

Dear Friend,

As things steadily reopen across the county, state, and nation, El Camino College is encouraged by the expanded access to vaccines. The College has determined that due to the scheduling challenges faced by our students, the majority of courses will continue to be offered online this fall. The fall class schedule provides about 20 percent of classes to be on campus with the remainder being offered in remote, online and hybrid formats to provide a safe learning environment for our students.



We look forward to the day when we can safely fully return to campus. Until then, the Foundation will continue to serve our students with scholarships, emergency funds, and support in any way we can to make sure they reach their educational goals.

Please stay healthy and safe. We can't wait to see you soon!

Warmly,

Andrea Sala
Executive Director

ECC Superintendent/President Search Forges Forward



The ECC Board of Trustees accepted four recommended finalists from a nationwide search, presented by the Presidential Search Committee and the PPL Executive Search Consultants. Learn more about the [finalists and their diverse backgrounds](#) here.

Public Forums to introduce the candidates will provide the campus and external community an opportunity to get to know the candidates and hear them answer questions submitted in-advance by the community. Please use [This Link](#) to submit a question to help build the Open Forum agenda. The submission deadline is Monday, April 26 at 8pm. The search committee strongly encourages participation in the Open Forums, which will be accessible via Zoom.

The **Public Forums** are scheduled for Wednesday, April 28 and Thursday, April 29 at 1pm and 3pm on both days, and will be recorded for those who cannot attend the live Zoom sessions. After all the Open Forums are completed, an online form will be made available for everyone to provide their feedback on the candidates to the Board of Trustees.

A big thank you to the following campus representatives who served on the Presidential Search Committee and dedicated their time and efforts to this process: Giancarlo Fernandez, David Gonzales, Alice Grigsby, Kelsey Iino, Iris Ingram, Lillian Justice, Lissette Marquez, Crystle Martin, Darcie McClelland, Andrea Sala, Erika Solorzano, and Nina Velasquez.

More information on the presidential search can be viewed on the [ECC Presidential Search website](#).

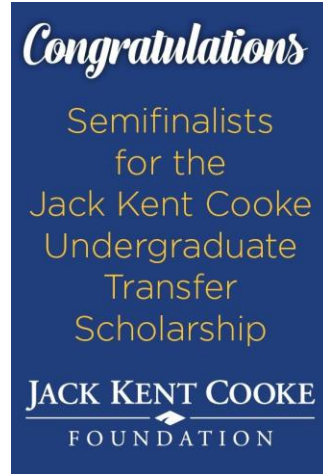
Student Spotlight: Two ECC Semifinalists Named for Prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Transfer Scholarship

El Camino College pre-engineering major Brenda Fernandez Martinez and biology major Sara Kassab were recently named semifinalists for the highly selective 2021 **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship**. The distinguished award supports exceptionally talented community college students working to complete their bachelor's degrees.

Martinez said she felt honored and relieved to be named a semifinalist for the prominent award. "I have faced many barriers to get to where I am in this world of higher education, and thanks to this achievement, I feel extra motivated to continue working hard in pursuing a bachelor's degree this fall." Martinez is also an Osher Scholarship recipient awarded through the El Camino College Foundation.

Kassab is looking forward to continuing her studies in biology and plans to become a dentist one day. The successful Redondo Union High School graduate stated, "I'm really proud of myself for making it to the semifinals." Kassab was also awarded the Rede Family Scholarship and Osher Scholarship through the El Camino College Foundation.

Congratulations to both Brenda and Sara on this huge accomplishment! For more information, read ECC's **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholarship semifinalists** media release.



Brenda Fernandez Martinez



Sara Kassab

Program Spotlight: South Bay Promise Still Going Strong



The **South Bay Promise** offers an affordable pathway for high school graduates directly attending El Camino College for first-time, full-time students.

"El Camino College is proud to offer intentional support to help our students succeed," said El Camino College Superintendent/President Dena P. Maloney.

"Each year's cohort of South Bay Promise high school students brings excitement to campus as these local students learn, grow and bond together."

College Promise programs are initiatives that address the challenge of higher education affordability by offering funding for students to make college attainable and promotes a "college-

going culture” which increases higher education participation and completion rates, and builds stronger communities.

El Camino College launched the South Bay Promise in 2014 with two school districts within the El Camino Community College District (ECCCD). What began with just 12 students from a handful of school districts, grew to include more than 800 students from all public high schools in the El Camino Community College District. As of April 12, nearly 1,400 local high school students have applied for enrollment through the South Bay Promise.

Donor Spotlight: Warrior Pantry Continues to Receive Generous Community Gifts

On March 30, the **Riviera Garden Club** delivered an entire 1964 1/2 Ford Mustang convertible full of donated food and toiletry items, collected by club members. Warrior Pantry volunteers enjoyed taking photos with club representative and long-time Foundation donor, Pati Johnson, in her sporty red convertible. Founded in 1957, the Riviera Garden Club is a local service organization, serving the city of Torrance and the South Bay community. The Riviera Garden Club holds fundraisers throughout the year to fund various scholarships, including an annual El Camino College Foundation scholarship.



Additionally, **National Charity League** Beachside Chapter, held its second non-perishable food and toiletry drive throughout the month of February. Club members, including Foundation Development Officer Heidi Wang, made delivery of an entire truck load of items valued at \$2,500 on February 22. NCL is a national mother/daughter philanthropy organization dedicated to serving local communities and provides leadership and cultural development opportunities to girls.



Also, the **Arrowhead Foundation**, which supports the Banks and Credit Unions Industry, made an in-kind donation to the Warrior Pantry. This donation was made possible through **El Camino College Foundation Board of Director**, Jeff Kern, who is the Relationship Manager at Arrowhead Credit Union in Torrance. Thanks for being a great ambassador, Jeff!



Thank you to all the above organizations for their extreme generosity in support of the Warrior Pantry and helping El Camino students facing food insecurity. We really appreciate it!

Community Partners Spotlight: SoCalGas Launches *Fueling Our Communities* Program to Address Food Insecurity in LA County

Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas) in partnership with eight regional charity organizations, including the El Camino College Foundation, launched the 2021 *Fueling Our Communities* program to help feed individuals experiencing food insecurity. This program will provide free meals, groceries, and restaurant gift cards to thousands of individuals from underserved communities across Los Angeles County. The program, which is funded by a \$325,000 donation from the utility, will also help stimulate local small businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and is expected to last through the spring.



The ECC Foundation received a \$20,000 grant from long-term community partner SoCalGas, in support of the Warrior Pantry, to assist El Camino students facing food insecurity. Thank you SoCalGas for helping our students in need!

Read more about [SoCalGas' Fueling Our Communities](#) program.

Community Partners: Welcome Our Newest Business Partnership

Community Partners

The support of our **Community Partners** plays a vital role in our students' success. El Camino College is proud to partner with local businesses to help prepare the next generation of employees and provide professional education and workforce development opportunities. We are pleased to welcome our newest Community Partner, **The Van Lingen Group**.



Community Giving - Give Today!

A charitable gift to the **El Camino College Foundation** is a great way to catapult a student's education. Shower us with your gifts!

As always, thank you for your support!

The El Camino College Foundation (EIN 95-3874302) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, dedicated to fund and support student success programs for El Camino College students.



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