



Cohort #7 Members



**Loic
Audusseau**

ITS

Moved from New York to California in July 2020 to join El Camino College as the Chief Technology Officer. My role consists in overseeing the ITS Department, its operations, and strategic initiatives. Prior to joining ECC, I served as Chief Information Officer with the City University of New York and as Vice President of Information Systems with the French Institute Alliance Française (FIAP).

I hold a Master of Education in Applied Technology, Training, and Development from the University of Angers (France) and a Master of Education in Teaching from the University of Nantes (France).

I live in Orange County with my wife and two boys (6 and 9) where I'm an avid skateboarder, beach goer and car enthusiast.



**Elana
Azose**

*Special Resource
Center*

Elana Azose began working at El Camino in 2014. She has a Master's degree in Educational Technology, and currently works in the Special Resource Center (SRC) as an Assistive Computer Technology Specialist.

She is an award-winning picture book author, and her second book is coming out next spring.



**Juan
Bello**

First Year Experience

My name is Juan Bello and I work as an advisor in the First Year Experience Program! I started working at El Camino last October but I am not new to the campus. I first came to El Camino in 2014 as a student and also participated in FYE before transferring to the University of Southern California where I earned my Bachelor's and Master's Degree.

I was born and raised in South Central Los Angeles. In my free time I enjoy exercising at the gym, going on hikes, and I am excited to begin training to run my 4th full marathon next year!



**Michael
Blada**

*Facilities Planning &
Services*

I grew up about 10 blocks away from El Camino College. I used to come to the Disney films that were shown in the Marsee. In 3rd grade we had a field trip to the ECC Planetarium. I attended some classes here while I was still in High School. My two sons participated in the "Learn to Swim" program here. During one of the classes my wife asked me if I ever thought about working at ECC? I went home and looked at the ECC web site and the Services Supervisor position was open. So, I applied and been here from October 2007.

I love humor. Dad jokes are the best and needed to get through life. I have used humor to keep my wife and kids happy or confused. My wife (Eva) and I met when we were 14. We have been married for 39 years. Eva and my two sons are my life, and they can get me to do anything for them. I guess they are my hobby.



**Dwight
Bradley**

*Facilities Planning &
Services*

Hello everyone. I am Dwight Bradley, the new Asst. Director of Facility Services here at El Camino. I am not only new to El Camino but also California as I relocated here from Houston, Texas, where I previously worked at the University of Houston.

When I got here, I quickly learned that Tony Toni Tone misspoke when they sang "It never rains in Southern California." There was plenty when I arrived, and I take zero responsibility in bringing it from Texas. I will say that I really enjoy the work of facility maintenance as I see us as the insurance company of the campus.

For the most part we are not thought about, but I like to make sure that we are prepared and responsive when we're needed. When I'm not at work I'm either working on my technique being a better smoker/BBQ-er or reading in my ever-growing comic book collection. I also love to travel internationally and try new things as time and ticket prices permit.



**Ana
Fernandez**

Counseling

I joined El Camino College in August of 2022 as a STEM and MESA Counselor and have worked with STEM students for ten years now (CSU Long Beach, CSU Los Angeles, and East Los Angeles College), though ECC is my favorite :)

I was inspired to work as a counselor in part to my own non-linear educational pathway, and am looking forward to growing in leadership to continue to advocate for students. While this is a bit of what I do, "who" I am would not be complete without mention of my family! I am a wife, mother, sister, aunt, and daughter. I try to spend as much quality time with them as much as I can.

I am an avid reader, amateur watercolor painter, and love to cook. My husband and I love to go to concerts as well! I just started a doctoral program this year as well and am looking forward to bringing that into my work as well. I'm excited to be part of cohort 7!



**Jaime
Gallegos**

Transfer Center

I am an ECC Alum that graduated from ECC in 2009 and transferred to UC Santa Cruz where I received a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and in Latin American Latino Studies. I also received a Master of Social Work (MSW) from Cal State University Dominguez Hills.

I am currently working as a Transfer Center Counselor here at El Camino College but have also worked in different positions for the past 17 years. The support and level of dedication I received at ECC as a student is what inspired me to become a counselor and is what I hope to impart on the students I meet with.

My goal is that in the work that I do, I remain centered in the fact that my goal is to help highlight the important work our students have done and continue to support them in the best way possible. In that process I hope to find new ways to support our students!



