

El Camino College Compton Center

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

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Laughter crowds tension out of our lives, brings worry to a halt, and gives the personality a chance to stretch. – Author Unknown

Teamwork extends beyond eloquent expressions. At appropriate times it even causes groups to take action. A team is a group of individuals united around a common goal or purpose, supporting one another in a variety of ways.

I appreciate everyone on the Compton Community Educational Center team and I extend a special 'thank you' to the seventeen faculty, staff, one student and administrators who joined me at the Concerned Citizens Committee meeting last Thursday night. You showed up, opened up and stood up to clearly explain your programs and commitment to the ideals that the committee espouses. I was touched by your presence and proud of your professionalism throughout the meeting. I was also pleased when the committee members volunteered to distribute all of the documents we carried to the meeting. Now more than 2,000 documents will permeate the communities we serve. As we continue the partnership with El Camino College, it is vitally important that we also continue to engage the community in meaningful dialogue. I am proud to work with the Compton Community Educational Center team.

Thank you for your support!
Doris Givens

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, December 12, 2006 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.

Class Schedules Available on the Web

Check out our Web site at www.compton.edu for the Winter and Spring class schedule. Don't forget that you can apply online – just go to www.compton.edu and then click on **MyECC**. It is a quick and easy way to get the classes you need – without waiting in line!

Compton Center Web site Updates

The Compton Center Web site, www.compton.edu, is up and running. Updates and revisions are continuing. Please check it daily.

El Camino College Communications

Numerous activities are underway to assist with the transition of Compton Center, all with the goal of communicating the message that Compton Center is open – offering accredited courses and continuing to serve the educational needs of the community.

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.

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.

CalWORKS Updates

Students are invited to monthly CalWORKS forums, scheduled for 1 p.m. on the 10th of each month in the Allied Health Auditorium. Topics cover important student information such as: job development, navigating the higher education system, “dress for success,” and resume building, among others. Guest speakers are also featured. The next CalWORKS Student Forum is set for Dec. 10. For more information, please contact Ext. 2072.

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.

Grand Openings

SAVE THE DATE! – Grand Opening of the new Learning Resource Center, the Child Development Center and the Infant/Toddler Center on February 22, 2007. Please plan to be there to celebrate with us!

Photo Collaboration: ECC and Compton Center

Please take some time to visit the El Camino College library to see a wonderful exhibit of student photography from both the El Camino College program and the Compton Center program. Our own Willie Middlebrook and ECC's Darilyn Rowan teamed up to bring this creative photographic display together. The exhibit opened November 13 in the El Camino College library and runs through December. Stop by when you get a chance.

Counseling Division News

The Counseling Division will be conducting matriculation-registration orientations in Room VT 209. The dates and times are as follows:

December 1 to 14

M-Th 9-10 a.m. 1-2 p.m. 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Friday 9-10 a.m. 1-2 p.m.

Creative Performing and Technology Arts Division

As part of our recruitment effort, the Creative Performing and Technology Arts Division has taken its show on the road! "The Creative Arts Explosion" is a collaborative effort with students enrolled in dance and music classes taught by Professors Phillips and Estrada. Local high schools are their venue. Their most recent performance was at Compton High School. Due to the overwhelming response to their performances, the group has been invited back to Compton High School on December 13, 2006. The audience for the performance will not only include students from Compton High School, but also Dominguez and Centennial High Schools.

Book Store Opening

The book store will begin operations on January 2, 2007. During winter session, the hours will be:

8am to 7pm – January 2nd – 4th and January 8th and 9th

10am to 3pm – January 5th, 10th, and 11th

Closed – January 12th – January 26th

Faculty Highlight

We applaud Dr. August Hoffman for his dedication to gardening has led him to create Compton Center's Garden Project, an area packed with vegetables, fruit and citrus trees, grape arbors, and flowers. Maintaining the garden is an all-volunteer effort that benefits the students, the campus, and the community. A key component of the project is its mentor program, which pairs students from Dr. Hoffman's classes with students from California State University Northridge. Together, they cultivate the soil, as well as friendships. Private and business donations, as well as a Community Service-Learning Grant from California State University, Northridge provide funds for the green project. Way to "grow," gardening crew!

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.

Winter Recess

Both El Camino College and the Compton Community Educational Center campuses will be closed beginning December 22, 2006 and ending January 1, 2007. During that period staff and administrators at the Compton campus will use leave on December 26, 27, 28. Please submit Report of Absence Forms prior to Wednesday, December 13.

Logo

I am pleased to announce a logo has been selected!



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