

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Student Highlight *Julia Uchoa Sales*



Julia Uchoa Sales
Field of Study: Social Justice Studies

My journey at El Camino started long before I ever stepped foot on campus. My dream of attending college in the US has been 14 years in the making. I first started working towards it when I was about 12 years old. Due to my family's financial circumstances, this dream seemed nearly impossible. Therefore, I began doing what was within my reach. I started teaching myself how to speak English and connecting with other friends who had this same desire. When I was 16, I was granted a full scholarship to attend my senior year of high school in the States.

I was finally so close to my dream of going to college in the States, but I watched it slip through my hands as my sponsors could no longer support me when I graduated high school. Then, I decided to take matters into my own hands. After about 6 years of trying, in 2022, I started my first semester at El Camino. Where I come from, education is the only way through the social and economic barriers that are set for us from an early age. I hold education at a high value because of the opportunities and doors it has the power to open. One of the pivotal moments in my time at

ECC was when I was struggling with my major. First, I started as a business major, but all the math classes were too challenging for me. With the help of Dr. Herrschaft, one of the academic counselors at ISP, I was able to reassess my future career and academic goals, which led me to decide on a Social Justice Studies AA which has always been a passion of mine. The support from professors, counselors, and the ISP office have been crucial to my academic success. I feel grateful to have been a part of such a welcoming, supporting and diverse community like the one at ECC.



Travel Tips

Tips for Safe Traveling



Meet other travelers!

You often meet other people who are exploring the same region by visiting hotels and joining local excursions.



Try the local food

Food carries the life and heritage of a country or region. Don't forget to try some of the local foods.



Visit Museums & Art Exhibits

Art can tell us about the local history. It is through history that we are able to understand a place.

1

Always share

your location or itinerary with family and friends back home if traveling by yourself.

2

Keep your passport

in a safe place at all times and make copies. Losing a passport during your travels is not something you want to experience abroad.

3

Try to learn

some of the local language. It will help you get around more easily, as well as connect to the local culture.

Staff Highlight *Dr. Amy Herrschaft*



Dr. Amy Herrschaft
Years at ECC: Over 10 years

Dr. Amy Herrschaft is one of the leading academic counselors at ECC. Amy started in college as a Psychology major but later found out that that was not exactly what she wanted to study. She later changed to a Communications and Public Relations Program and minored in Human Services (where her interest in becoming a counselor was awakened). Herrschaft then got her master's in counseling and in 2012 she received her doctorate in Educational Leadership. Herrschaft shared that her job can be very rewarding, she loves seeing students having a deeper

understanding of who they are throughout their journey at ECC, seeing students develop their own value system, figure out what they truly want, and watch how they reflect that on their own academic and career choices. However, knowing and keeping up with all the academic programs and pathways the academic programs and pathways available to students can definitely be very challenging," said Herrschaft. She also shared some tips for students who want to transfer to a 4-year university. "There is no one size fits all," said Herrschaft. She encouraged students to understand that the admissions process for many universities is multifactorial. Therefore, it is important for students to keep an open mind as they are making educational decisions and goals. Herrschaft is also a lover of travel and shared that one of her favorite trips was to Belize, the northeastern-coastal country in Central America. "The mix of culture and warm waters was amazing. We swam a lot in the ocean on that trip," said Herrschaft. "I would still love to visit any of the countries in the mediterranean sea".

Reminder & Links

Traveling Overseas? Travel signature from ISP office is required on your I-20 when you travel overseas.



Schedule Counseling Appointments

Don't forget to meet with a counselor before the summer break. Scan the QR code or email ispfrontdesk@elcamino.edu to book an appointment.

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Get your I-20 Travel Signature!

Scan the QR code or click the link below to fill out the form to have your I-20 signed for travel!

[TRAVEL FORM →](#)



Important Dates

Spring Semester Ends	Friday, June 7
Graduation Ceremony	Friday, June 7
Summer Break Starts	Saturday, June 8
Summer Classes Begin	Monday, June 17
Juneteenth Holiday(Campus Closed)	Wednesday, June 19
Last Day to Add/Drop for a Refund (First 6 weeks of classes)	Thursday, June 20
Last Day to Add/Drop for a Refund (Eight-Week classes)	Monday, June 24

Congratulations!



May 30, Graduation Party

Way to go, grads! The ISP is so proud of you and can't wait to see what amazing things you will do next.