**Paitzar
Giourdjian**

Transfer Center

Hello fellow Warrior Colleagues! My name is Paitzar Giourdjian and I have the honor of working as a counselor at our El Camino College Transfer Center and as an instructor for Human Development 107: Navigating the Transfer Process. I am a proud Bruin and graduated from UCLA with a BA in Sociology and minors in Education, Music History, and Applied Developmental Psychology. I earned my MS in Educational Counseling with a PPS Credential from the University of La Verne.

Prior to joining the Warrior family, I worked at the UCLA Undergraduate Admission Office as an Assistant Director of Transfer Recruitment. I then used my insider knowledge of university transfer admission to serve students at El Camino College, Glendale Community College, Los Angeles Valley College, and Pierce College as an adjunct counselor.

I joined the El Camino Transfer Center in a full-time capacity in 2022 and work with a dedicated team, on a mission to help students explore and attain their academic goals. When I'm not working, I love spending time with my loved ones- especially watching shows with my husband (currently on Season 8 of Suits) and spending money I don't have at Home Goods with my Mom!



**Janice
Chan Jefferis**

*Childhood
Education*

I am in my 9th year at El Camino College and recently came on as full-time faculty in the Childhood Education department (yay!). I am also a mother of three children all under the age of 8.

In my role as a mother, I serve as a chauffeur on weekends taking my children to soccer and gymnastics practice. On weekdays I take turns with my husband as the family cook, making subpar meals.

Fun fact: I am teaching myself to read Tarot cards!



**Jayro
Lopez**

*Outreach and School
Relations*

I am an El Camino College Alumni class of 2018. I graduated and transferred out to CSULB where I obtained my Bachelors in Sociology in 2020. I am a first-generation college student born and raised in Inglewood, CA. I plan to pursue a Masters in higher-ed counseling.

I began my professional journey at El Camino College in 2016 working as a student worker for the EOPS/CARE & CalWORKs program. I worked under that role up until I graduated in 2018. I then got re-hired right away as a TNC part time employee within the same department and worked there up until October of 2022 when I moved to the Outreach and School Relations team as the full time Student Services Specialist. I am very happy and proud of how far I have come and there is still more to go. In the little time I have been with Outreach I have learned so much and met new amazing people who have pushed me and motivated me to give it my all.

I am the oldest of three boys who enjoys to play soccer. A fun fact is that I grew up working with and around horses in California! I traveled to New York many times working at the horse racetrack. My dad worked there all of his life up until he retired and I was heavily involved in the sport for many of my early years.

I have 3 dogs and my husky "Goldini" just had her puppies a couple of weeks ago. 6 healthy babies were born: 4 males and 2 females. My wife thinks we should keep them all and if we do, that will be lots of fun and a lot of work :)



**Anna
Reynolds**

*Library & Learning
Resources*

Anna joined the Library and Learning Resources team as a Project Specialist in December 2023. | Anna's journey before she "graduated" and started working at El Camino College was in K-12 education and IT. She recently held a role as an SIS specialist at the El Segundo School District. Her path led her to the LA area in 2017 due to her husband's job, where her family settled in Hawthorne after moving from Bozeman, Montana. In Bozeman, Anna contributed her teaching skills to the Bozeman Unified School District. Before Montana, Anna spent some time living and teaching overseas in Wellington, New Zealand.

Originally from Minnesota, Anna holds a BA in Management Information Systems from Augsburg University. She furthered her education by studying at Holy Names University in Oakland, CA, with a focus on Education. Additionally, she studied at Massey University in Auckland, NZ, where she earned a postgraduate diploma in Inclusive Education. To augment her skill set, she recently completed a Business Intelligence certificate program at UC San Diego. Beyond her professional pursuits, Anna finds joy in traveling, camping, and embracing the outdoors. Her life is enriched by her husband, two daughters, and a loyal golden retriever named Jake.



**Kenya
Salcedo**

*Admissions and
Records*

Hi, I'm Kenya Salcedo and I'm a proud first generation ECC alumni. I have a Bachelor's degree in sociology from CSUDH - Go Torros! When I decided to go back to school, I was a teen mom with twins. I had a daughter and a son who I wanted to stress that education was important. However, I knew I'd have to prove my words through action, so I went back to school. It wasn't easy working full time, going to school, and taking care of a family but I wanted my kids to understand that if I could do it, so could they. I'm proud to say, Alexis graduated from Chico State, Junior is currently attending San Diego State. They are my biggest joy in life. Together we enjoy anything Star Wars, MCU, and Disney. We also recently added a fur baby to our family (Charles Xavier Logan Wolverine Salcedo - aka Charlie), he keeps me very busy.

