

Dear Friend,

Happy New Year!

I feel like we can say that until the end of January! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed some special time with family and friends in your "bubble". One of the silver linings of 2020 was more of that - quality time with family and close friends, and the chance to slow down just a bit. My holidays certainly looked different this year, but I was able to share a week with lots of walks, talks, food, drinks, games, and laughs with my family. It doesn't get any better than that!



As we head into 2021, all of us at El Camino College send positive thoughts and well wishes to each and every one of you. As they say, "out with the old, in with the new!" Please enjoy this newsletter and continue to stay healthy and well.

Warmly,

Andrea Sala
Executive Director

Donor Spotlight: In Loving Memory of Frances Ford



It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of longtime Foundation friend and donor, Frances Ford, on December 20th at the age of 95, from living a good, long, happy life. Frances' husband, Warren E. Ford, taught Chemistry at El Camino College for 36 years. Professor Ford encouraged his students and instilled confidence in them that they could succeed and achieve their educational goals.

When Professor Ford passed away in 2003, Frances established three endowed scholarships in his memory at El Camino that will continue to enable 12 students each year to receive a \$2,000 scholarship: the Warren E. Ford Memorial Chemistry Scholarship; Warren E. Ford Memorial Nursing Scholarship; and Frances Ford Scholarship for Nursing. Frances loved El Camino College and her scholarship recipients, and a highlight each year was to see her at the Scholarship Awards Dinner when she would meet "her" students. She wanted to know each of them, and engaged with them to discuss their career goals and aspirations.

Her discreet generosity and thoughtfulness were a cornerstone of her life. An avid traveler, she and Warren made lifelong friendships with those they met on their travels. A gifted writer, storyteller and memory maker, Frances enjoyed sharing tales of her family, travels and experiences.

In 2018, Frances was awarded the first-ever **Community Gratitude Award** by the El Camino College Foundation for her many years of philanthropic support totaling over \$1 million in scholarships and other student success programs. Frances had an infectious positive attitude that will be greatly missed. For those of us who knew her, our lives are better for it.

Foundation Spotlight: ECCF Board of Directors



Please welcome El Camino Community College District Board Trustee, Katherine Steinbroner Maschler, as the Foundation's new Board of Trustees Representative. Outgoing representative, Nilo Michelin, will serve as the newly elected ECCCD Board of Trustees President. Both Maschler and Michelin were appointed to their new roles on December 21st. We truly enjoyed working with Trustee Michelin and look forward to a productive year with

Trustee Maschler. Thank you for your service to our students!

Want to meet our other fearless leaders? The **El Camino College Foundation's 2020 - 2021 Board of Directors** are hard-working individuals who volunteer their time and resources to advance the mission of El Camino College and the El Camino College Foundation.



Welcome Trustee Katherine Steinbroner Maschler!



Thank you Trustee Nilo Michelin!

Community Partners Spotlight: Welcome Our Newest Partnerships

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. Together, we can make a lasting impact in the South Bay community. We are pleased to welcome our newest Community Partners. We look forward to many years of philanthropy and working with you!

**Community
Partners**



Not only is **Northrop Grumman** a new Community Partner, but they have become a true supporter of academic success for many of our students. This fiscal year alone, they have provided funding to support STEM, MESA, Student Emergency

Fund, Community Partners, and employee matching gift programs. Thank you Northrop Grumman for your extreme generosity of going above and beyond to support El Camino College Foundation's mission.

Department Spotlight: El Camino Awarded \$100K Journalism Grant Through Newly Launched NBCU Academy



Comcast's **NBCUniversal News Group** recently launched NBCU Academy, a journalism training and development program that's set to partner with 17 academic institutions across the U.S., including El Camino College. El Camino College is the only community college in California to join the other colleges and universities nationwide. The program selected only two California institutions of higher education, with California State University, Fullerton being the other appointed school.

The El Camino College Foundation was awarded the \$100,000 grant by NBCU Academy in December 2020. Through its award-winning **Journalism Department**, El Camino College will award multiple scholarships annually to journalism students to promote excellence in the disciplines of journalism, news gathering, reporting, and communications. El Camino College's student-produced publications, **The Union** newspaper and **Warrior Life** magazine, are honored regularly with state and national awards for writing, photography, and design. Read more about ECC's partnership with NBCU Academy in [El Camino College's official press release](#).

Campaign Spotlight: Student Emergency Fund Update

In March 2020, the El Camino College Foundation established a new **Student Emergency Fund** to aid students experiencing hardship due to COVID-19. To date, the Foundation has received gifts totaling **\$215,000!** This generosity has helped almost **500 students** with checks to assist with educational fees and living expenses.



Thanks again to our very generous corporate sponsors who provided the initial \$60,000 matching grant: **Norris Foundation**, **Northrop Grumman**, **Torrance Refining Company**, **SoCalGas**, **American Honda Motor Co., Inc.**, and the **Radium Open Air Market**.

We wish to thank all our donors who supported this initiative. However, student requests for aid continue as the pandemic extends. If you would like to further assist, please [join us in raising additional funds](#) to help more students in critical need.

Community Giving - Give Today!



A charitable gift to the **El Camino College Foundation** is a great way to bring in the New Year!

As always, thank you for your support!

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