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# The South Bay Promise Signing Ceremony Features Keynote Speaker and Education Leader, Senator Ben Allen

Friday, May 11, 2018 will be a monumental day at El Camino College. Superintendent/President Dr. Dena P. Maloney has invited the



superintendents from the school districts served by the El Camino Community College District\* (ECCCD) South Bay Promise Program to

come together in a formal ceremony to sign a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The South Bay Promise Program provides free enrollment fees for up to 500 high school graduates in the South Bay who commit to attend El Camino College in the fall immediately following graduation, enroll full-time, and complete the matriculation steps to help ensure success.

A highlight of the South Bay Promise Signing Ceremony will be Keynote Speaker Senator Ben Allen, known for his leadership as the chair of the Senate Education Committee and the legislature's Joint Committee on the Arts. Senator Allen is a key advocate for students and schools throughout his district and in the state of California.

California State Senator Ben Allen was elected in 2014 to represent the 26th Senate District, covering the Westside, Hollywood and coastal South Bay communities of Los Angeles County.

Senator Allen grew up in the 26th District. He is a former board member, and board President, of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, where he was a leader on issues of environmental sustainability, financial accountability, and community engagement. He helped pass a \$385 million bond measure which upgraded district facilities using environmental best practices and created good local jobs. During his tenure, the district enacted policies to provide all students with high-quality educational opportunities regardless of their background or means. He helped start the Los Angeles Spark Program, a nonprofit organization that connects at-risk middle school students with apprenticeships.

For more information on this event, contact Andrea Sala at [asala@elcamino.edu](mailto:asala@elcamino.edu) or 310.660.6040.



\*The El Camino Community College District serves the school districts of Centinela Valley, El Segundo, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance and Wiseburn which encompass the cities of El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Lawndale, Lennox, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Torrance.



## Honoring his Friend

### Sterling Franklin creates an endowed scholarship to honor his friend, Christine Knox

A new endowment fund has been established at El Camino College to provide scholarships for students who attend El Camino's evening program. The Christine Knox Endowed Scholarship Fund was created by a \$30,000 gift from Sterling Franklin, Trustee of the Morris S. Smith Foundation, to honor his friend, Christine Knox. Knox taught Accounting classes in the evening program at El Camino College from 1980 until her retirement in 2006. She also worked during the day for 25 years for several companies, including 14 years as the Executive Assistant to the CEO of Crown Bolt, Inc., a Home Depot Supply Company. The \$500 scholarship will be awarded each semester to one evening Accounting student who qualifies for financial aid.

Franklin earned his B.A. in Political Science at Stanford in 1968. He gained his teaching credential from USC in 1969 and taught 10th grade Geography and 12th grade Civics at Morningside High School in Inglewood, California from 1969 to 1972, earning his MEd. in 1970 from USC. He then attended Loyola Law School (Los Angeles) and received his JD in 1975. He received his Master's in Public Administration from USC in 1976. He has worked for non-profit organizations and has practiced law. He has been a Trustee of the Morris S. Smith Foundation since the Foundation was established in 1993. El Camino College encourages more donors to establish endowed scholarship funds to support ECC students. For information on donating to the Christine Knox Scholarship or establishing a new scholarship, please contact Andrea Sala at [asala@elcamino.edu](mailto:asala@elcamino.edu) or 310.660.6040.

# Warrior Pantry Receives 500 Pound Donation from El Segundo Middle Schoolers



El Segundo Middle School eighth graders launched a food and toiletry drive for the Warrior Pantry during the holidays, placing donation bins across El Segundo and the South Bay. Thanks to their dedication and perseverance, over 500 pounds of food was donated, including a generous

donation from El Segundo's newest business, seafood company Chicken of the Sea.

