



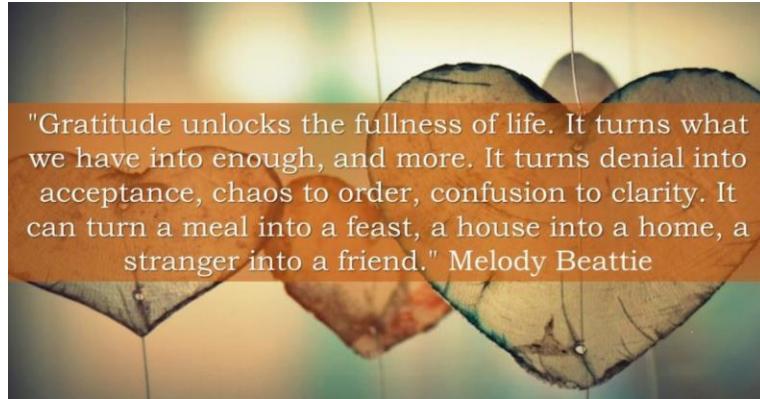
Dear Friend,

With November being National Gratitude Month, it's fitting that we take a moment to thank YOU and everyone affiliated with the **El Camino College Foundation**.

As we enter into the season of being thankful and grateful, we appreciate your ongoing generosity and kindness, especially during this unusual time. We wish you and your family a joyful Thanksgiving holiday, filled with happiness and fond memories.

With appreciation and gratitude,

Andrea Sala
Executive Director



Campaign Spotlight: Student Emergency Fund-Raiser



In March, the El Camino College Foundation established a **Student Emergency Fund** for students experiencing hardship due to COVID-19. Initial fundraising efforts raised \$115,000 and we were able to help almost 450 students with emergency checks.

In order to keep up with the demand of over \$600,000 in requests, we continue to ask for support for our students. Thanks to some very generous corporate sponsors, including the **Norris Foundation**, **Northrop Grumman**, **Torrance Refining Company**, **SoCalGas**, **American Honda Motor Co., Inc.**, and the **Roadium Open Air Market**, a match of the first \$60,000 raised will double donation dollars. Please [join us in raising funds](#) to continue to help students in need during this very critical time.

Program Spotlight: Forensics Team Success



The El Camino Forensics Team gave another stellar performance at the recent El Camino Crossman Invitational Forensics Tournament (named for El Camino professors Mark and Diana Crossman) held October 16-18. The tournament drew 35 colleges and universities from across the nation, including UCLA, UC Berkeley, UCSD, Cal States, the Universities of Oregon, Illinois, and Minnesota, Texas Tech, and about a dozen California community

colleges. Overall, El Camino amassed 78 points, more than twice the second place finisher.

Trophies were awarded for season long and tournament sweepstakes. El Camino took 1st place in season long sweepstakes for both the four-year and two-year divisions. ECC was also the top two-year school at the National Parliamentary Debate Association 2020 National Championship.

The tournament was co-directed by Francesca Bishop, Director of Forensics and Brittany Hubble, Forensics Coach/Adjunct Faculty. Thanks Forensics Team for continuing to bring national notoriety to El Camino!



The Forensics team is still able to meet and prepare for competitions virtually via Zoom. Francesca Bishop, Director of Forensics and Brittany Hubble, Forensics Coach/Adjunct Faculty (Top row, first and second from left) with team.

Instructor Spotlight: Notes of Gratitude and Appreciation



Every year, students have the opportunity to express their gratitude and nominate instructors who they feel have made a true difference in their educational journey. Our students embody the definition of determination and resilience. Many are low income and/or the first in their family to attend college; some are single parents seeking better opportunities for themselves and their children; some have been in the foster care system; and others are English Language Learners. All our students see educational attainment as a means to transform their future. Thanks to our fantastic instructors for their ongoing commitment to helping students achieve success and reach their full potential El Camino College! We are grateful for all you do!

What El Camino College students are saying about their fabulous instructors:

OH MY GOSH!!! HE KILLED ONLINE LEARNING!!! He was in class at first but then Covid hit so we all had to go online! He was so organized, kept us all informed, graded homework quickly and responded to our email so fast!!! He was so sweet and if we needed help or looked like we were struggling he would always be there for us! He made hard concepts easy to understand!

He was the first professor that challenged me to actually think and understand math rather than memorizing formulas and meaningless stuff. He always had time to answer questions and he helped me succeed not only in math 80 but all the other math classes I took after that.

Absolutely an AMAZING lady, made medical terminology so fun! I wish there were more instructors like her! She loves her job and her students!

He has made a difference in my education journey by helping me understand the value of having a voice. He always allowed us students to speak our mind and elaborate on important issues.

This professor is the reason why I major in Sociology. I found my passion thanks to her amazing authentic open minded lectures. Her assignments were enjoyable to complete. Every class discussion was open to new perspectives and respectable. I can't recommend a better sociology professor.

I had not been in school for 37 years and was so sure that I was not smart enough or too old to go back to school but my professor told me that I can do it. She made me feel important and worthy. I learned so much about myself and because of her. I am now going to transfer with a 3.8 GPA. Thank you so much professor. You're my hero.

Department Spotlight: Journalism Department Honored at National Awards Show

Last month, various members of El Camino College's Journalism Department attended the virtual 2020 Associated College Press and College Media Association Fall National College Media Convention. Staff members from both The Union (student newspaper) and Warrior Life (student magazine) were recognized for their outstanding writing and reporting coverage skills. Thank you for bringing compelling news stories to the El Camino campus community!

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



Warrior Pantry Spotlight: Halloween Drive-Thru Fun

The El Camino College Warrior Pantry held a drive-thru Trick-or-Treat event on Thursday, Oct 29th in addition to their regular food distribution services. Attendees were required to RSVP a week in advance to participate, but everyone driving through were treated to a spooky display of Halloween fun and spirit.

[View more Warrior Pantry Drive-Thru Trick-or-Treat photos.](#)



Cars lined up to experience a festive Halloween food distribution event.



David Becerra, a pantry volunteer, takes students' requests for specific items.



Kim Cameron, who manages the Warrior Pantry, stands behind her table lined with pumpkins.



Ross Miyashiro, Vice President of Student Services, hands a Halloween treat to a child in the back seat of their car.

Giving Tuesday is Just Around the Corner!

This year, **Giving Tuesday** is on December 1st! On this day, let's embrace global generosity and kindness. A gift to the **El Camino College Foundation** is an ideal way to support Giving Tuesday, while providing student success opportunities at El Camino College.

**DECEMBER 1 is
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TUESDAY™**



Your generosity can help change the trajectory of a student's life through education. Please consider making a general gift to the Foundation or donating directly to the Student Emergency Fund. Thank you in advance for your support!

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