



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Jim Heiney,
Interim Director Marketing
915.831.6441
jheiney@epcc.edu

**HONORING THE PAST: BUILDING THE FUTURE
EPCC EXHIBITION TO OPEN AT THE EL PASO MUSEUM OF HISTORY**

EL PASO, TX— In partnership with the El Paso Museum of History and the El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department, El Paso Community College (EPCC) will be having an exhibition to commemorate its 50th Anniversary. This exhibition showcases EPCC's history of providing high quality, affordable education that has transformed our region. The exhibition will run from April 18th-September 29th, 2019 at the El Paso Museum of History, 510 N. Santa Fe.

"We are excited to host such a commemorative event in honoring this momentous occasion. Knowing how well established EPCC is within the community, this exhibition highlights not only the institution's successes, but the importance of education made accessible to the El Paso community and beyond," states Dr. Vladimir von Tsurikov, Director of the El Paso Museum of History.

Established in 1969, EPCC is a nationally recognized community college that offers a variety of academic programs, continuing education classes and workforce training. The college also serves as a leader in training the emerging workforce and provides expertise to area business and industry. "El Paso Community College has a legacy of excellence and a real commitment to serving students," Dr. William Serrata, EPCC President said. "I am proud of the work that our board of trustees, faculty and staff have done throughout the past 50 years to facilitate this success which is celebrated in this exhibition. EPCC has a long history of serving this community, serving the state, and ultimately serving the nation by helping students in our region earn the degrees and certificates that they need to achieve their dreams."

The exhibition highlights all aspects of EPCC's history from its beginnings at Logan Heights at Fort Bliss to all the growth and accomplishments that have helped more than 80,000 students earn degrees. Visitors will be able to see memorabilia and learn about important milestones. "We invite the community visit the exhibition, to explore the vibrant past of EPCC as well as to look forward to the future we will build together," Keri Moe, Associate Vice President of External Relations and 50th Anniversary Co-Chair said. "This is a real opportunity for us to honor the great work that has been done and to understand the power of education in our community."

The exhibition was in planning for more than a year and was led by EPCC History Professor Vanessa Camacho, Librarian Kristen Sanchez along with members from 50th Anniversary History Committee. "This exhibition offered an opportunity for the EPCC community to look into their storage rooms and file cabinets to find special items that reflect their proud connections and contributions to the college," Vanessa Camacho said. "We are very excited to share what we've been working on for the past year."

For more information on the exhibition and El Paso Museum of History hours, visit:
<http://history.elpasotexas.gov/> For additional events and more about the history of EPCC, visit:
<https://www.epcc.edu/About/Anniversary>

Today, EPCC serves more than 28,500 students and offers 145 degree and certificate programs. The college remains focused on engaging students, growing community partnerships and fostering excellence. By creating a college-going culture and implementing innovative student success initiatives, EPCC is transforming the pathway to higher

education and developing a better prepared workforce for our region.

###