



What a difference two weeks makes! Thanks to many of you, we've raised over \$70,000 for our students for the new **El Camino Student Emergency Fund** that was recently established in an effort to assist students navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic.

These funds are helping with educational expenses so students can stay in school, as well as funding our Warrior Pantry drive-thru "Warrior Cupboard" that is open two days a week to serve our students.

And in just two short weeks, nearly \$45,000 has already been mailed to students who have applied for relief.

"I need money for rent. I need money for food. I need money for books. I need a laptop. I need money to help my family because we've all lost our jobs..." These are comments we are reading over and over again in the 200 plus applications we've received.

Thank you for helping the Foundation continue its mission of serving students to help them succeed in education and life! We are in uncharted waters and are navigating the best we can to help our students. We're glad you're in our boat!

Please keep your families safe and healthy,

Andrea Sala
Executive Director

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Program Spotlight: Warrior Cupboard

Drive-Thru Pantry Continues to Help Food Insecure Students

El Camino College's **Warrior Pantry** is an important resource, providing essential food to many ECC students facing food insecurity. And now, students can access food and toiletry items from the *Warrior Cupboard*, a new temporary drive-thru service designed to safely provide vital assistance to those in need. This grab-and-go curbside service allows students to receive food directly to their cars in compliance with social distancing directives. The Warrior Cupboard is open to all currently enrolled El Camino College students. Students just need to provide their student ID to receive pre-packaged bags of nutritious food.



"The Warrior Pantry has helped me by providing food and resources not only during the COVID-19 pandemic, but also throughout my time as a student at El Camino," said a student as she picked up groceries with her young son. "The grab-and-go drive-thru is fast and easy to get groceries. The staff is excellent and supportive every time. This program is a huge help to my family."

Though campus is closed to the public, the Warrior Cupboard program is open from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Parking Lot B. Staff members wear gloves and face masks during the packaging and distribution process and also practice social distancing at all times. All tents, tables, chairs, and other furniture are disinfected regularly.

Event Spotlight: State of Education 2020

Please join us on May 6, 2020 at 10:30 am for this year's virtual State of Education address. This event will feature remarks by Dr. Dena Maloney, Superintendent/President, El Camino College, Dr. George Mannon, Superintendent, Torrance Unified School District, and Dr. Thomas A. Parham, President, California State University Dominguez Hills.

Advance registration is required to receive zoom meeting details. Click [here to register](#).

Hope you can make it!



The poster for the State of Education 2020 virtual event is blue and white. At the top, it says "TORRANCE The Quality of Caremark" and "Private Events | Virtual". Below that, "STATE OF EDUCATION" is written in large letters. Three speakers are listed with their photos: Dr. George Mannon (Superintendent, Torrance Unified School District), Dr. Dena Maloney (Superintendent/President, El Camino College), and Dr. Thomas A. Parham (President, California State University Dominguez Hills). The event date and time are "Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.". A registration link is provided: "To register, click here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/zoomtoyourmeeting?pwd=super18153evwh003uc017hazl7V002P". A note says "After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting." At the bottom, logos for CSUDH, MALAGA BANK, HONDA, and KAISER PERMANENTE are displayed.

Donor Spotlight: LA County Supervisor Janice Hahn



A generous gift was received for the Warrior Pantry from **Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn**. When she heard of the increased need for food for El Camino College students, she didn't hesitate to provide a \$5,000 donation.

This is the third consecutive annual gift Supervisor Hahn has designated since 2018 to the Warrior Pantry totaling \$25,000. We cannot thank her enough for her extreme generosity.

We are truly privileged to have her on-going support!

Lynda Johnson, Field Deputy for Supervisor Hahn (left) presenting a check to Major Brenda Threatt, Assistant Director of ECC's Veterans Services (right) while social distancing.

In-Kind Donor Spotlight: Manhattan Beach Rotary Club



In an effort to help El Camino College students facing food insecurity, the **Manhattan Beach Rotary Club** held a community food drive and collected over 100 bags of food and toiletry items to help our most needy students.

A longtime supporter of El Camino College, the Manhattan Beach Rotary Club has awarded tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships through the

years to help students who struggle to meet basic needs. Members of the MB Rotary also made monetary donations of over \$2,000 to help the Warrior Pantry.

"This food and essentials drive for the Warrior Pantry is just another way to show how much we care about students and their education," said Manhattan Beach Rotary Club President David Gendron. "In one day, we were able to collect over 100 bags packed full of items, as well as raise over \$2,000 from Rotary members and their friends and neighbors. It was a way for us to help those in need in the South Bay and to let El Camino students know that we are here to support them and their success."



Kim Cameron of the Warrior Pantry (far right) with Manhattan Beach Rotary President Dave Gendron (left) and member Harrison Clay, buried deep in food donations from the Manhattan Beach Rotary Club.

Other In-Kind Donor Recognition



Additional recent in-kind gifts to the Warrior Pantry include a significant donation of hand sanitizer from **Barton Brands of California** and dining gift cards from **Red Car Brewery & Restaurant**.

Thank you to all these wonderful organizations for continuing to support El Camino College students during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Joanna Medawar Nachev

El Camino College's director of choral activities and professor Dr. Joanna Medawar Nachev was recently featured on **Torrance Citi CABLE** with the JMN Singers for their virtual choral performance of 'Hallelujah Chorus' for Easter weekend. Even in the darkest of times, music and its message of hope endures. Have a **listen!**



Let the music play!

Join Us for #GivingTuesdayNow on May 5th



As a registered nonprofit, the ECC Foundation will join hundreds of other higher education institutions in promoting philanthropy on May 5, 2020 in **#GivingTuesdayNow**, a global day of giving and unity in response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19.

We are Warriors. Together we help. Together we give. Together we rise to the occasion.

Will you join us? To support our students through the El Camino Student Emergency Fund, please **donate here**. Let's celebrate the power of humanity together.

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