

El Camino College News



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Alumni Spotlight: Michael Davis



Michael Davis has his eye on the prize. Never mind the years of studying, the hard work ahead in medical school, and intense internships – he can't wait to become a doctor so he can help underserved communities in the LA area.

A graduate of Redondo Union High School, Michael started his career in higher education at El Camino College then transferred to California Polytechnic University, Pomona to complete his bachelor's degree. He is the first in his family to graduate from college.

He is now a medical student at Ross University, studying to become a doctor. After med school, he plans

to come back home to complete his residency and boards so he can establish a family practice.

Michael came to El Camino College on the recommendation of a high school counselor who thought it would be a good way to start higher education and then transfer to a four-year university.

"Classes were difficult at El Camino College at times, but I was helped along the way through Project Success," he said. "I think I benefited a lot by starting here at El Camino College before I moved to Cal Poly. Now, I am excited about medical school and looking forward to being a doctor."

College Courses, High School Campus

El Camino College now offers the same great courses at area high schools. Most students will receive both college credit and high school credit toward graduation. Browse the list and see what's new this spring.

Spring 2007 Courses

Carson High School

Medical Terminology

City Honors High School, Inglewood

Elementary Spanish

Hillcrest High School, Inglewood

Chemistry 20

Manufacturing Technology

Inglewood High School

Astronomy 20

Junipero Serra High School, Gardena

Economics 5 (Fundamentals of Economics)

History 1B (U.S. History – 1877 to Present)

North Torrance High School

Physical Education

Palos Verdes Peninsula High School

Astronomy 25

Redondo Union High School

Academic Strategies 20ab

(Prewriting Workshop)

West Torrance High School

Human Development 8 (Orientation to
College Educational Planning and Guidance)

New Reduced Fees

\$20 Per Unit
It's true!

Effective January 1, 2007,
students will
now pay \$20 per unit.

El Camino College.

***A great educational
value made even better!***

On Campus



Hundreds of new students turned out for El Camino College's first-ever "New Student Welcome Day," an orientation and outreach event designed to help students ease into college life.

Financial Aid

Get Cash For College

Many people qualify for financial aid, but don't even know it. Start with filling out the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) a free application used by the federal government, states and most colleges to award financial aid.

Eligible students who are recent high school graduates can also apply for a new two-year Academic Competitiveness Grant offered by the U.S. Department of Education. These grants can be used to cover educational costs – and as is the case of all grants, funds do not have to be repaid. For more information, check out

www.elcamino.edu/studentservices/fao.

Transfer Services

Did you know that you can get help to transfer to the university of your dreams? The Transfer Center is your source for university visits, transfer workshops, campus tours and other upcoming events.

El Camino College Transfer Fall Events

Cal State Long Beach Campus Tour
Dec. 1

Visit from Cal State Dominguez Hills Rep
Dec. 4

Visit from UC Riverside/Cal State LA Rep
Dec. 5

Visit from Cal State Long Beach/Cal State LA Rep
Dec. 6

Visit from Cal State Los Angeles Rep
Dec. 13

Visit from Cal State Dominguez Hills Rep
Dec. 14

WiFi Comes to ECC

Bring your laptop and get ready to relax in the great outdoors while you study, e-mail, research, and complete classroom assignments.

WiFi is now available at El Camino College at newly created "hotspots" throughout campus. This free service is available to registered students, faculty, and staff. You no longer have to be in a computer lab for an Internet connection. You just need a computer equipped with an 802.11g or b compatible wireless NIC. Hours of availability are during normal ECC operating hours.

ECC Alumni

Are you an ECC grad? Know someone who is? Give us a call – the El Camino College Alumni Association is looking for you – join the fun!

Contact the El Camino College Foundation/Alumni Office at 310-660-3683 or kgleason@elcamino.edu.

Honors Transfer Program

The El Camino College Honors Transfer Program (HTP) is designed to prepare the highly motivated student to transfer to a university.

Of last year's HTP graduates, more than half were accepted to UCLA; a record number of HTP students transferred to UC Berkeley; and about 90% of HTP students were accepted into their first-choice university. UCLA considers El Camino College as one of the top three transfer colleges, with a historic transfer rate as high as any other college.

Join students focused on the same goals, and work your way success!

Call the HTP at 310-660-3815 for more info.

With the HTP, you get ...

- Priority registration
- Academic and social opportunities
- Honors classes – smaller class sizes
- HTP counselor, and other assistance
- Enrichment seminars
- Increased chances for scholarships



HTP Director Joe Holliday greets new students Katrina Tarpley, Nicholas Guerro, and Brian Crook, all from Redondo Union High School – part of the largest incoming class in the program's history.

New Degrees

Two New Degrees

Now you can get your **A.A. or A.S.** degree through two new programs. Choose the Liberal Studies A.A. degree or the Transfer Studies A.A. or A.S. degree. Here's what they look like:

Liberal Studies A.A. (Pending CCC Chancellor Approval)

60 units total

- Need: general ed requirements
- Plus: major requirements listed in the ECC catalog
- Ideal for students who wish to earn a multiple-subject teaching credential for teaching grades K-5

Transfer Studies A.A./A.S.

60 units total

- Can be obtained with the completion of the California State University general education pattern or the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC), plus additional UC or CSU transferable units to total the 60-unit minimum
- This is ideal for students who might not qualify for an associate degree in another major and are preparing to transfer to the university

Engineering for High School Students

High school students looking to get a head start on an engineering career can take tech courses right on their own campus. A grant program called Project Lead the Way has led to new El Camino College "Engineering Technology" courses for high school and college students.

El Camino College offers classes at Hawthorne High School, Redondo Union High School, the Southern California Regional Occupational Center, and Palos Verdes High School this year. Next year Inglewood High and two more high schools will be included. ECC students can also enroll in an engineering course Saturdays on campus. A Robotics Academy is also available on Saturdays for high school students.

Classes are free for participating high school students and college credit is applicable. For more information visit:

www.elcamino.edu/academics/cte/pltw.asp or contact Karen Hess at 310-660-3782.

ECC Numbers to Know

Admissions	310-660-3414
Athletics	310-660-3545
Career Center	310-660-6137
Counseling	310-660-3442
Financial Aid	310-660-3493
Honors Program	310-660-3815
Registration	310-516-9339
Study Abroad	310-660-3824
Testing Office	310-660-6536
Transfer Center	310-660-3408

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MESA scholarship students receive their awards.



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Winter / Spring Registration
Register Now!

Winter Session Classes begin January 3, 2007

Spring Semester Classes begin February 10, 2007

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