



July is the beginning of **El Camino College Foundation's** new fiscal year, and a perfect time to reflect on new beginnings. Now more than ever, we need to stay positive and act with humility and kindness. We are working hard preparing to welcome new and returning students to the fall semester. Here's to new beginnings!



Andrea Sala
Executive Director

Program Spotlight: Student Emergency Fund Continuing to Positively Impact El Camino College Students

The **Student Emergency Fund** has assisted over 330 students to date to finance educational and living expenses including food, books, school supplies, technology, rent, transportation and other costs.

Since launching in March 2020, over \$140,000 in gifts have been made available to help students with emergency needs, as well as funding food for the the drive-thru food pantry, "**Warrior Cupboard**".



Program Spotlight: Student Giving Torrance High School Sophomore Supports Warrior Pantry

With invaluable assistance from the community, **El Camino College's Warrior Pantry** is able to help the growing number of students facing food insecurity.

Torrance High School sophomore honor student Natalia Brar recently learned about this need and decided to help the pantry by donating \$1,000 from her nonprofit organization.

"I really like the Warrior Pantry's mission and what they are doing to help students who are hungry," Natalia said. "This effort is close to my heart. My grandpa came to the U.S. when he was young to attend college, and he didn't have very much money for food, so he bought just one meal a day. Fortunately, he finished his education and is now successful.

Education is really important, and students shouldn't have to worry about eating less so they can afford college." [Read more about Natalia's gift.](#)



El Camino College Warrior Pantry staff member Kim Cameron (left) recently met with (from left) Torrance High School sophomore Natalia Brar, Foundation Executive Director Andrea Sala, and Director of Student Development Gregory Toya.

Foundation Spotlight: Board of Directors



Jeff Kern, Arrowhead Credit Union



David Liaw, Northrop Grumman



Jason Nishiyama, City of Torrance



Rob Van Lingen, Van Lingen Group



Paul Wafer, Alpha Consulting Group



Faith Adams, ECC Student Rep.

Welcome our newest **Foundation Board of Directors** who officially began their term of service July 1: Jeff Kern (Arrowhead Credit Union), David Liaw (Northrop Grumman), Jason Nishiyama (City of Torrance/Professor), Rob Van Lingen (The Van Lingen Group), and Paul Wafer (Alpha Consulting Group). We also wish to welcome Faith Adams, El Camino College's Student Representative to the ECCCD Board of Trustees and also the ECC Foundation Board. Thank you for dedicating your time and efforts to support the Foundation's mission and provide us with your professional expertise. In addition to recognizing our newest **Board of Directors**, we wish to acknowledge the many years of service and dedication provided by BOD members whose terms of service recently ended: Jeanie Alessandrini (Edward Jones), Rebecca Bergin (4 Oranges Consulting), and Jill Meshekow (AYSO). We've thoroughly enjoyed working with you and wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

Administration Spotlight: Dr. Dena Maloney ECC President Announces Upcoming Retirement



El Camino President Dr. Dena Maloney with husband, Mike.

It is with a heavy heart that we share that Dr. Dena P. Maloney, the sixth Superintendent/President of El Camino College, recently announced her retirement at the El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees meeting on July 20.

In an email addressing the campus community, President Maloney stated, "After much consideration, I've made the difficult decision to retire at the conclusion of the 2020-21 academic year. My husband retired last month and is eager for me to join him in the next phase of our lives. We're excited about the future and the adventures ahead."

We have enjoyed working with President Maloney, and appreciate the time she has spent participating as a member of the ECC Foundation Board of Directors. We wish her a very happy retirement, but not before she leads us through the upcoming year, including our campus reopening, which we hope will happen in spring 2021.

President Maloney's full [retirement announcement](#) can be viewed here.

Student Spotlight: Student Emergency Fund Recipients



"Receiving this grant, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, will help alleviate so much financial stress in terms of continuing to buy any nursing school materials I need, as well as not having to place myself in an 'essential workers' work environment as often and place that time more towards my studies. I thank you for your confidence and willingness to help me and various other nursing students to achieve our educational goals."

-- Alicia C. (Back row, third from left)



"Thank you so much for your support...I am very grateful to be given a \$500 emergency grant for nursing students for the spring of 2020. With this gift from you, I now have some space to breathe and focus on preparing for and performing well on the 4 remaining exams that separate me from completion of the nursing program. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity and impeccable timing, this will make a world of difference for me at a time when I am preparing to make a difference in the world."

-- Steven E.

Community Giving: Better Together



The **El Camino College Foundation** prides itself in connecting the community and bringing happiness and hope to El Camino students.

We can always do better together. **Donate Today!**

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