

# EL CAMINO COLLEGE FOUNDATION Connections

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## Spring Means Scholarships at the ECC Foundation



Spring is in the air, and that means it's scholarship time at the El Camino College Foundation. Our staff is busy preparing to award more than 500 scholarships totaling over \$550,000 to incoming high school students, students attending El Camino College, and students transferring to the four-year university of their dreams. Thanks to our generous donors, many of these scholarships fully cover the cost of tuition, textbooks and fees.

We have a diverse scholarship program with criteria including, but not limited to, the following:

- Honors and academic achievement
- Specific majors
- Financial need
- Organizational affiliations
- Special circumstances

Each individual donor may create a scholarship(s) in a specific major or field of study for students working toward a two-year degree,

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transferring to a four-year university, or participating in a vocational or certificate program.

The El Camino College Foundation scholarship program is fully supervised and each scholarship is carefully coordinated through the Scholarship Office.

The staff monitors every student's scholarship funds and makes certain the monies are spent on tuition, books, fees, and other supplies deemed necessary by the faculty. This gives our donors peace of mind, ensuring that their wishes and criteria are fully met and their scholarship investment is cared for.

Although we award hundreds of scholarships annually, the unmet need for financial help is staggering. Please contact us to learn more and create a scholarship, or simply donate directly to the Foundation Scholarship Fund.

What our students  
are saying:

*"This scholarship is more than just money to me; it is hope, encouragement, and a successful future. Your generous nature is what keeps young, ambitious minds working until we can achieve our dreams!"*

— Linda —

*"The scholarship award you have given me will not be looked upon as a simple gift; I view it as a ticket to a better future."*

— Aisha —

*"Your generosity inspires and motivates me to help others and give back to the community."*

— Fredrick —

*"This scholarship will certainly help me focus on my studies without financial uncertainty of whether I can buy my books and supplies."*

— Melinda —

# STEM Students Summer Research at UCLA

In our continuing pursuit of advanced STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) learning opportunities and collaboration for El Camino College students, we have been invited by UCLA to participate in two summer research programs for some outstanding students from the STEM, MESA and ASEM programs.

These programs target students who are the first in their family to go to college, come from low-income backgrounds, and are from underserved communities. Students selected for this prestigious program are on track for graduation in a STEM major, and have a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Evan Nunez, a second-year astrophysics major who plans to graduate from El Camino College in spring 2017, was able to attend the UCLA program last summer. When asked about the program, he said, "My experience at E-SITE (Engineering Summer Intensive Transfer Experience) at UCLA was one that was exciting and humbling. It gave me a bird's eye view of what it's going to be like at a four-year university; dealing with a great amount of work, juggling different commitments, and trying to stay sane." Evan's group at UCLA was tasked with researching new technology in Smartphone Coverglass.

Another participant in the program, Casey Luna, felt the UCLA E-SITE program allowed her to gain

insight into the process of writing a research paper, constructing a poster presentation and effectively demonstrating that presentation for symposiums. "I also learned how to

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be adaptable working on a team of individuals with different skillsets and backgrounds. As a future aerospace engineer, being able to work in diverse teams, effectively research and present information under strict deadlines is something I will encounter."

Casey's specific project was to research how lens-free microscopes work and how its technology will be used in future endeavors.

Funding for this program is limited. Please help us keep this incredible educational opportunity for our students alive, and donate today!

# Give Us Your Best



## El Camino College Foundation Seeks Nominations for the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes outstanding El Camino College alumni, honoring them for their contributions to the community. Past recipients include musicians, doctors, artists, political figures, community activists and successful business professionals. The "Original 50" Distinguished Alumni were inducted in 1997. After a long break, the program was reinvigorated in 2011. Currently, four to six alumni are inducted every other year. This year's awardees will be honored at the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner in October 2016.

Nominees must have a proven track record of achievement in their chosen career, service to the community, or area of endeavor. Ten years must have lapsed since candidates attended El Camino College. Nominations are due by July 29, 2016.

Nomination forms for the Distinguished Alumni Award are available at [www.elcaminocollegfoundation.org](http://www.elcaminocollegfoundation.org).

To receive additional information, please contact the Foundation office at 310-660-3683 or [foundation@elcamino.edu](mailto:foundation@elcamino.edu).

# Toyota Supports STEM Students with \$50,000 Endowment Gift

**Designed to support the college's STEM Endowment, the donation was matched 100 percent by a federal grant, bringing the total gift to \$100,000.**

El Camino College recently received a \$50,000 donation from Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. for the college's Endowment for Science, Technology, Engineering, and

Mathematics (STEM) Student Support Services.

Michael Rouse, Toyota's vice president of diversity, philanthropy and community affairs, presented the check during the El Camino Community College District's December board meeting. "Toyota is delighted to support the vision of those at El Camino College who wish to turn the campus into a STEM-education leader for the region," said Rouse. "El Camino College is perfectly positioned to provide the well-prepared graduates who will be needed by the growing number of high-tech employers moving into the South Bay."

Endowment funds will be used to make a direct and significant impact on El Camino College STEM students.



Future plans include: purchasing/replacing equipment, initiating technology upgrades, launching STEM-related student events/seminars on campus, and supporting STEM student events and conferences off campus.

