

El Camino College Compton Center

News From the Provost/CEO
Dr. Doris P. Givens

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It takes a keen grasp of the present situation, a respect for the past, and a sense of the future to work effectively in this current age of sweeping and rapid change - Gay Hendricks and Kate Ludeman

Spring has proven to be very busy at Compton Center, with a flurry of events and activities.

A few weeks ago we hosted a visit from First Lady Maria Shriver. Ms. Shriver's visit was coordinated in conjunction with our Open House and Career Fair, which offered the community a chance to come to campus and see why Compton is "The Place to Be!" Thank you to all students, faculty and staff who helped showcase the many academic offerings and services at Compton Center – you make us proud.

We are also proud of our 2006-07 Tartar basketball team for winning the South Coast Conference, and for making it to the state championship tournament. It was a great season – congratulations to our scholar-athletes!

This newsletter will be published twice per month throughout the Academic year. It is intended to keep our campus community informed about the activities and events occurring across campus. I encourage you to post these letters in your offices and classrooms to share with students and other individuals interested in activities and happenings at the El Camino College Compton Center. All Friday Letters will be posted under "Current News" on the official campus Web site at www.compton.edu.

Board of Trustees Meetings

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be on Tuesday, April 24, 2007 in the Board Room at noon for anyone wishing to address the Board on Closed Session agenda items. The Open Session will resume at 4 p.m. The full Board Meeting Agenda will be placed on the Compton Center Web site.

Compton Center Web Site Updates

The Compton Center Web site, www.compton.edu, is up and running. Updates and revisions are continuing. We will be doing a redesign of the entire site this spring. Watch for it!

Compton Center Welcomes California First Lady Maria Shriver

We were thrilled to host a recent visit from California First Lady Maria Shriver to El Camino College Compton Center. Ms. Shriver's visit was part of her statewide initiative to encourage eligible families to claim the valuable but underused Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and planned in conjunction with our Open House and Career Fair on March 21.

The First Lady met with working families who are applying for the EITC, offering free income tax preparation and consultation. Volunteers from Broad Spectrum CDC, Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, Community Legal Services, and the IRS were also on campus to provide the free tax preparation.

Our Open House and Career Fair were a complete success! Participants had the opportunity to view company presentations, meet with potential employers, and participate in on-site interviews.

In addition, more than 30 community service providers showcased services that help families move on the path to self-sufficiency. Campus tours were also available to visitors, highlighting the many programs and services we have here at Compton Center.

Much thanks to the Compton Center CalWORKs Program and the Office of Relations with Schools and Community for coordinating the events. It was a great day for our campus and our community, made even more prominent by the visit from First Lady Maria Shriver.

Compton Athletics

Our athletes continue to make us proud! One outstanding Tartar athlete is shortstop Harold Hobert of the Compton baseball team. He was named to the USA Athletes International, Inc. USA Baseball team, making Hobert the first Tartar athlete invited to the team since its founding in 1992. Hobert will compete in the 2007 London Cup, July 9 through 16.

Now in his second year at Compton Center, Hobert is a consistent team leader in batting average and RBIs. Last season, he was named the team's MVP and was named South Coast Conference Second Team.

Hobert came to Compton Center from Locke High School, where he was the only player in the history of Locke High to earn All-League honors all four years. He holds the school's record for stolen bases (109), putting him ahead of fellow Locke alumni Ozzie Smith of Major League Baseball's Hall of Fame.

Baseball is in Hobert's family – his older brothers are both professional baseball players. Ray Hobert was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals and Aaron Hobert was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds. Both were drafted from Jordan High School in Long Beach. Harold was a draft pick at Locke for the Oakland A's but chose to continue his education and training.

Congrats to our own baseball star – good luck in the London Cup!

Admissions and Records Updates

All issues related to Compton Community College District Admissions and Records (e.g. previous transcripts and other official records) are being handled in the Administration Building. For more information on the add period or official records, please contact Keith Curry, Acting Dean of Student Affairs, ext. 2023.

Classified Personnel

The classified union signed a Memorandum of Understanding clarifying spring break and floating holidays over the next three weeks. Please note:

Friday, March 30 (Cesar Chavez Day) - Not a holiday. Report to work.

Friday, April 13 (the Friday during Spring Break) - Not a holiday. Report to work.

Friday, May 4 (Cinco de Mayo) - Not a holiday. Report to work.

In lieu of these three days, Friday, April 6 (Good Friday); Monday, April 9, and Tuesday, April 10 are holidays. April 11, 12, and 13 are regular workdays and the campus will be open.

For questions, please contact Camela McClain at Ext. 2142 or e-mail: mcclain_c@compton.edu.

Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSP&S)

El Camino College Compton Center is committed to serving students with disabilities, and providing them with an equal educational opportunity. Students are encouraged to utilize our services for full access and integration into all aspects of college life. Students with disabilities may be eligible for any number of our support services.

If you know someone who may qualify for these services, or for more information on the DSP&S Program, please contact Keith Curry, Acting Dean of Student Affairs, Ext. 2023.

Language Writing Lab Hours

The Language/Writing Lab is open for all students from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday. Tutors are available for ESL, English, Spanish and writing assignments.

Second Annual Golf Classic

It is time to tee up and get ready for the Second Annual Golf Classic on May 4 at Industry Hills Golf Course. The event is sponsored by the Compton Community College District Foundation.

This year's event will grace the greens of the Eisenhower Course. Tournament registration and continental breakfast begins at 8 a.m. and the shotgun start follows at 10 a.m.

Registration for a single player is \$300 and a foursome is \$1,200. Registration includes a box lunch and dinner buffet at the newly remodeled Pacific Palms Resort. Also included are longest-drive contests, hole-in-one contests, a putting contest and closest-to-pin contests. Participants are encouraged to register early.

Sponsorship packages are available at levels of \$1,500, \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$10,000.

This event is a lot of fun and a great way to support Compton Center. Proceeds will go to the Compton Community College District Foundation, which supports various campus programs

and student scholarship programs.

For more information on the Golf Tournament, please contact Cheryl Cormier at Ext. 2970 or e-mail cormier_c@compton.edu. Registration is also available online at www.comptoncollegefoundation.org

Transfer Events for Spring

Our Transfer Center is offering a variety of free tours to area universities throughout the spring semester.

Field trips are planned on the following dates: April 19, California State University, Dominguez Hills; April 21, University of California, Irvine; May 4, California State University, Los Angeles; and a trip to USC is also planned for May – date to be determined.

Our students can also register for a special Spring Break Tour (April 9-13) to universities in Northern California. Students will visit the University of California campuses at Santa Cruz, Davis, and Berkeley; as well as the California State University campuses in San Francisco, San Jose, and Sacramento. Space is limited on this trip. Students will be asked for an application and deposit before registering.

Touring universities is a great way to see what each campus is like and what it offers students in terms of academics, support services and student life opportunities.

Group workshops, individualized help, and other services are also available year-round at the Transfer Center. Students interested in any of these Transfer Center activities should contact the Transfer Center at Ext. 2764.

April 2007 Black College Tour

Historically Black College campus tour – April 2007. Total tour cost: \$1,500. Initial \$500 deposit due immediately. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Payment arrangements, fundraisers and sponsorships may be available. Please contact Mrs. Foster at hbcucollegegetour2007@yahoo.com or 562-428-6768 after 7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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