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CAMPUS NEWS

Hats off to El Camino 2019 Graduates!

The 72nd El Camino College commencement ceremony was held on Friday, June 7 in Murdock Stadium. Acclaimed actor, director and ECC Distinguished Alumni honoree [William Allen Young](#) addressed the Class of 2019 as the commencement speaker.



Over 3,000 graduates earned their Associates Degree and nearly 1,600 were awarded certificates in their field of study. This year a new record was set for the number of students participating in the commencement ceremony -- over 1,100 students walked in their regalia. [Livestream video](#) will be available for online viewing of the ceremony until July 5, 2019. The Foundation congratulates the Class of 2019 and wishes all graduates much success in their future endeavors!

ECC FIRE ACADEMY

2019 Fire Academy Graduates

Congratulations to the El Camino College **Fire Academy** Class 152! Nearly 30 **Fire**



Academy graduates celebrated with a ceremony that allowed graduates to demonstrate the skills they've gained from classroom and field training. Students showed the full scope of their training, including rappelling and vehicle fire controlling exercises. The donation of fire engines to the El Camino College Foundation from the Torrance and Redondo Beach fire departments were also recognized at the ceremony.

Click here for additional [fire academy graduation photos](#). Again, congratulations graduates, as you embark on your career in public safety!

STEM SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to these outstanding students!

These students are among hundreds of El Camino students who received scholarships this spring from the El Camino College Foundation. We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them all the best in their future educational journey!

Naveene



Naveene was raised in Gardena, California in a single parent household. As a first-generation college student, Naveene saw how hard his mother worked to support him and his older sibling, and he wanted to make a difference in his life. His time at El Camino started with completing a Principles of Engineering Technology course while he was concurrently enrolled at Torrance High School in fall of 2015. His preparation allowed him to place into Pre-Calculus in the summer of 2016 when he graduated from Torrance High School and enrolled full-time at El Camino College that fall and straight into his challenging STEM courses. During his time at El Camino College, Naveene has supported his educational goals working two part-time jobs on campus,

one as a tutor and the other as a receptionist. He has been able to pay for his courses thanks to the ongoing scholarship support of the El Camino College Foundation and Southern California Edison. Naveene has been a participant of the Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) Program, a member of Alpha Gamma Sigma, and also held memberships with the Association of Computing Machinery and the Physics and Robotics clubs respectively. Naveene Raya plans to transfer to CSU Long Beach for Fall 2019 as a Computer Science major and is currently conducting summer research with the UCLA Wireless Health Institute.

Beatrice



Beatrice started her journey at El Camino College in the summer of 2015 underprepared and unclear about what she wanted to do as a career. Coming from a low-income household, Beatrice had the added challenge of financial hardship and had to work while attending college, sometimes holding three part-time jobs in a given semester to support her educational and personal expenses. Her academic journey began to take shape after she took Beginning Chemistry with Dr. Laura Saldarriaga in fall 2016 where she felt truly connected to the subject. Beatrice has worked her way up starting from intermediate algebra and through her advanced and demanding STEM courses-and added employment responsibilities-to successfully reach her transfer goals after four years at El Camino College. Beatrice is a participant of the

Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) Program and has been conducting Independent Study research with Dr. Saldarriaga on the synthesis of magnetic nanoparticles. Beatrice has also worked for almost a year as a facilitator/tutor for the MESA Academic Excellence Workshops in beginning chemistry. More confident and thankful for all of the support she has received during her time at El Camino College, Beatrice will be transferring to UC Davis as a Chemistry major for Fall 2019.

Jason



Jason Bustani has faced several challenges throughout his educational journey including attending multiple high schools in and out of the country. At thirty years-old, Jason Bustani credits his success to hard work, sacrifice, and support. A first generation and low-income student, it has taken Jason four years to work his way up through his demanding STEM courses at El Camino College starting at the pre-algebra level while also working 30-40 hours a week to support his educational and personal living expenses. These added responsibilities forced him to strengthen his time management and study skills over the years to be successful. Jason has participated in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholarships (NCAS) program where he was selected to attend a three-day project at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena,

California that was a life changing experience. Jason is a member of the Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) Program and the Cyber Security Club. Jason Bustani will be transferring to UC Berkeley as a Computer Science major for Fall 2019 and is currently conducting summer research with the UCLA Wireless Health Institute.

