



EL CAMINO COLLEGE FOUNDATION

# Connections

SUPPORTING THE MISSION OF EL CAMINO COLLEGE

SPRING 2019

## The South Bay Promise

The South Bay Promise offers an affordable pathway directly from high school to college. Enrollment fees for the first two years will be paid for full-time students and additional services and counseling will be offered to students enrolled in the South Bay Promise. New for the fall of 2019, the South Bay Promise will be available to all first-time, full-time college students (regardless of school district) who complete the necessary steps and attend El Camino immediately after graduating from high school.



### Benefits:

- Free college for year one AND year two\*
- Register for classes early with priority registration
- Set an academic plan for success and receive personalized counseling
- Receive free tutoring and other academic support services

If you have questions about the South Bay Promise, please contact us at [southbaypromise@elcamino.edu](mailto:southbaypromise@elcamino.edu) or 310.660.6464.

\*Second year enrollment fees will be paid for ECCCD students who complete at least 24 units the first year, maintain a 2.0 GPA, and enroll full-time for the upcoming fall semester.

## South Bay Promise Students: Where Are They Now?



**Jakob Kelso**

*The South Bay Promise was extremely helpful to my success. I flourished in school with a 3.78 GPA, taking rigorous STEM classes, and a big part of that was because I was able to focus on the school aspect of college, not the finances. Thank you!!*

**High School:** West Torrance High School  
**ECC Major:** Civil Engineering  
**Anticipated Graduation:** Spring 2019



**Jessica Trammel**

*[ECC was] A place where I was able to learn, grow, and figure out my next steps. South Bay Promise made a hard transition smoother than creamy peanut butter.*

**High School:** South Torrance High School  
**ECC Major:** Liberal Arts  
**Anticipated Graduation:** Summer 2019



**Rebecca Nunez**

*The South Bay Promise scholarship gave me the opportunity to pursue a higher education. My parents and I unfortunately didn't have the money to send me to college after high school, but the South Bay Promise changed that and changed the course of my life.*

**High School:** West Torrance High School  
**ECC Major:** Comm/Political Science  
**Anticipated Graduation:** Spring 2019



**Kyle Ebersole**

*The South Bay Promise played a huge role in my education. I was able to compete in track at El Camino because of the scholarship covering my classes and books. I couldn't be more grateful to those involved with the SBP scholarship, and I made sure my grades reflected that. Thank you!*

**High School:** Torrance High School  
**ECC Major:** Fire Emergency and Technology  
**Anticipated Graduation:** Fall 2019/Spring 2020



**Darius Tatum**

*The South Bay Promise program has helped me stay focused on achieving my educational and career goals by creating opportunities that I didn't have before.*

**High School:** Hawthorne High School  
**ECC Major:** Psychology  
**Anticipated Graduation:** Spring 2020

# Scholarship Season

Spring is in the air which means its scholarship time at El Camino College Foundation! Last year alone, 677 scholarships totaling \$750,000 were awarded by the Foundation for the 2018-2019 academic year. Scholarships assist students with tuition, fees, textbooks and other educational expenses. Scholarships help alleviate the financial burden of college, enabling students to focus more on their studies and less time working or worrying about financial concerns, thereby creating more successful graduates.

Scholarships are an ideal way to support student success at El Camino College. The Foundation has numerous established scholarships donors can contribute to, or donors can establish new scholarships to meet their specific needs. Unquestionably, the Foundation's generous supporters make this program possible, enabling a growing number of deserving students to achieve their educational goals.

Scholarships are designed to meet the diverse needs of ECC's student population. Some are discipline specific while others reward academic excellence. Some are extended to students from local high schools, while others are intended for transferring students to four-year universities to continue their education. Finally, some scholarships are to support students with a financial need who just do not meet federal or state assistance requirements.

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## Annual Scholarships

Annual scholarships are supported through community contributions from individuals and corporations and are paid annually or over several years.

## Endowed Scholarships

Establishing an endowed scholarship provides permanent, sustainable funding for current and future students. Endowments are invested in accordance with prudent standards that ensure long-term viability and managed to provide a maximum return on investment. Annual earnings are carefully reinvested to support future scholarships.

El Camino College encourages more donors to establish scholarships to support ECC students. For a complete list of available Annual and Endowed Scholarships, please visit the Foundation website at: [www.elcamino.edu/foundation/scholarships.aspx](http://www.elcamino.edu/foundation/scholarships.aspx).

For more information on donating to or establishing a new scholarship at El Camino College, please contact Andrea Sala, Executive Director of the El Camino College Foundation, at [asala@elcamino.edu](mailto:asala@elcamino.edu) or 310.660.6040.

## Student Spotlight

### ECC Student, Chinua Taylor-Pearce, Honored at Black History Celebration

On February 26th, Chinua Taylor-Pearce received the Inspirational Spirit Award at the Black History Celebration hosted by the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce. This year's theme, A Legacy of Excellence, adequately describes Chinua's approach to school and life beyond the classroom.



