

EL CAMINO COLLEGE FOUNDATION Connections

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South Bay Promise: Free Classes at El Camino College!



South Bay Promise students currently attending El Camino College: Mercy Oluwole, Miguel Canche-Chan, Juan Tapia, Stephanie Duron, and Rebecca Nunez.

College is expensive. We want to help.

Free college enrollment fees* for high school graduates in the South Bay might sound too good to be true, but that is the goal of the South Bay Promise. Many families in our community see college affordability as a key priority even though the cost of higher education has increased dramatically, becoming less accessible to students of low to middle income families.

A college-going culture is necessary for economic growth in our community. In addition, it benefits local businesses and creates a sense of pride. El Camino College launched the South Bay Promise pilot program in 2014 with two school districts within the El Camino Community College District: Inglewood Unified School District and Centinela Valley Union High School District. In fall of 2017, the South Bay Promise will expand to include Torrance Unified School District students as well.

Accessibility. Affordability. Success.

Seeing the excitement and demand for the program, El Camino College is redefining and

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expanding the program in fall of 2018 to all public high schools in the college district.

Thanks to the El Camino College Foundation and with the help of our South Bay Community, enrollment fees will be paid for any high school graduate who promises to attend El Camino College in the fall immediately following graduation with their choice of two pathways: transfer to a four-year university or career technical education.

College Promise programs are initiatives that address the challenge of higher education affordability by offering funding for students to make college attainable. These initiatives also focus on developing a "college-going culture" to increase higher education participation and completion rates, and, as a result, create stronger communities.

Internships and access to local businesses for South Bay Promise students are provided by the South Bay Workforce Investment Board, a key partner in the program. Students will take field trips to companies in our community to see first-hand the workforce in action.

**Students must enroll full time (12 units) and attend the fall semester following high school graduation.*

South Bay Promise students weigh in



"South Bay Promise has given me something to work harder for in school. It's given me motivation to apply for more scholarships as well."

— Mercy Oluwole

"The South Bay Promise gave me the opportunity to go to college worry-free and to be able to focus on my studies and get the most out of my education!"

— Rebecca Nunez



"The South Bay Promise program is the reason I'm in college and the first to attend in my family. I really want others to be a part of it because of the amazing benefits the South Bay Promise program offers."

— Miguel Canche-Chan

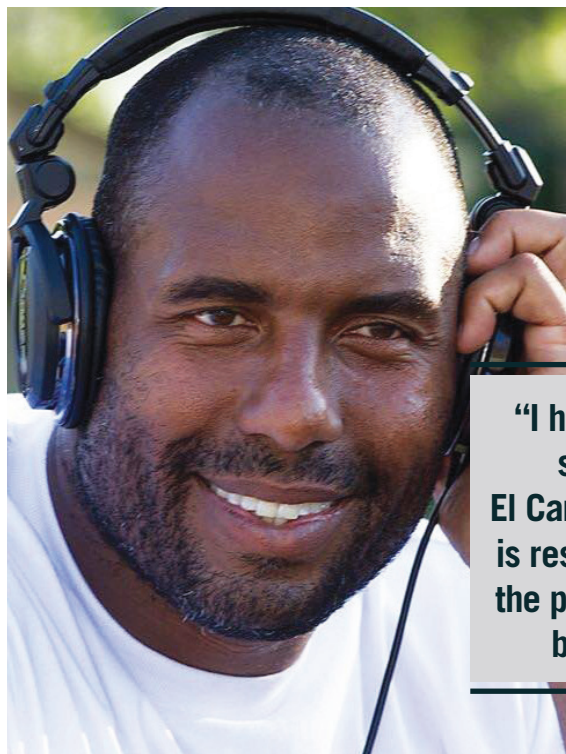
"I LOVE the South Bay Promise and I LOVE El Camino College!"

— Shavon Love



"The South Bay Promise has helped me by giving me priority registration and financial assistance which allows me to buy all my books, as well as the motivation to apply to similar programs."

— Ayesha Butts



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ECC Alumnus and Super Bowl Champ Honored

Super Bowl champion lineman and El Camino College graduate Derrick Deese was recently named to the 2017 California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) Sports Hall of Fame. He and three other honorees were inducted March 29 during the organization's annual convention.

"I have always said that El Camino College is responsible for the person I have become," said Deese. "That said, this honor of becoming part of the CCCCCAA Hall of Fame might include my name, but El Camino College is the reason why. The staff and coaches and my teams will all be a part of the Hall of Fame when I accept this great award."

The CCCCCAA Sports Hall of Fame is the highest honor bestowed in California community college athletics. It recognizes those who have made the most of their experiences as California community college student-athletes, coaches and administrators while maximizing their own potential to better themselves, along with those with whom they come in contact. The CCCCCAA Sports Hall of Fame was founded in 1984 and currently includes 131 members.

Deese's amazing Super Bowl victory was just one proud moment in the successful career of the 14-year San Francisco 49ers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers former offensive lineman. He earned his associate degree from El Camino College in just three semesters and has remained close to the college in his retirement.

While playing for ECC, Deese earned All-Mission Conference and All-America honors during his two-year playing career in 1989-90. He helped lead the team to a 19-2-1 record in those two seasons but, just as importantly, he credits community college for teaching him about "work ethic, victory and success."