I have been working at El Camino College for over 10 years, first with Assessment/Welcome Center, and currently with Admissions and Records as an Admissions & Records Specialist. I mostly work with the division offices on grades, section transfers, add/drops, and reinstatements. I also get to work with our students at our front counter helping with any questions or issues they have. Helping students is the most rewarding part of my job because if my help makes them feel more confident and less nervous about college, then for me, that's a win. My motto is to be kind to everyone, be positive, and to surround yourself with positive people. Choose happiness.



**Rafael
Sandoval**

EOPS/CARE

Hello, I'm Rafael Sandoval, born and raised in Compton, CA. I'm a proud alumni of both El Camino College and California State University Dominguez Hills. Got my Associates and Bachelors degrees in Sociology.

My journey at El Camino College started back in 2014, and I've been serving as an EOPS Student Services Technician since 2022. I'm a bit of a nerd, and I love diving into card games and board games. There's something about strategizing through a friendly match that I find irresistible. And when I'm unwinding, video games are my go-to, especially RPGs. I'm all about epic quests and exploring imaginative worlds. Beyond the screen, I have a taste for adventure - you'll find me at concerts, shows, and the occasional rave.



**Jeff
Stephenson**

Student Services

Dr. Stephenson has more than 25 years of higher education experience and served as the Vice President of Student Services at American River College (ARC). He began his career in higher education as a faculty member at Carl Sandburg College in Galesburg, Illinois.

During his time at American River College, Dr. Stephenson also served as Dean of Counseling and Transfer Services, Interim Dean of Equity Programs and Pathways, and Associate Vice President of Student Services. Due to his significant body of knowledge in the field of Funeral Service Education (FSE), Dr. Stephenson was the founding faculty member and program coordinator of ARC's FSE Program.

Dr. Stephenson has been the administrative lead for Guided Pathways, has been the principle on multiple federal grants including the Strengthening Institutions (Title III) and the Asian American, Native American, Pacific Islander-Service Institutions (AANAPISI) grants. He also served as the administrative lead for the Student Equity and Achievement Program (SEAP). In addition, he has been the fiscal lead for the statewide CCC LGBTQIA+ Summit and serves as the Region 2 Representative and Treasurer for the Chief Student Services Officers Association.

Dr. Stephenson holds associate's and bachelor's degrees in mortuary science from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, a master's degree in education from Western Illinois University, and a doctorate in leadership for higher education from Capella University.

In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his partner, Jon and their two fur children, Isabella and Luigi. He also likes to travel, cooking and trying new recipes, home improvement, video games and VR, going to the beach, and reading.



**Katie
Sundara**

*Industry &
Technology*

Immigrant, refugee, daughter, partner, parent...these are the ingredients infused into my heart and soul. I am a .5-generation Lao-American, 1st generation college graduate and Orange County raised. I have a BA in Government and Ethnic Studies from Mills College, MA in Educational Technology from CSUDH, and ABD at Kansas State University.

I joined the El Camino community in May 2019 as Associate Dean of Industry and Technology. However, I started my educational career as an instructor in the Adult Division of LAUSD, teaching in communities ranging from South LA to Hollywood. The 2023 school year marks my 20th year in education and 8th in higher education! When not at work, I am hanging out in nature with my family. We love to camp, hike, and enjoy the natural hot springs in the Palm Springs area. Also, I love fun socks!



**Robert
Swain**

Human Resources

Robert Swain has been with El Camino College since August 2022 and serves as a HR Service Partner in the Human Resources Department. Robert holds a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from CSULB and has several years of extensive training and experience in Human Resources in both the private and public sector.

On his free time, Robert enjoys jogging in nature, hiking, being outdoors, and teaching yoga.



**Erika
Yates**

*Library & Learning
Resources*

I am a Library & Learning Resources Specialist and I've been with El Camino College full-time for five years and worked part-time a lot longer than that.

I was born and raised in Los Angeles with most of my family coming from Boston on my father's side. I have eight brothers and sisters five of whom are still living.

I enjoy day trips, getting to know my city better, playing Mahjong, cooking, reading, and supporting my boy's BTS in my free time.