Chinua is an Economics major at El Camino College who plans to transfer to a four-year university in fall 2019. Chinua has been involved in the Associated Students Organization (ASO), Inter-Club

Council (ICC), and Robotics Club during his time so far at El Camino College.

He served as the ICC representative for the Robotics Club for the fall 2017 semester. He has served as its president since spring 2018.

This academic year, Chinua serves as the ASO Director of Finance. In addition, he was appointed as the acting ASO President from June-October 2018. Chinua's advocacy and efforts in ASO led to the increased revenue and fiscal responsibility of the student-run organization.



*Chinua Taylor-Pearce and El Camino College Superintendent/President Dr. Dena Maloney.*



*Chinua Taylor-Pearce celebrates with his uncle, Patrick Hume-Dawson.*

# Meet our Scholarship Donors

## Dr. John Tyo Memorial Scholarship

Established by Mrs. Anna Tyo



Mrs. Ana Tyo (left) and Mr. Paul Tyo, brother of Dr. John Tyo (right), with the 2018 Dr. John Tyo Memorial Endowed Scholarship recipient (center).

This scholarship was established in memory of Dr. John Tyo, who taught at El Camino College for 37 years. He enjoyed seeing his students succeed and was part of their lives even after graduating from ECC, with many completing their educations at four-year institutions. Throughout John's life, his great joy was to extend a helping hand to people.

## BQE Scholarship for Computer Science

Established by BQE Software



The BQE Scholarship for Computer Science was designed specifically for students seeking a Degree or Certificate in either Business or Computer Science. Computer Science courses are designed primarily for students who wish to transfer to a four-year institution with a major in Computer Science, Physics, Mathematics, Engineering, or another technical major which concerns the study or application of computer

concepts. The courses offered provide instruction in UNIX as well as high-level languages (Java, C++), PC assembly languages and advanced programming concepts.

The BQE scholarship supports full-time students requiring financial aid and covers all coursework and incidental expenses.

## Southern California Kaiser Permanente Scholarship

Established by the Kaiser Foundation on behalf of Southern CA Kaiser Permanente-Diagnostic Imaging

This two-year scholarship was established to assist Radiologic Technology students with financial assistance while they are enrolled full-time at El Camino College. The funds encourage students to continue their education and reward them as they gain professional imaging skills, training, and experience necessary to join the ranks of other Rad Tech professionals.

The scholarship helps pay for tuition, fees, books, uniforms, liability insurance and other costs associated with gaining a Rad Tech degree. The scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.0 minimum GPA. About a dozen Kaiser Permanente scholarships are awarded each year to El Camino College Radiologic Technology students.



## Barth Family Scholarship

Established by the Barth Family



Mrs. Melinda Barth (left) with 2018 Barth Family Scholarship recipients (center), along with son, Dylan Barth.

The Barth Family values higher education. Former ECC faculty member Melinda and her husband Ronald, were the first in their families to attend college, and were grateful recipients of financial assistance that permitted them to attend undergraduate and graduate schools in tuition-free programs. Melinda Barth was a former English professor at El Camino College. Their sons, Dylan and Evan, are both educators who also married teachers. Through their scholarship donations, the Barth family hopes to continually help two students a year with their college pursuits.



## Scholarship Growth

The Scholarship program continues to grow each year thanks to the generosity of donors like the ones featured here. There are hundreds of donors who help our students each year and we thank them all for making a difference. Please contact us if you'd like to create your own scholarship or donate to our current scholarship fund.





## ECC Honors Distinguished Alumni and Community Supporters

El Camino College honored outstanding alumni and supporters Feb. 1 at the 2018 Distinguished Alumni & Gratitude Awards Dinner. More than 150 people filled the Torrance Marriott to honor four exemplary ECC alumni, one area philanthropist, and one regional corporate partner.

Honorees included Rocky Chávez, former California assembly member, 76th Assembly District; Sherry Kramer, director of community affairs and government relations, Continental Development Corporation; Dan Keenan, senior vice president, Keenan & Associates; and Brian Wilson, musician, singer, songwriter, record producer and co-founder of the Beach Boys.

New this year, Edison International and Frances Ford were recognized with the first-ever Gratitude Awards. This inaugural award honors those whose longtime support of El Camino College helps ensure students have a successful and productive educational experience.



*“Our 2018 honorees have made a positive impact in their profession and community, and we are proud to acknowledge their accomplishments. This year’s celebration also recognized community partners who consistently go above and beyond to help our students succeed. We thank all honorees for their contributions.”*

*—El Camino College Superintendent/President Dena P. Maloney*



*Pictured from left: distinguished alumnus Dan Keenan; ECC Foundation Executive Director Andrea Sala; distinguished alumnus former Assemblymember Rocky Chavez; distinguished alumna Sherry Kramer; Gratitude Award recipient Frances Ford; ECC Superintendent/President Dena P. Maloney; Gratitude Award recipient Edison International/Southern California Edison, represented by Connie Turner; and ECC Foundation Board President Mark Waronek. Distinguished alumni not pictured: Brian Wilson.*





# Forensics Team Wins National Titles

ECC is Top College/University in the Nation at Parliamentary Debate



The El Camino College Forensics Team won three national titles recently at the National Parliamentary Debate Association National Tournament, making El Camino College the top college or university in the nation at parliamentary debate, beating every four-year institution that competes.

