



## Hope is the only thing stronger than fear.

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Dear Foundation Friend,

El Camino College, like you, is experiencing the unprecedented effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. As our methods of communication, instruction, and convening have all changed, we are doing everything in our power to support our students, particularly those with emergency needs.

The last months have been alarming and challenging and a test unlike any we've ever faced as a campus community. We are so very proud of the courage, patience, and flexibility we've seen demonstrated by El Camino College students, faculty and staff. We have had to make some difficult decisions and tackle some tough problems, all with the primary goal of keeping our campus community healthy and safe.

Our students continue to work hard as we've shifted to online learning and the El Camino College campus offices are closed to staff, faculty, students and visitors. We have quickly redirected to teaching, learning and working from home.

During this time of uncertainty and academic upheaval, many of you have asked how you can best help support our students. The [El Camino Student Emergency Fund](#) has been created with an initial donation of \$25,000 from the [El Camino College Foundation's](#) unrestricted fund to support our students with the most need at this critical time. This will include funding for items such as:

- [Warrior Food Pantry](#)- food for the drive-through Warrior Pantry to continue to safely serve students
- Purchase of laptops for students directly impacted by the transition to remote learning
- "Hotspots" for WiFi connection for students with no home internet
- Emergency funds due to lost jobs
- Rent, transportation and other living expenses

We recently surveyed our most at-risk students. Of those responses, we discovered:

- 21% do not have a personal computer at home
- 12% do not have internet access at home
- 33% responded YES that in the last month, they were hungry and didn't eat because they didn't have enough money for food

Please consider joining us to help current students through this difficult time by donating today. Your gift will have an immediate impact; however, please know we appeal to you for financial support with great prudence, understanding that we are all in uncharted waters.

We are anxious to move forward, and pray each day that the world as we know it today will be a short chapter in our history books.

Thank you for your friendship and kindness to El Camino College and our students. We wish you and your family good health.

With appreciation and gratitude,



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