Congratulations to El Camino College for Receiving $596,954 for the NSF IUSE Grant for STEM Innovation!

We are thrilled to congratulate El Camino College (ECC) on being awarded a prestigious grant from the National Science Foundation's IUSE: Innovation in Two-Year College STEM Education (ITYC) program! This grant, totaling $596,954, will support the creation of the *Support for Education and Employment in Data Science (SEEDS)* program. Through extensive hard work and dedication, El Camino College worked tirelessly collaborating with California Consulting Project Manager Matt Kamm to secure the funded application. Thank you to everyone who provided their expertise.

The SEEDS program is a transformative initiative designed to establish a clear data science pathway at ECC, a two-year college with a diverse student body, in Torrance, CA. This pathway will connect local high schools, community colleges, and industry professionals, offering students greater access to data science education and career opportunities. SEEDS will provide dual-enrollment courses for high school students, giving them a head start in the field of data science. In addition, ECC faculty will engage in professional development to better serve diverse student populations, ensuring that the program is inclusive and effective. The program will also leverage partnerships with industry leaders to develop relevant coursework, as well as create internships, apprenticeships, and employment opportunities for students. By addressing the growing demand for data scientists in Los Angeles and beyond, SEEDS will equip students with the knowledge and experience needed to thrive in one of the fastest-growing fields in the country.

This grant not only highlights ECC's commitment to innovation in STEM education but also strengthens the future of data science education and workforce development in Southern California. California Consulting Project Manager Matt Kamm stated: "I'm extremely proud to be part of this effort to address the demand for data science professionals in the region. The success of this grant reflects the collective vision to create lasting educational and career opportunities for students."

Once again, congratulations to El Camino College on this remarkable achievement, and we look forward to witnessing the success of the SEEDS program!