

Dear Friend,

At **El Camino College**, students headed back to school on August 22nd. However, things began differently this year with remote learning. For some, this situation was taken in stride. Others felt overwhelmed with uncertainty. Students continue to worry about computers, adequate internet access, having enough food to eat, and simply making ends meet. And some students may no longer have jobs to cover living expenses, or do not have the support system at home to provide optimal academic success opportunities.



Let's be that support system for our students.

Sending positive thoughts and a warm back to school welcome from the **El Camino College Foundation**. We look forward to navigating the fall semester and this "new normal" with you.

Stay safe,

Andrea Sala
Executive Director

Partnership Formed to Create New Aerospace Talent Development Center



El Camino College in California and Red Rocks Community College in Colorado have announced a first in the nation community college collaboration to create the "Space, Cyber & Supply Talent Development Center" (SCSTDC). The partnership bridges two different aerospace hubs and maximizes opportunities for economic and workforce development goals in STEM and the aerospace industry. Both colleges have

shown strong results in aligning classes with jobs and helping students obtain workplace relevant experience.

The colleges set three major goals:

- Establish a new economic and workforce development educational effort focused on each respective institution's strengths in aerospace, space, cyber security, and supply chain training
- Share specific company connections to further expand opportunities and placements
- Reciprocity in instruction and shared best practices

Read more about this exciting collaboration below.

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Program Spotlight: Laptop Loan Program 2,000 Laptops Secured to Assist El Camino College Students



"The laptop has been super helpful. I love that it's small and easy to carry around. I've been getting my assignments done earlier because it's way faster than my house computer. Thanks!"

-- Carlos G.

This fall, students everywhere will have to access education in ways they might not have anticipated. And many will experience increased hardships caused by the pandemic.

With those needs in mind, and because instruction will be offered remotely this semester, El Camino College has purchased 2,000 new laptops to help students who need access to a computer. 300 of those laptops were purchased by the ECC Foundation specifically for students in the South Bay Promise program. The laptops will be loaned to students for use during the entire semester, based on certain enrollment criteria and student eligibility requirements.



LAPTOP LOAN PROGRAM

"We know online learning may not be the first choice for some students," said Dr. Dena P. Maloney, superintendent/president of El Camino College. "Having access to the needed technology can also be an obstacle. This considerable investment shows how committed we are to ensuring student success, especially during this challenging time of the pandemic."

[Read more about ECC's laptop loan program.](#)

[View Hawthorne Community TV City News laptop loan program coverage.](#)

Student Spotlight: Nakawake Earns Don Mackenzie Scholarship



Mina Nakawake from the softball team was awarded the South Coast Conference Don MacKenzie Memorial Scholarship. Mina also received the Norm and Steve Verry Memorial Scholarship. Mina had a stellar career on the field and in the classroom under Head Coach Jessica Rapoza and Assistant Coach Kaitlyn Hooper. Mina finished her AA degree in Communication Studies with a 4.0 GPA and was named to the All-SoCal team in 2019. Although her 2020 season was cut short, she was well on her way to another season with many post-season awards.

[Read more about Mina's scholarship award.](#)

Student Spotlight: Journalism Students Earn National Recognition

El Camino College journalism students recently won numerous national and state awards for their work on campus publications. A highlight was the annual David L. Adams Apple Awards from the College Media Association, a nationwide honor presented in New York City. The Union newspaper won first place in the "Best News Delivery" category for coverage of a homeless encampment near the college, created by the team of Juan Miranda, Rosemary Montalvo, Jose Tobar, and Cameron Woods. In addition, Editor-in-Chief Omar Rashad won second place for "Best Multimedia Package."



El Camino students also won national recognition through the Maggie Awards, which named Warrior Life "Best Student Print Publication" in the U.S. The magazine was also a finalist for "Best Student Print Cover." The prestigious Maggie Awards are the publishing and digital media's longest reigning awards program in the nation, recently celebrating its 68th year. The awards program honors content creators of print, online, social, digital and video media across many different categories. Congratulations to all award recipients for your hard work and dedication to news gathering and reporting.

[Read more about all the journalism awards and honors received.](#)

Department Spotlight: ECC Art Gallery Hosts Virtual COVID Exhibit



"Pandemic Response" is an exhibition of work by 41 Southern California artists and a musician in response to the onslaught of COVID-19. Three of the artists—Joyce Dallal, Tom Kidd, and Michael Lewis Miller—are also members of El Camino's Art Department faculty. Hosted entirely online now through September 30 on the [Art Gallery's webpage](#), the exhibition features works in a variety of media that explore pandemic-related themes such as fear, isolation, anger, anxiety, the passage of time, and hope and resilience.

[Read more about ECC's "Pandemic Response" Exhibit.](#)

Foundation Spotlight: Community Engagement

The El Camino Community College District serves nine cities in the South Bay. In order to build strong community relationships in these cities, the Foundation and college provide representation on different local Chambers of Commerce Board of Directors.



Ann O'Brien, Foundation Board member and ECC Executive Director of Marketing & Communications, was recently inducted into the Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.



Andrea Sala, Foundation Executive Director, serves on the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She is also a member of the Executive Committee as Vice Chair of Leadership and Workforce.



Heidi Wang, Foundation Development Officer, has been an active member of the El Segundo Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for six years. She serves on the Government Affairs, Military Affairs & Education Committees.

Community Giving: Back to School Gifting



The **El Camino College Foundation** prides itself with helping all El Camino students.

You too can help local students as they go back-to-school remotely. With your gift, you can offer the support they desperately need at home. Together, let's provide students with the resources they need to navigate virtual learning.

Please consider making a gift to this vital effort. Working together, we will make back-to-school successful for all.

Donate Today!

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