



Dear Friend,

With Memorial Day weekend upon us, it's the perfect time to celebrate the beginning of summer and anticipate more relaxed stay-at-home orders. Whether seeing family members who you haven't seen in a while, or gathering with close friends and family in small social settings or via Zoom, we hope this Memorial Day weekend proves memorable.

May is also **Military Appreciation Month** so we'd like to take a moment to thank all our military and veteran friends for your service. We wish to also honor and remember those fallen for our freedom. We salute you today and every day!

Please have a happy and safe Memorial Day -- it should be a gorgeous weekend!

Andrea Sala

Executive Director

Program Spotlight: Student Emergency Fund

STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

SINCE LAUNCHING IN MARCH 2020:

278 STUDENTS

Have been awarded emergency funds to assist with educational fees and daily living expenses.



DONATIONS \$80K+



In community gifts have been received to date since fund inception. Includes \$25K from the Foundation to open the fund balance.

TBD STUDENT NEED

Requests were received for food, books, school supplies, laptops, wifi, rent, and transportation fees.



AVERAGE AWARD \$250



Award checks ranged in size from \$100 to \$500, depending on student need. Each request was assessed on a case-by-case basis.

THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED!

El Camino College's Student Emergency Fund (SEF) Continues to Help Students in Need

Immediately after the COVID-19 pandemic hit, the **El Camino College Foundation** quickly went into action to implement the SEF, accepting online donations to support our most adversely affected students. To date, over \$80,000 in gifts have been made available to assist 278 ECC students. Each emergency fund award has averaged approximately \$250 and assisted students with food, books, school supplies, laptops, wifi, rent, transportation and general living expenses. Now, more than ever, we are truly grateful for our strong donor support!

Additionally, El Camino College's **Warrior Pantry** has received nearly \$20,000 in monetary donations since March 2020, as well as an outpouring of in-kind donations consisting of food, toiletries, cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer and restaurant gift cards. An important resource, the drive-thru **Warrior Cupboard** food pantry provides essential food to many ECC students facing food insecurity on a daily basis.

A complete **Donor List** of all gifts to the Student Emergency Fund and Warrior Pantry can be viewed [here](#).

In-Kind Donor Spotlight: Red Car Brewery & Torrance Bakery



Thank you to long time Foundation supporter, **Red Car Brewery & Restaurant** for their generous donation of \$20 gift cards to the **Warrior Pantry**, to help our most needy students enjoy delicious meals at their restaurant. Additionally, they initiated the **Feed the Students** program where restaurant patrons can purchase \$25 gift cards to directly support food insecure El Camino College students. To date, over 100 gift cards have been purchased to assist our students. A big shout out to owners, Laurie and Bob Brandt, for their big hearts and commitment to the South Bay community!

How sweet is **Torrance Bakery**? Sweet enough to donate a bunch of \$20 gift cards to their bakery to treat our food insecure students who visit the **Warrior Cupboard**, our drive-thru food pantry, on a regular basis. Kudos to bakery owner Kirk Rossberg, and his family, for their extreme generosity and kindness. Your sweetness is truly appreciated!



Recognizing Rotary Service in the South Bay Community

Rotary



They say it takes a village, or in our case, an entire community, to nurture our students and help them succeed in a safe and healthy environment. Thank you to the consideration and generosity of the following local Rotary Clubs who have donated monetary and food items to our Warrior Pantry, to ensure our students continue to receive food and toiletry items

during the pandemic. A true example of Rotary's motto **SERVICE ABOVE SELF!**

Hawthorne | LAX | Lennox Rotary Club

Manhattan Beach Rotary Club

Palos Verdes Peninsula Rotary Foundation

Palos Verdes Sunset Rotary Club

Redondo Beach Rotary Club

We truly value our on-going partnership with all of these terrific community organizations!

Staff Spotlight: Brenda Threatt, Assistant Director, Veteran Services

Army Maj. Brenda Threatt oversees the programs and services that assist ECC's veteran students in achieving academic success, graduation, and ultimately, successful careers. She is an officer with the California Army National Guard's 224th Sustainment Brigade, based in Long Beach. Threatt was previously the executive director of U.S. VETS in Long Beach, which provides housing and services for homeless veterans. She also worked with the City of Los Angeles, addressing homelessness and in the mayor's office as the veteran liaison and South Los Angeles area director. Threatt earned a bachelor's degree from CSU Los Angeles and a master's degree in theology from San Francisco Theological Seminary with emphasis in community counseling. She is an army chaplain and a military certified suicide prevention specialist who counsels soldiers and military families.



We salute you, Major Threatt, for everything you do to help El Camino College's **Veterans Center** and Veterans Warrior Pantry operate smoothly!

Community Giving Each and Every Day



The **El Camino College Foundation** graciously accepts donations 24/7, 365 days a year, including this Memorial Day weekend.

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

Donate Today!

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