform brings exciting new options, such as online seat selection, to the new season. You can also choose to receive email notifications about the latest events, special offers and promotions. Tickets: www.elcamino.edu/centerforthearts/.

Construction Progress

Construction is scheduled to begin on three new campus buildings, supported by Measure E facilities bond funds.

- Gymnasium: Fall 2016
- Student Services Building: Winter 2017
- Administration Building: Spring 2017





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Winter Term begins January 5
Spring Semester begins February 11

Apply & register online at www.elcamino.edu – Click on MyECC

Summer and Fall 2017 applications accepted online now!

Four Steps at El Camino College!

APPLY-PREPARE-TEST-PLAN

All new students qualify for early registration if you complete
the four Steps to Enroll by April 30, 2017.

APPLY – New students must complete an application.

PREPARE – All new students must participate in an orientation session.

TEST – Assessment testing must be completed prior to registering for classes.

PLAN – Students must meet with a counselor prior to registration to develop an educational plan.

**For more information on the Steps to Enroll, visit:
www.elcamino.edu/starthere**

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