



Dear Friend,

It's finally time to celebrate! Whether it's honoring the dads, cheering the grads, or toasting the newlyweds, there's a lot to be happy and thankful for in June!

Speaking of which, we want to wish Dr. Dena Maloney a fond farewell on her upcoming retirement! Her final day as Superintendent/President of El Camino College will be June 30th. Best wishes to you as you go off and enjoy your new found TIME!

We are looking forward to summer vacations, long beach days, barbecues, and indoor dining, but most importantly, looking forward to family and social gatherings again! See you soon! Happy Summer!

Warmly,

*Andrea*

Andrea Sala  
Executive Director

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## Con-GRAD-ulations Graduates: Commencement 2021



El Camino College celebrated student success and recognized the Class of 2021 with a [virtual commencement ceremony](#) on Friday, June 11.

If you missed it, you can still view the [74th Annual El Camino College Commencement Ceremony](#) here.

Congratulations El Camino College Class of 2021 graduates! You deserve all the pomp and circumstance! Go conquer the world! We are so proud of you! #ECCGrad

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## El Camino College to Receive Community Partner Impact Award

The **Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce** awarded El Camino College with this year's **Community Partner Impact Award** on June 17. This virtual event recognized local businesses and individuals who have gone above and beyond in making a positive impact on the South Bay community. The Community Partner award recognizes a local business that provides a dedicated commitment to impacting the community through relationships, engagement, opportunities and services. In particular, El Camino is involved in the community by connecting our local businesses, educational partners and students with excellent programs and opportunities. Congratulations El Camino College and all the awardees!

The event also served as the installation ceremony of the 2021-2022 Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, where Andrea Sala was installed as Vice Chair of Leadership and Workforce on the Executive Board.

**TORRANCE**  
Area Chamber of Commerce

**INSTALLATION & IMPACT AWARDS**

A virtual event to recognize businesses and individuals. Featuring the installation of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce 2021-2022 Chairwoman of the Board, Serena Josel by Senator Steve Bradford with Mark Waronek as Master of Ceremonies.

**Thursday, June 17th, 2021**  
**| 8:30 AM**

Register by visiting:  
[TorranceChamber.com/VirtualImpact2021](http://TorranceChamber.com/VirtualImpact2021)

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**J. WALKER OWENS VOLUNTEERISM AWARD**  
Jennifer Olvera, Green Hills Memorial Park

**GEORGE M. WHITTLESEY MEMORIAL AWARD**  
Kirk Rossberg, Torrance Bakery

**HIDDEN GEM OF TORRANCE**  
Aura Seating

**SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**  
Red Car Brewery & Restaurant

**LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**  
Kaiser Permanente, Providence Little Company of Mary, Torrance Memorial Medical Center, UCLA Health

**EMERGING LEADER**  
Jonathan Anderson, VEFA Gallery

**CHAMBER IMPACT AWARD**  
Larry Halvorsen, Express Employment Professionals

**LEGACY AWARD**  
Rolling Hills Plaza - 38 years, Surf Management - 38 years, Residence Inn by Marriott - 37 years

**EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS**  
Gaetano's Restaurant

**NON PROFIT OF THE YEAR**  
Community's Child

**COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD**  
El Camino College

**AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR**  
Marifrances Trivelli, Los Angeles Maritime Museum

## Program Spotlight: ElCo Pride Week 2021



El Camino College's LGBTQIA+ Safe Zone Committee, Gender and Sexuality Alliance, and the Pride Week Planning Committee scheduled a full week of events to present the 3rd annual **ElCo Pride Week**, June 1-4, 2021.

A full schedule of online events took place throughout the week to celebrate diversity, promote inclusion, and support El Camino College's LGBTQIA+ community.

Additionally, in celebration of June's PRIDE Month, complimentary **LGBTQIA+** stoles were provided for queer, trans and/or non-binary students who graduated. These

beautiful stoles were provided by Student Equity & Achievement to celebrate Class of 2021 graduates.

