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\$25,000 Grant for STEM Scholarships

Student success applauded!

The El Camino College Foundation received a \$25,000 donation from Edison International to support science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) scholarships for outstanding students. This is the sixth consecutive annual STEM grant from Edison International since 2012.

ECC STEM students received scholarships from Edison International. Pictured (L-R) Foundation Executive Director Andrea Sala, Edison STEM Scholars: Ruben Baez, Denise Gonzalez, Anthony Oluwamayowa Omole, Jose Garcia, Rattanapong Chudabala, Yixuan Fang, and Sabrina Estrada, front row; Zachary Johnson, Ashkuor Abdulkader, Michael Perry, Mina Mansour and Jorge Landaverde, back row. MESA/STEM Director Arturo Hernandez, far right.

Edison STEM Scholars received scholarships at the annual MESA | STEM Transfer and Scholarship Awards Ceremony on May 31. Foundation Executive Director Andrea Sala congratulated the students and presented certificates of achievement. The rigorous academics of STEM-based majors at ECC makes this scholarship from Edison a coveted award, as recipients are named Edison STEM Scholars.

[Edison International](#) has been a longtime industry partner of El Camino College, providing student scholarships, mentorship opportunities, and job initiative grants.

Scholarship Spotlight

Norma Kayser Memorial Scholarship for the Arts

As a talented performer and music major, Kayla Atkinson sang the national anthem at ECC's Commencement in 2017 and again in 2018 with her graduating class. She also performed this past spring at Carnegie Hall in New York City with the ECC Chorale under the direction of Professor Joanna Medawar Nacheff.



Kayla plans to focus on voice when she transfers to California State University, Fullerton in the fall and will have a lighter financial burden when she begins university classes. She recently received the Norma Kayser Memorial Scholarship Endowment for the Arts. This \$2,000 award is part of the El Camino College Foundation Scholarship Program and available to students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher planning a career in music.

"Being a recipient of the Norma Kayser Scholarship was so humbling and extremely encouraging to me. It showed me that a career in music is viable, and that there are so many supportive people out there who want to see young and upcoming artists succeed. I am incredibly blessed to have been selected as a winner of this scholarship!"

Click here for more information on El Camino College Foundation [scholarships](#).



ECC Commencement

Congratulations Class of 2018!

El Camino College celebrated its 71st Annual Commencement on June 8th in Murdock Stadium. Addressing the Class of 2018 was Retired Major General Megan Tatu, an ECC Distinguished Alumna. Tatu retired from the U.S. Army in 2017 after 39 years of active and reserve service. At the time of her retirement, she served as the U.S. Army Reserve Command Chief of Staff at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

"Graduates, it has been our privilege today to hear from a distinguished El Camino College alumna whose life embodies the noble principle of service," said El Camino College President Dena P. Maloney in her opening remarks. "For her, it has taken the form of service to our country as a member of and a leader in our nation's armed forces. Service can take many forms. We can all serve our families and our communities through our leadership and dedication to others. Whenever you find yourself in a position to serve, you'll be ready because of the experience you had here at El Camino." Additionally, those who have served in the military were asked to stand and be recognized for their service to our country.

Nearly 2,700 students received associate degrees, and more than 740 students were awarded certificates this year. The [livestream video](#) of the commencement ceremony can be viewed through July 5.

Athletics

ECC 28th Athletic Hall of Fame

Eleven individual inductees and three teams were honored at the 28th Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony recently. The inductees span eight sports and more than 50 years of excellence in athletic pursuits. The event honored players, coaches and those involved with the El Camino College athletic program through the years.



The 2018 inductees include Kyle Petter, baseball; Brent Frohoff, men's volleyball; Don Garriott, wrestling; Kiff Kimber, swimming and diving; Minako Akiyama and Phyrun Tran, badminton; Aaron Craver, football; Karina Woehrstein, women's volleyball; David Cardona, track and field/cross country; Shalé Garland, track and field; Micah Carlson, swimming and diving; and the 1964, 1965 and 1966 state championship wrestling teams. Read more about the Athletic Hall of Fame and view complete [inductee bios](#) here.



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