

Caring Campus

Newsletter

August 2025



Welcome to Another Year at El Camino!

As Caring Campus nears its one-year anniversary, we would like to reflect and survey you: El Camino Classified Staff. This survey will be used to inform, not only the topics of this newsletter, but will also let us know as a committee what we need to refocus our energies on.

This survey will consist of five questions, aside from your general information:

1. Have you heard of Caring Campus?
2. Do you know what Caring Campus is?
3. Do you know what Caring Campus does?
4. Do you know about the 7 behavioral commitments?
5. Do you have any questions, comments, or concerns about Caring Campus?

These five questions are your opportunity to ask questions, provide constructive comments and criticism, and voice any other concerns about Caring Campus you may have. If you'd prefer to provide your feedback via email, you can also email us at CaringCampusStaff@elcamino.edu.



Share your thoughts at <https://bit.ly/CaringCampusStaffFeedbackSurvey> or by using the QR code above.

Until next time,
Erica Soohoo and Gema Perez.
Newsletter Coeditors

MEETINGS

Committee meets from 10 to 11am in LIB 202 on the 2nd Thursday of the month, and on Zoom on the 4th Thursday of the month.

PART OF ECC EVOLVE

This newsletter focuses on the Classified Staff cohort which is part of ECC EVOLVE

WHAT IS CARING CAMPUS?

Caring Campus is a data-backed approach to serving students that El Camino College has implemented to make everyone feel welcomed and supported all across campus.

CARING CHAMPIONS!

Applauding Warrior PRIDE has been rebranded as "Recognize a CARING CHAMPION." Nominate El Camino employees who provide exemplary service to students or fellow employees using the new [submission form](#).

NAME BADGES

If you need a name badge or you've lost your name badge, submit a name badge request form.

[Name Badge Request Form](#)

Welcome Week

Welcome Week is an opportunity to welcome new and returning El Camino College students to campus and get to know other staff and faculty on campus. Outreach and School Relations is looking for volunteers to help staff the table-and-tent locations around campus during the first week of the semester starting Monday, August 25th through Thursday, August 28th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, August 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you would like to volunteer, please send your name, contact information, and the day and time you would like to volunteer via email to jalopez@elcamino.edu & jramirezbarba@elcamino.edu or by phone extension at 3487 and ask for either Jayro or Jasmine.

Caring Campus Moments

A Caring Campus Moment is a positive interaction that helps a person feel connected and welcome at El Camino College. El Camino College strives to create a caring and welcoming environment for its students and staff.



Have you been part of a Caring Campus Moment or witnessed one? Share your Caring Campus moment by completing the form [here](#) or by using the QR code above to access the form.

Behavioral Commitments



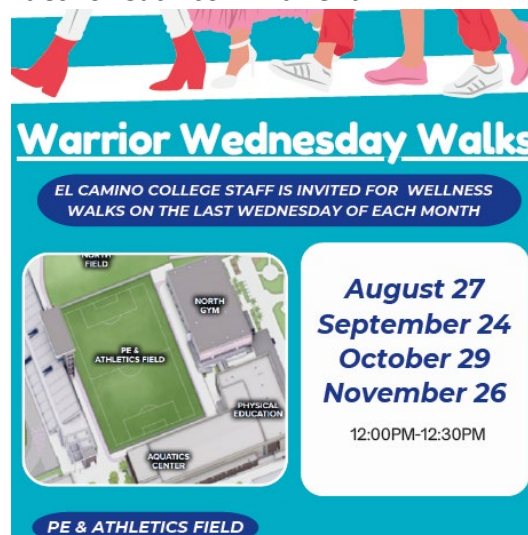
What is Caring Campus?

Behavioral commitments that help students feel welcome and connected to the campus

1	Name Badges	Students know who to approach with questions
2	Warm Handoff	Warm Referral Cards, walking the student over, or calling ahead are all ways to bring human connection to a transactional interaction.
3	Ten Foot Rule	Approach any student within ten feet who seems to need assistance
4	Cross-Departmental Awareness	Awareness of what other departments do and contacts to direct students
5	Contact Students Early	Reach out to students during the first two weeks of the term
6	Expand Welcome Week	Brings excitement to the campus & provides students with useful information and resources
7	Caring Campus Moments	Start meetings by sharing recent student interactions that made students feel connected and welcome to the campus



The Caring Campus kickoff team has committed to the following behavioral commitments to best serve students. Now that the behavioral commitments have been selected, an implementation team will begin work defining activities for each commitment.



Implementation Team

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