Established through the leadership of the Student Equity Advisory Council, Associated Students Organization, and the Inter-Club Council, with the support from the Student Development Office and Student Equity Program, the Warrior Pantry can be used by all currently enrolled El Camino College students needing assistance. A number of ECC students face serious financial challenges, and often find it difficult to support themselves while also paying for college. Research indicates that students without proper nutrition can have trouble focusing on school work and often worry about where they will find their next meal. The Warrior Pantry offers support for students facing food insecurity, while also providing toiletries, food items and additional resources. For more information about the Warrior Pantry, visit [www.elcamino.edu/student/studentservices/warriorpantry/](http://www.elcamino.edu/student/studentservices/warriorpantry/).

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Eighth graders Herason Wang, Giselle Chazez and Olivia Jamner (shown in the photo front row, to the right of ECC President Dena Maloney) organized the donations to the Warrior Pantry. Also in the photo, front row right: ECC students Marilyn Valdez and Andrew Long. Middle row, L-R: Heidi Wang, Kevin Klein (Thai Union North America), Mayor Suzanne Fuentes, ESMS Principal Melissa Gooden, ESMS Assistant Principal Ali Rabeji, ECC Student Michelle Ohia. Back row, L-R: ECC student Bryant Odega, El Segundo Fire Department Battalion Chief Breck Slover, El Segundo Police Captain Jaime Bermudez, and ECC student Christian Sanders.

# High School Students Commit to South Bay Promise Program

The South Bay Promise creates a seamless transition from high school to college, and ensures students are supported for success once they arrive at El Camino College. Not only will participating students' enrollment fees be waived for their first year, but they are offered priority registration and guaranteed placement into English



South Bay Promise Class of 2018 student Rebecca Nunez will graduate in June from El Camino College and hopes to attend Loyola Marymount University.

and math during their first year. South Bay Promise students have access to designated counselors to help select transfer pathways of study or preparation for entering the workforce through Career Technical Education. All Promise students must be full-time students carrying 12 or more units. Once students are enrolled in courses, they receive tutoring and other academic support to encourage educational

success. Students are connected with a cohort group in order to build community and strengthen student engagement. The South Bay Workforce Investment Board supports the program by offering their services to Promise students, including resume building, interview preparation, and hiring events. The mission of the South Bay Promise is to encourage local high school students to attend El Camino College, creating a more educated and sustainable workforce that bolsters the economy and boosts college completion rates. The South Bay Promise is currently funded by the El Camino College Foundation and South Bay community partners.



## Distinguished Alumni



2016 Distinguished Alumni recipients (l to r) Laura Schenasi, George Nakano, Eleanor Bersano, Helen Young (standing in for husband William Young) and ECC President Dr. Dena P. Maloney.

The El Camino College Foundation is pleased to recognize the accomplishments of our alumni through the Distinguished Alumni program. Many of our alumni are highly respected in the community and have achieved great success in their careers and lives. We are honored to acknowledge these individuals and remember the strong educational foundation El Camino College provided them as they embarked on their professional journey.

**Distinguished Alumni Award**  
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Nominations for induction into the Distinguished Alumni of El Camino College for 2018 are now being accepted. Anyone who wishes to nominate a former student for this award may do so by completing a nomination form, found at [www.elcamino.org/foundation](http://www.elcamino.org/foundation).

Thank you for helping us honor deserving individuals in our community. Go Warriors!

# What's Happening at El Camino College?

## Onizuka Space Science Day

El Camino College's annual Onizuka Space Science Day brought nearly 1,000 5th to 12th grade students to campus on March 10. An inspiring keynote



address was provided by NASA astronaut Robert Shane Kimbrough, who was also available for a question-and-answer session. Chemistry demonstrations, a paper airplane contest, physics puzzles, a robotics demonstration, and an egg-drop finale were just a few of the science activities led by ECC professors and guests from other institutions, such as the Space and Missile Systems Center at LA Air Force Base, Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County. The free event was open to the public and sponsored by ECC, the Astronaut Ellison S. Onizuka Memorial Committee, and American Honda Motor Company.



the team also excelled, with a team GPA of 3.4 last spring. For more information about the 2018 Warriors baseball team, including the season schedule, view <http://www.eccwarriors.com/sports/bsb>.