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Elizabeth Noble and Casey Wood, 2016 Joe Boyd Noble Memorial Scholarship recipient.

## Joe Boyd Noble Memorial Scholarship – A gift to El Camino Student Athletes

Joe Boyd Noble graduated from El Camino College in 1948 in one of the first graduating classes. He headed to USC, where he met his beautiful bride and “partner in crime,” Elizabeth (aka Betty). They were married for 47 years before Joe passed away unexpectedly in 1998, long before his time.

Joe was well known around Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach for being a smart businessman, volunteer, and philanthropist as well as a generous, kind man. In 1997, Joe was recognized as one of El Camino College’s 50 Distinguished Alumni. Joe was a longtime Hermosa Beach resident and philanthropist who believed in the pursuit of education. A 13-year member of the Hermosa Beach Planning Commission, he donated Noble Park to the city in 1995. He also constructed and donated Noble Plaza on the campus of Redondo

Union High School, as well as Noble Plaza at the entrance of Heritage Hall at USC.

Joe’s devotion and commitment to the community were acknowledged in the many awards he received in recognition of his service. They included Man of the Year for service to Hermosa Beach and Angel of the Year from the Redondo Beach Educational Foundation. He received top civic awards from the City of Redondo Beach and from Rotary International.

Elizabeth established the Joe Boyd Noble Memorial Scholarship in his memory, a \$3,000 scholarship awarded to an athlete transferring to a four-year university. Elizabeth chooses each scholarship recipient carefully, reviewing academic excellence and athletic success, keeping Joe’s achievement in business and passion for sports in mind.

## El Camino College Athletic Hall of Fame



The 27th Athletic Hall of Fame event will take place on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at the Ayres Hotel in Hawthorne. Membership in the Athletic Hall of Fame is a tribute to those athletes, coaches, and other distinguished individuals, who deserve recognition for their outstanding accomplishments in athletics, and for their support of the El Camino College Athletic program. For more information or tickets, please contact Colin Preston at (310)660-3547 or [cpreston@elcamino.edu](mailto:cpreston@elcamino.edu).

## Welcome President Maloney



Dr. Dena P. Maloney is the sixth superintendent/president and first woman to assume this leadership role in the El Camino Community College District. El Camino College serves 25,000 students at its campus in Torrance, CA and another 10,000 students at El Camino College Compton Center.

Dr. Maloney began her career in higher education at College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita. In 2007, she was named founding dean of the Canyon Country Campus, a new educational center within the Santa Clarita Community College District. Dr. Maloney later became assistant superintendent/vice president, with responsibilities for the Canyon County Campus and economic development. While at College of the Canyons, Dr. Maloney served on multiple boards including the COC Foundation, the Valley Industrial Association, and the Chamber of Commerce.

In May 2012, she became the superintendent/president of the West Kern Community College District and Taft College. During her time in Kern County, Dr. Maloney was a member of the board of the Taft District Chamber of Commerce, the Kern Economic Development Corporation, and the Central Valley Higher Education Consortium. She was also a member of the Higher Education Advisory Council for the STEMConnector, a national organization in support of science, technology and engineering and math education.

Dr. Maloney guided the integrated planning process at Taft College, producing a new Educational Master Plan, Facilities Master Plan, and Technology Master Plan. She led the college in preparing for successful reaccreditation of the institution, improved institutional effectiveness and a renewed focus on student learning.

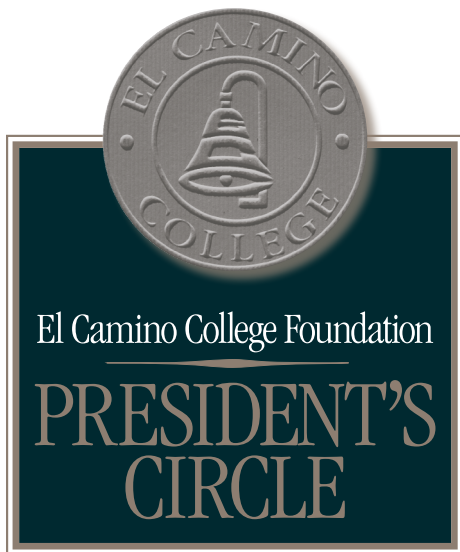
A native of the South Bay, Dr. Maloney earned a doctorate in education from the University of La Verne, a master’s degree in government from Georgetown University, and a bachelor’s degree in political science from Loyola Marymount University.



## Please Join Us for the Annual Warrior Athletics Golf Classic

**12 pm Check-in / 1 pm Shotgun Start**  
**6 pm Awards Dinner & Presentations**  
**Format: Four-person Scramble**

Proceeds from the tournament enrich and support all our athletic programs. Proceeds will be used in areas such as: academic support services, tutoring, equipment, supplies, facility improvements, and staff development. For more information or tickets, please contact Colin Preston at (310)660-3547 or [cpreston@elcamino.edu](mailto:cpreston@elcamino.edu).



The President's Circle is a dynamic group of distinguished community members, business leaders, alumni and friends who support El Camino College.

As a member, you'll receive these benefits:

- Exclusive invitations to events with the ECC President, including the annual President's Dinner
- VIP seating at special events on campus throughout the year
- Network with business and community leaders

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