



SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF EL CAMINO COLLEGE

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Meet our 2016 El Camino College Distinguished Alumni

The El Camino College Foundation is proud to announce the 2016 Distinguished Alumni. These individuals have furthered their educational and career goals and have proven to be outstanding in their field, as well as recognized for achievements in business, volunteerism and philanthropy.



Eleanor Bersano



George Nakano



Laura Allman Schenasi



William Young

Eleanor Bersano

Retired Educator and Community Activist

Eleanor graduated from El Camino College in 1963, and attended CSULA where she received a B.A. in English, and an M.A. in language arts and literature. She also attended the University of San Francisco where she received another M.A. in private school administration. She was an educator for 36 years in elementary and high school. After retirement, she put her heart and soul into volunteering in her community. She was named Citizen of the Year in Gardena and received a Community Recognition Award from Lions Club International.

George Nakano

Retired Teacher/Administrator and Politician

George worked at Hughes Aircraft (now Boeing) and was encouraged to attain his college degree, so he enrolled at El Camino College. After completing his lower division courses he transferred to CSULA where he earned a B.S. in mathematics and a M.A. in education. He became a teacher at Jordan High School in Watts and eventually an administrator for the Inglewood Unified School District. He served 15 years on the Torrance City Council and six years in the California State Assembly until he termed out in 2004. George was a member on the board of directors of the El Camino College Foundation from 2007 through 2011 and served as president of the board in 2010-2011.

Laura Allman Schenasi

Executive Vice President, Torrance Memorial Health Care Foundation

Laura attended El Camino College in 1978 for one year prior to transferring to USC where she graduated from the Annenberg School of Communication. Laura spent her early career at USC where she discovered her passion for fundraising at the Keck School of Medicine. She joined Torrance Memorial Health Care Foundation in 2001 and has directed a development team to successfully increase fundraising from \$750,000 per year to an average of \$17 million a year in cash and pledges. She is a recent recipient of the Switzer South Bay Women of the Year Award.

William Young

Actor, Director, Writer

William has been an actor since age 13 and now has over 100 starring roles in television, stage and film productions including "A Soldier's Story" (Academy Award nomination 1984), "Moesha" and "CSI Miami." He is currently starring in the new medical drama "Code Black" as Dr. Guthrie. William is the founder and president of the non-profit "The Young Center for Academic and Cultural Enrichment," which serves the needs of low to moderate income households in underserved communities in California. He attended ECC from 1975-77 and transferred to USC on a full scholarship as a member of the Trojan debate team.

MESA Students Transfer to Top Universities



Recent El Camino College graduate Erick Quintanilla said a highlight of his time at El Camino was being a part of the Math, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program. Erick was involved with MESA for two years. He was a computer science major, and transferred to UC Berkeley this fall, where he plans to focus on computer engineering.

After an obsession with video games in middle and high school, Erick said he took on a

new passion for programming when he entered college. "I fell in love with it, because it's both so logical yet artistic," added Erick, a Gardena High School alumnus, who is also a 2016 ECC grad.

This year, about 100 MESA graduates transferred to top four-year colleges and universities such as UC Berkeley, UCLA, UC Davis and Cal Poly Pomona. MESA students are offered rigorous coursework, leadership preparation and problem-solving workshops. Other perks include counseling support and access to the MESA/STEM Center to meet with study groups.

"The El Camino College MESA program provides a variety of academic and enrichment opportunities for students majoring in math, science or engineering," said El Camino College President Dena P. Maloney.

Erick said he's received scholarship support through MESA over the years, and was connected with summer research projects at UCLA as well. Both are funded in whole or part by the El Camino College Foundation.

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EL CAMINO COLLEGE FOUNDATION 2016 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AWARDS

\$604,000 awarded

Foundation High School	20
Foundation Scholars	10
Foundation Donor	19
Behavioral & Social Science	9
Business	11
Fine Arts	32
Radiological Technology	14
Athletics	12
Humanities	12
ITEC	30
Math	5
Natural Science	35
Nursing	18
Clubs	5
General	67
South Bay Promise	62
OSHER Named	182
TOTAL	541

ECC Foundation Announces John Featherstone Endowed Football Scholarship

The John Featherstone Endowed Football Scholarship honors the impact "Coach Feather" (who retired recently) made at El Camino College, while

recognizing young athletes who are pursuing their academic and athletic goals. The endowment will allow for annual scholarship(s) for an incoming or current El Camino College football player and will cover tuition, books and fees for one year.

A South Bay native and ECC graduate, Coach Featherstone completed 31 seasons with the Warrior football program. Whether on the field, in the classroom, or in the community, Coach Featherstone always encouraged his players to strive for excellence athletically and to pursue a college education, while representing ECC in a first-class professional manner. He retired with the highest winning percentage of any active coach in the Southern Section of California, which



includes 37 community colleges from Bakersfield to San Diego.

To join past players, family, friends, and colleagues in making a donation in honor of Coach Featherstone's years of

service or for more information, contact Andrea Sala at the El Camino College Foundation at foundation@elcamino.edu or 310-660-6040, or simply mail a donation in the enclosed envelope.

The John Featherstone Endowed Football Scholarship honors the impact "Coach Feather" made at El Camino College and the athletic program.

El Camino College Receives \$40,000 Grant from Pritzker Foster Care Initiative

Foster youth enrolled in community colleges disproportionately face serious academic, economic, and emotional challenges and it is imperative that they are adequately served with programs that enhance their learning environment. It is critical to raise awareness among foster youth of the programs and resources available to them. At El Camino College, that means providing a variety of services to help them succeed in their educational pathways.

This program encourages us to be the best we can be and I am very appreciative of it.