## Foundation Spotlight: Congrats 2021 Scholarship Recipients!

The El Camino College Foundation is very proud of its **scholarship program** which provides vital funding to ECC students to help them remain in college and complete their educational goals. Over 500 students will be awarded more than \$600,000 in scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year.



This year's Scholarship Awards Ceremony was held virtually on May 27 which allowed our deserving **scholarship recipients** to meet their generous scholarship donors. A complete list of all students who were awarded a scholarship can be **viewed here**. Congratulations to all!

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## Student Spotlight: Congratulations 2021 Edison Scholarship Recipients!



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The challenges of pursuing a STEM major are as much financial as academic. Thanks to the financial support of Southern California Edison and Edison International, students receive scholarships to fund a portion of their educational expenses at El Camino College as continuing students or transfer-ready students at four-year universities.

The Edison Scholarship program at El Camino recognizes students who want to be makers of tomorrow — the dreamers, inventors, guardians and pioneers. Edison Scholarships help students follow their dreams in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) and empower them to change the world by building a better tomorrow through STEM studies. A big shout out to Arturo Hernandez, STEM|MESA Director, for his ongoing support of the Edison Scholars selection process. Congratulations to this year's Edison Scholars:

### Continuing Students



Ingrid Barrera



Omar Fayoumi



Joshua Rodriguez



Bryan Vela

### Transfer-Ready Students



Farimah Abdollahidahaki



Brenda Fernandez Martinez



Anh Hoang



Aria Holmes



Rakkyun Kim

### Transfer-Ready Students



Alexander Lopez



Ramya Swai Swathi Mangu



Jeewon Park



Sherry Zhou

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## STEM Donors: Our Students' Success Stem from You!

Our **STEM Education** donors partner with us to strengthen and enhance the many science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs and opportunities offered to El Camino College students as they explore, excel, transfer and graduate in fields and careers critical to the needs of our community and workforce. Contributions help to continuously sustain and upgrade the ever-changing technology and curriculum needed to maintain our high quality STEM education standards, courses and programs.



Thank you to our 2020-2021 STEM donors:

Raymond Billig  
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## Warrior Pantry: Fueling Our Communities Grant Dollars at Work



This spring, **Southern California Gas Co. (SoCalGas)** launched the 2021 Fueling Our Communities program to help feed individuals experiencing food insecurity. This program provides free meals, groceries, and restaurant gift cards to thousands of individuals from underserved communities across Los Angeles County. The ECC Foundation received a \$20,000 grant in support of the Warrior Pantry, to assist El Camino students facing food insecurity.

Read more about **SoCalGas' Fueling Our Communities** program.

Below are pictures of SoCalGas grant dollars at work, directly impacting El Camino College students. Thanks to SoCalGas and the Warrior Pantry for distributing food and restaurant gift cards to our students.



Thank you SoCalGas for Fueling our South Bay community!



Big decision - which restaurant to pick?



Yummy restaurant gift cards!



Festive summer coconut drinks!



SoCalGas reusable bags.



Happy Warrior Pantry visitors!

## Community Giving: Thank You Torrance Fire Department!

As a follow-up to our March 2021 article, the **El Camino College Fire Academy** has officially taken ownership of two newly donated fire engines from the **City of Torrance Fire Department**. The picture to the right provided by El Camino College's Chief Jeff Baumunk, shows all three donated fire engines from the Torrance Fire Department.



The Torrance Fire Department donated two reserve fire engines to the El Camino College Fire Academy. These fire engines replace two engines that were damaged in a fire that broke out at the Academy's garage in September 2020, and will be used as front line training engines. Thank you Torrance Fire Department!

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## Community Giving: Give the Rainbow



The rainbow is a symbol of hope and promise, just like the **El Camino College Foundation** brings hope and promise to its students.

Make a student's day brighter. **Donate Today!**

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