Awards included the two-year tournament sweepstakes title, the two-year season sweepstakes title, and amazingly, the overall sweepstakes national championship title. This is a first for the El Camino program and only the second time in history a community college has earned the top spot.

The ECC Forensics team still has two more national tournaments to attend with the goal to bring more acclaim to El Camino College.

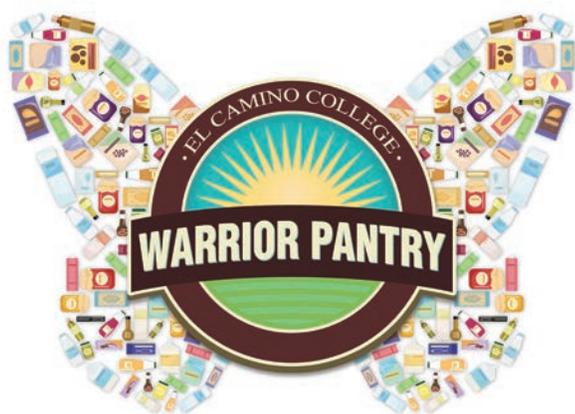
## 2019 Sweepstakes Rankings

Rank	School	Total Points
1	El Camino College	133.76
2	Point Loma University	124.99
3	Texas Tech University	117.43
4	Concordia University – Irvine	109.65
5	University of the Pacific	102.14
6	Rice University	94.51
7	Parliamentary Debate at Berkeley	90.98
8	Morehouse College	90.84
9	University of Utah	89.29
10	Western Washington University	86.25
11	US Air Force Academy	77.39
12	College of Idaho	73.39
13	Washburn University	70.31
14	Irvine Valley College	68.59
15	Biola University	67.91

## National Parliamentary Debate Association

The National Parliamentary Debate Association is the largest national intercollegiate debate organization in the United States, with between 200-250 schools attending at least one tournament during the year. The NPDA is about encouraging extemporaneous two-on-two debate. The NPDA believes that parliamentary debate fosters more knowledgeable and engaged citizens.

# Warrior Food Pantry - Helping Students with Food Insecurities



The “Warrior Food Pantry” opened at El Camino College in the fall of 2017 and provides non-perishable food items to any ECC student who chooses to utilize the pantry. The student simply needs their current ECC student ID card to enter and select foods.

The Warrior Pantry was initiated to provide supplemental food for the homeless and food insecure students attending El Camino College. Recent studies have found that thousands of community college students show up to class hungry due to food insecurity.

Though the numbers range a bit depending upon the source, a late 2017 study of more than 30,000 college students found

that approximately half of two-year and four-year students are food insecure. In fact, at least one-third of two-year students are also housing insecure, while up to 14% are battling homelessness on top of hunger – and lack of housing goes hand-in-hand with food insecurity.

Many 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 our students in a comfortable setting.

The Warrior Pantry assists students facing food insecurity, provides toiletries, offers access to a computer, and connects students to additional resources in a supportive environment and judgement-free zone. This year over 650 students have utilized the Pantry.

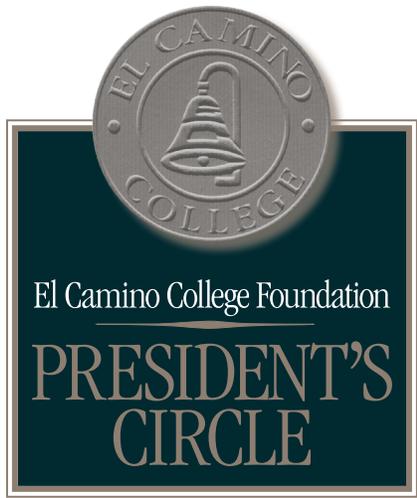
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# Thank You President's Circle!

(Support of \$1,000+)

Thank you to these supporters who gave \$1,000 or more this fiscal year to date. It's not too late to join this list of individuals and companies who understand the importance of El Camino's mission and dedication to our students' success.

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# Thank You Corporate Sponsors!

(Support of \$2,500+)

Welcoming our newest Community Partners: Bachem, Beach Futbol Club, LPA, Ricoh, Skechers, and SoCalGas! Our gratitude goes out to these corporations who support El Camino College with their commitment to education in our local community and beyond.

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SILVER \$10,000+		BRONZE \$5,000+		
COPPER \$2,500+				

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# HALLOWEEN BALL

SUNDAY, OCT 20, 2019 - 4PM TO 9PM

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Proceeds benefit students at El Camino College and the South Bay Promise.

Questions? [asala@elcamino.edu](mailto:asala@elcamino.edu) or 310.660.6040

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