— Erica —

On any given day, there are over 400,000 children in our nation's foster care system with over 100,000 waiting to be adopted. Every year, 23,000 of these youth will age out of the system never having found a permanent home. Young people who age out of foster care face a tough road: they are more likely to experience significant challenges with completing their education, obtaining a job, homelessness, maintaining financial security and staying out of the criminal justice system.*

The majority of foster youth in postsecondary school in California attend community colleges.

Pritzker Foster Care Initiative, part of the Anthony & Jeanne Pritzker Family Foundation, donated \$40,000 to the El Camino College Foundation to provide funding for a Guardian Scholars program.

The Guardian Scholars program at El Camino College offers a regular meeting space on campus where foster youth can gather with their peers and interact with the professionals who support them. There are currently 68 students in the new program who are receiving funds for tuition, books and supplies, and extra resources

on the campus. "LINK UP" is one such resource for foster youth students that provides informational sessions monthly including job attainment, money management, college transfers and classroom success.

Foster youth is a cause about which Jeanne Pritzker is very passionate. In 2012 she launched Foster Care Counts, a non-profit organization that provides support to programs that help foster youth as they leave the system and attempt to become successful young adults.

We thank the Pritzker Foster Care Initiative for its support of foster youth at El Camino College and throughout California.

*The White House press release, May 26, 2016

Joining the Guardian Scholars program has been a great experience for me. I have also gotten a lot of valuable information about the resources available to me on campus from the Link Up events the program has held.

— Juaheem —

Calling all alumni — Did you get your start at El Camino College?

A few hundred thousand students have passed through the doors at El Camino College since 1947. And we want them back!



This fall, we are connecting with alumni through social media in a campaign we call "Let's Go El Camino." Using a website specially designed for alumni, and of course Facebook and email, we will reach thousands of El Camino College alumni. Participation, not dollars, is most important to us. Alumni are encouraged to share their stories, challenge their friends and spread their Warrior pride at www.elcamino.edu/letsgo.

Many alumni got their start at El Camino College as the first in their family to go to college. ECC provided the guidance they needed. For others, our small classes and world-class faculty gave them the start they needed to excel at our state's flagship universities, as well as top private universities across the nation. To this day, El Camino College remains a jewel in the South Bay. One our alumni are proud to support. We'd like to hear how you got your start at El Camino College. Send us a message and reconnect!

NFL Player President Musician Actor Olympian Counselor Baseball Player Real Estate Broker Behaviorist
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Producer Councilman Community Affairs Director California State Assemblyman Director of Outreach
Mayor EVP Dean Private Client Advisor Astronaut Real Estate Investor Major General
Director of External Affairs Banker SVP Engineer

Join us today! elcamino.edu/letsgo #LetsGoElCamino

How can you give to the El Camino College Foundation?

Please help us further our mission and help ensure that El Camino College remains one of the top community colleges in California and the nation. Here are some options for charitable giving. See which one makes the most sense for your personal philanthropic and financial goals. Please consult your tax accountant and/or financial planner to find the best option for your current and future financial outlook.

Gifts of Cash

A gift of cash is a simple and easy way for you to make a donation.



Gifts of Stocks and Bonds

Donate appreciated securities, including stocks or bonds, for an easy and tax-effective way to make a gift.



Gifts of Real Estate

Donate appreciated real estate, such as a home, vacation property, undeveloped land, farmland, ranch or commercial property.



Gifts of Retirement Assets

Donate part or all of your unused retirement assets such as a gift from your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), pension or other tax-deferred plan.



Gifts of Insurance

If you have a life insurance policy that has outlasted its original purpose, consider making a gift of your insurance policy. For example, you may have purchased a policy to provide for minor children and they are now financially independent adults.



Estate Planning & Bequests

A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. With the help of an advisor, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift be made to El Camino College as part of your estate plan.

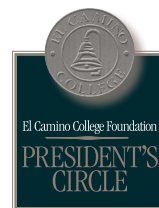


How can you support El Camino College students?

President's Circle

President's Circle is a dynamic group of distinguished community members, business leaders, alumni and friends who support El Camino College. The President's Circle provides funds to respond to the college's greatest needs, and support and enhance campus programs. Benefits:

- Exclusive invitations to events with the ECC President
- VIP seating at special events on campus throughout the year
- Network with business and community leaders



Community Partners

A very special group of businesses that understands education has the power to change lives, to fulfill dreams, and to improve the workplace and community we live in. Community Partners are also included in the President's Circle and receive the benefits listed above.



South Bay Promise Scholarships

The South Bay Promise was created to provide a pathway from high school to college for students from the El Camino Community College district. High school graduates who "promise" to attend El Camino College the fall after graduation, will receive free enrollment fees during the first year of enrollment and receive a multitude of services. Private donations allow funding for this important program.



STEM Programs

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programs are a priority. Our students' success supports that goal – preparing them for prestigious four-year universities. STEM programs are rigorous and need additional funding for facilitators and tutors in the STEM Center, mentoring programs, student collaborations, summer research opportunities, and even additional supplies that will keep our students at the top of the field.



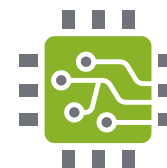
Emergency Book and Tuition Fund

Many students run into hard times, and need help purchasing books and supplies. Financial assistance allows them to stay in school. Students are referred by their counselor or a faculty member.



Technology

With the ever-changing educational environment, keeping up with technology can be challenging. Last fall, the ECC Foundation funded a successful pilot program using Chromebooks in the classroom. Faculty members are eager to include more technology in their daily teaching.



Annual and Endowed Scholarships

At the heart of the ECC Foundation lies our annual and endowed scholarship program. Receiving a scholarship can mean the difference between attending school, or not. For some, it means being able to work part-time instead of full-time. The financial support of a scholarship allows students to focus on their education, rather than how they will fund tuition, books, and supplies.



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