



Dear Heidi,

July is the beginning of **El Camino College Foundation's** new fiscal year, and a perfect time to prepare for new beginnings. That started with welcoming our new Superintendent/President, Dr. Brenda Thames. We are diligently working with her towards our safe campus reopening. We are activating student scholarships for fall, and continue to support our Warrior Pantry and Student Emergency Fund to help our students succeed. Happy summer to you and yours; here's to new beginnings!

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Andrea Sala
Executive Director



Welcome Dr. Brenda Thames, ECC's New Superintendent and President



Dr. Brenda Thames officially took office as El Camino College's 7th Superintendent/President on July 1, 2021. Formerly President of West Hills College Coalinga, Dr. Thames brings 23 years of experience to El Camino. Learn more about [Dr. Thames and her professional background](#).

From all of us at the El Camino College Foundation, welcome and congratulations Dr. Thames! We have enjoyed working with you so far and look forward to many years of success and prosperity under your leadership.

Foundation Spotlight: Welcome New 2021-22 Board of Directors

Welcome to our newest **Foundation Board of Directors** who officially began their term of service on July 1: Dr. Brenda Thames, ECC Superintendent/President, Esther Marcial of Advanced Medical Pricing Solutions, and Tracy Underwood (Retired) from Toyota Motor Sales. We also welcome Karina Ramirez, El Camino College's Student Representative to the ECCCD Board of Trustees and the ECC Foundation Board representative. Thank you all for dedicating your time and efforts to support the Foundation's mission and to provide us with your professional expertise and resources.





Esther Marcial, Advanced
Medical Pricing Solutions



Tracy Underwood, Toyota
Corporate (Retired)



Karina Ramirez, ECC
Student Representative

Foundation Spotlight: Now Accepting Distinguished Alumni Nominations



and remember the strong educational foundation El Camino College provided them as they embarked on their professional journey.

The El Camino College Foundation is pleased to recognize the accomplishments of our alumni through the **Distinguished Alumni** program. Many of our alumni are highly respected in the community and have achieved great success in their careers and lives. We are honored to acknowledge these individuals

Nominations for induction into El Camino College's 2022 Distinguished Alumni are now being accepted. Anyone who wishes to nominate a former student for this award may do so by completing a **[nomination form](#)**. Please include any supporting information such as resume, featured publications, certifications, awards received, etc.

The 2022 Distinguished Alumni and Gratitude Awards Gala, which this year will also celebrate El Camino College's 75th Anniversary, will be held on Friday, March 4, 2022 at the Westdrift Manhattan Beach.

Student Spotlight: STEM Students Receive Engineering Scholarships

Four El Camino College students received \$2,500 scholarships after completing the prestigious [Center for Translational Applications of Nanoscale Multiferroic Systems](#) (TANMS) Research Experience and Mentoring (REM) program this past semester.

Students Ana Venerio, Jesus Fuentes, Javier Paz-Guerrero, and Yaxhel Lozoya each participated in the REM program, which pairs high school and community college students in research teams to carry out a project related to nanoscale investigations within the TANMS Engineering Research Center at UCLA. Each team was matched with a graduate student or postdoc mentor who guided them in a research project. Students learned to use software to organize and analyze data for modeling purposes. They were expected to dedicate a minimum of six hours a week, including their research activity, online meetings and workshops, and independent online skill development modules.

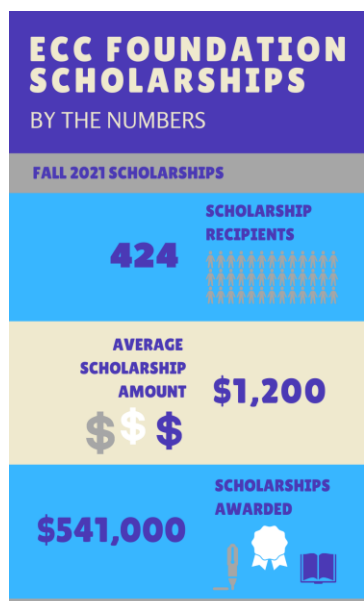


El Camino Superintendent/President Dr. Brenda Thames praised the students for their tenacious dedication to seeing their projects through to completion. "I congratulate our students for committing to their TANMS research and forever leaving their mark on history," Dr. Thames said. "The prestigious REM program has provided an invaluable experience for everyone involved."

[Read the full article here.](#)

Scholarships Spotlight: Fall 2021 By the Numbers

This year has been no different than any other year. We continue to serve our students by providing valuable scholarships to those who need it the most. 424 students were awarded scholarships totaling \$541,000. Congratulations to all scholarship recipients! View a complete list of this year's [scholarship award recipients](#) here.



Community Giving: Make This a Summer to Remember

Enjoy the lazy days of summer. Please remember the **El Camino College Foundation** brings hope and promise to its students.

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

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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