Deese's success at El Camino College led to a scholarship at USC and later a decorated NFL career primarily spent with the 49ers. He was a rookie starter at right guard when San Francisco beat the San Diego Chargers in Super Bowl XXIX. Deese started 132 games in his long career.

Known as "ECC football royalty," Deese is a member of the El Camino College Athletic Hall of Fame and the California JC Football Hall of Fame. He has helped conduct football camps at ECC and has assisted in campus foundation and athletics events. He earned further distinction last year when he was invited to deliver the keynote address during ECC's commencement, the first in the new stadium.

Student Snapshot



The El Camino College Forensics Team is one of the best in the nation. Pictured in the back row, from left: El Camino College Director of Forensics Francesca Bishop, John Masi, Damon Lawson, and Zara Andradi. Front row; Chris Zarceno, Jabeen Haque, Swapan Dighe, Leia Yen, Rachel Lobo, Victoria Marshall, Curtis Wang, Talha Siddiqui, coach Ashley Graham, ECC Professor Mark Crossman, Hussam Malik.

SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM

The El Camino College Speech and Debate Team have dominated all year in the four-year college sweepstakes. The team is currently in 4th place out of 152 competitors in the National Parliamentary Debate Association Sweepstakes behind three four-year universities. This places ECC as the top community college, and 4th in the nation, when including four-year universities. The NPDA is the largest national intercollegiate debate organization in the United States, and features extemporaneous two-on-two debate. The final competitions will be held this spring.

FILM/VIDEO DEPARTMENT

Two El Camino College students recently wrapped up internships on a major Walt Disney Studios film production – an adaption of the classic children’s novel “A Wrinkle in Time.” Megan Pierce, a Redondo Union High graduate, and Chris Lee, a West High School graduate, are both film students at El Camino College and snagged spots in the production’s camera and prop departments, respectively.

JOURNALISM

- El Camino’s student newspaper, *The Union*, was named the No. 2 college newspaper in the nation in its class on March 2017 at the

College Media Association conference in New York City.

- Eight students attended the Associated Collegiate Press conference in San Francisco, and won seventh place for best two-year newspaper.
- Six El Camino College students were honored at the recent Journalism Association of Community Colleges competition for Southern California in fall 2016.
 - El Camino’s annual magazine, *Warrior Life*, won general excellence recognition under Editor Sydnie Mills. She also received an honorable mention in magazine design/layout.
 - Judges awarded second place to Sue Hong in the feature photo category, while Eugene Chang captured fourth place for an illustration.
 - An honorable mention in news story competition went to Mills, Sebastian Spencer, Brenda Soriano and Phil Sidavong.
- El Camino College student publications ranked in the top 10 in Best of Show competition at the recent National College Media Convention in Washington, D.C. in fall 2016.
 - *The Union* newspaper led the way with a fourth-place finish in the Associated Collegiate Press judging for newspapers from two-year colleges across the United States.
- *The Union* website, eccunion.com, ranked seventh among large-school websites.
- *Warrior Life* magazine won a fifth-place ranking.



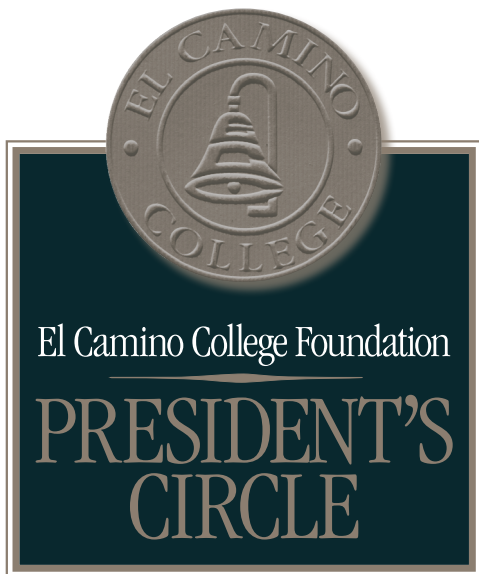
Alumni Corner

Mark A. Waronek, Class of '93

El Camino College alumnus, Mark A. Waronek '93, has over 22 years of experience in government, community relations, and public affairs. Mark currently works for recently elected Los Angeles County supervisor Janice Hahn as her South Bay senior deputy. Mark is also the mayor for the City of Lomita, where he previously served on the city council from 2003-2007, and as mayor from 2006-07.

Mark is involved in many organizations and associations in the South Bay and the Los Angeles County region and has fostered relationships with most of the 88 cities within Los Angeles County. In his “spare time”, Mark is involved with Kiwanis, Salvation Army, Switzer Learning Center, Community’s Child homeless shelter for women, multiple Chambers of Commerce, and governmental organizations too numerous to name. He has received many awards and accolades for his community service to the South Bay region of Los Angeles.

Mark graduated from El Camino in 1993 and transferred to Loyola Marymount where he received a B.A. in Communications with an emphasis in communication studies. He currently resides in the city of Lomita, with his wife, Kristine (married 21+ years), and two children, Madeline, 19 and Marky, 15. He enjoys spending time with his family and traveling with family and friends. He coaches his children’s athletic teams. He also has a taste for wines and when available, he is the public address announcer for football and basketball games at his high school alma mater, Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance.



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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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