Juan



Juan, originally from Lima, Peru, graduated from North High School in 2015 after acquiring English-proficiency within a year. As a first generation and low-income college student, his parents encouraged him to pursue an education, and while he seemed to gravitate toward the sciences he was unclear about what path to pursue. When he started El Camino College, he took a Beginning Chemistry course with Dr. Mohammad Abbani and felt inspired and capable of accomplishing any goal through hard work. For Juan, El Camino College has been

a great experience notwithstanding the financial hardships he has faced in addition to a recent illness affecting an immediate family member. He has often had to work helping his mother clean houses while attending college, but still makes time to volunteer on Sundays at South Bay Church of God. He also worked as a tutor at Will Rogers Middle School for about a year. Juan is a participant of the Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) Program, and a member of the First Year Experience Program (FYE) and Alpha Gamma Sigma. Juan will be transferring to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo as a Biomedical Engineering major for Fall 2019.

FOUNDATION HAPPENINGS

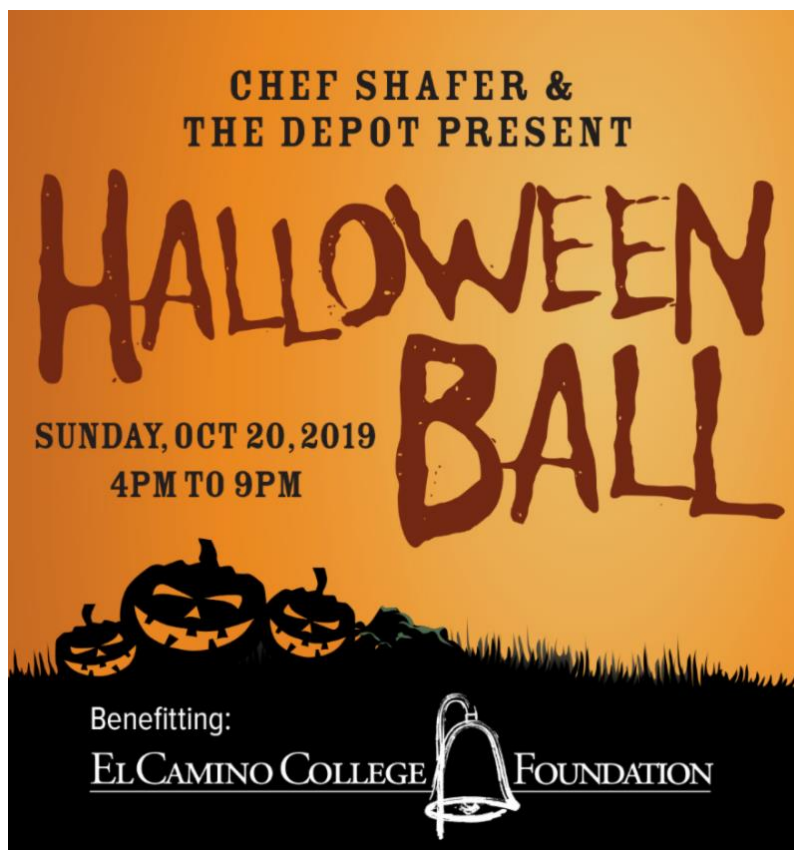
Thank you Palos Verdes Woman's Club!



Members of the ECC Foundation welcomed Susan Reymond (left center) of the Palos Verdes Woman's Club, which donated \$2,000 to the Warrior Pantry on June 11th. Established in 1926, the Palos Verdes Woman's Club is a community organization that provides social benefit and projects to enhance the South Bay community. They support scholarships for graduating seniors from the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, with remaining funds distributed to local charities. Our heartfelt thanks to you!

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