

Dear Friend,

Hello Spring! We welcome you with open arms!

As we reflect on the one-year anniversary of remote work and virtual classes, we remember just how grateful we are for you. Despite a global pandemic, we are so appreciative of the tremendous support you have provided this past year.



It is with such sadness that we learned of the passing of our Coach Featherstone this past weekend. Although he retired the year I arrived at El Camino, I met him often at campus events. His warmth and positive energy exuded from his very being. He will be missed by us all. I'm so proud that we were able to honor his legacy by naming Featherstone Field at Murdock Stadium. He will be in our hearts forever!

Let the spring begin, and don't forget to stop and smell the flowers! Life is short!

Warmly,

Andrea Sala
Executive Director

Warrior Spotlight: ECC Mourns Loss of Legendary Football Coach



It is with a heavy heart that we share the very sad news that beloved former El Camino College Football Coach John Featherstone passed away March 20 after a long and valiant battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was 71.

Coach Featherstone, fondly known as "Feather," was revered by thousands of former students and supporters of Warrior athletics, and was a community college football icon. He retired from El Camino College in 2015 after 31 seasons, with an overall record of 214-119-2. Featherstone retired with the highest winning percentage among active

coaches who had coached for at least 15 years in the Southern Section of California, which includes 37 community colleges from Bakersfield to San Diego.

In honor of his service and outstanding record, the El Camino College Murdock Stadium field was named Featherstone Field on November 16, 2019 during a Warriors' Homecoming Football half-time celebration.

"Coach Featherstone will always be remembered as a caring and dedicated coach who demonstrated the Warrior spirit on a daily basis," said El Camino College President Dena P. Maloney. "His influence on thousands of student-athletes has left a legacy on the world of college and professional level sports for years to come."

Read more about [Coach Featherstone's legacy and coaching career](#) here.

Donor Spotlight: Local Fire Departments Unite Together to Give

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



Since the tragic September 2020 fire, the ECC Fire Academy has received donations from the following municipal fire departments: Torrance, El Segundo, Redondo Beach, Culver City, Los Angeles County, City of Los Angeles, Vernon, and Rincon, as well as support from Municipal Emergency Services Inc. We appreciate all this love from our local fire departments!

In the spirit of giving, the ECC Fire Academy donated two of their non-operating fire engines to the **Tecate Fire Department** in Tecate, Mexico. Through ECC Fire Academy's relationships with **Firefighters Across Borders** and **Firefighters for Christ**, they were able to find a good home for these engines at no cost to the college. These organizations donate equipment and training resources to fire departments in Mexico and Latin America. The fire engines will be restored into full operating order to be used on front lines to help fight fires in San Diego and northern Mexico.

"I would like to express our sincerest appreciation to all who have donated to the El Camino College Fire Academy. Your generosity is greatly appreciated as is your support of our program."

-Chief Jeff Baumunk, Director of Public Safety Education Programs

Department Spotlight: Fire Academy Continues to Offer Essential First Responder Training



The ECC Fire Academy is a Fire Marshal approved firefighter training academy in Inglewood, CA. Currently, 32 students are enrolled in the Spring 2021 class, with graduation scheduled for Class 156 on June 12, 2021.

The Academy is running business as usual, despite current construction from the recent fire. New portable classrooms, offices, and restrooms are scheduled to be operating by June 1st. These will be temporary facilities until the new South Bay Public Safety Training Center is completed in the future. El Camino College is proud to offer essential first responder training during the

pandemic, to continue to add vital public safety professionals to the South Bay.

Program Spotlight: Coding Bootcamps Now Offered at ECC

With the current shortage of 1.4 million software developers in the US, there is a heightened demand for skilled software developers. **El Camino College's Community Education** department saw an opportunity to bridge this gap by offering fee-based, 18-week coding bootcamps starting on March 23 and 24 in both Front End and Back End Software Development.



"Despite the number of people being laid off due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the demand for software developer jobs remains strong and as such, this makes this new partnership with **Promineo Tech** vital to our local economy," said Betty Sedor, El Camino College's Director of Community Education.

Read more about [El Camino College's Coding Bootcamps](#) here.

Community Partners: Welcome Our Newest Business Partnerships

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. 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 Giving - Give Today!

A charitable gift to the **El Camino College Foundation** is a great way to put a spring in a student's step and create new educational opportunities.

As always, thank you for your support!



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