## ECC Sweeps Awards at Honors Student Research Conference

A record number of El Camino College honors students participated in the recent Honors Transfer Council of California (HTCC) Honors Student Research Conference at UC Irvine on April 7. Of the 40 ECC student presenters, six received scholarships, representing approximately 10% of the total awards at the statewide conference.

Scholarship Awards:

- Exemplary Achievement: Anthony Omole, Braulio Rosas
- Outstanding Posters: Bianca Martin, Assess Onwuka, Sophia Paiola
- Outstanding Abstract: Yvette Sanders

El Camino College's Honors Transfer Program (HTP) is one of the largest in the state and provided the second highest percentage of honors students to UCLA for fall 2017. For more information on the Honors Transfer Program, please visit: <http://www.elcamino.edu/student/academicsupport/honorstransfer/>



## Students to Perform at Carnegie Hall

Under the direction of Dr. Joanna Medawar Nacheff, Director of Choral Activities at ECC, 125 performers will experience a once in a lifetime opportunity to sing at the world renowned Carnegie Hall on May 26, 2018. This will be Dr. Nacheff's 6th guest conducting appearance at Carnegie Hall, performing Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass, which will be accompanied by a professional orchestra and soloists.

In order to raise funds for the trip which will cost approximately \$2,000 per person, students will be participating in various fundraisers, including See's Candies, variety shows, open mic nights, car washes and personal GoFundMe campaigns. Of the 20 students still seeking financial assistance for the trip, the El Camino College Foundation has sponsored three students to attend, but more help is needed. Additional donations can be made online at [www.elcamino.edu/foundation/donate.aspx](http://www.elcamino.edu/foundation/donate.aspx). Please denote Carnegie Hall as the program name. All gifts are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.



*Previous visit to Carnegie Hall under Dr. Nacheff*

## El Camino College Baseball Team Named "Scholar Team"

The El Camino College baseball team was recently selected to receive a Scholar Team Award by the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA). One of 18 programs statewide to receive this award, the team was honored at the annual CCCCAA Convention in March.

The Scholar Team Award is the highest academic team achievement given annually by the CCCCAA. All team members must show academic excellence, with a total GPA of 3.0 or higher. The teams must also demonstrate better than average accomplishments in intercollegiate athletic competition. The Warriors also sent 12 players on to play at four-year universities, including SCC Pitcher of the Year Taylor Rashi (144 strikeouts) to the University of California, Irvine and standout catcher Trevor Casanova to California State University, Northridge. Academically,

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1. The stock market is at an all-time high. Think about giving a gift of appreciated stock to minimize capital gains taxes.
2. Name the El Camino College Foundation as a beneficiary of retirement plan assets. These assets remain taxable when distributed to a loved one but are tax-free when given to a nonprofit.
3. IRA Gifts (if age 70 ½ or older). Regardless of whether you itemize your taxes, this gift helps fulfill required minimum distribution and is not considered taxable income.
4. Real Estate Gifts. Appreciated real estate may be subject to capital gains tax unless donated to charity or transferred to a charitable trust.
5. Planned giving may be the answer for your charitable gift giving needs.

## Planned giving and bequests:

You can support the work of the El Camino College Foundation with a gift of cash, securities (stocks or bonds), real estate or other personal assets, including charitable gift annuities, bequests through wills or living trusts, or charitable remainder trusts. There is a right scenario for everyone!

## Distinct advantages of planned giving:

- Personal satisfaction
- Legacy opportunities
- Tax deductible savings
- Capital gains tax savings
- Potential tax-free payouts
- Reduction of probate expenses

(Please consult with your tax professional to determine the best individual charitable giving strategies).



The El Camino College Foundation Legacy Circle recognizes individuals and families who have designated a gift to the ECC Foundation through their estate planning. This includes gifts through wills and bequests, revocable living trusts, charitable remainder or lead trusts, and retirement assets or real estate. Your planned Legacy Circle gift helps us to ensure the continued success of El Camino College students. If you've included ECCF in your will, please let us know and help encourage others to do the same. Thank you for your support!

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