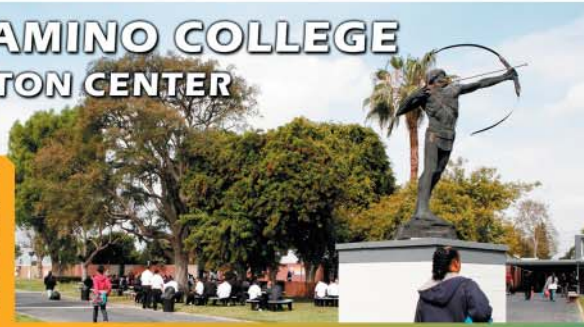




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New Vice President ECC Compton Center



In December, the El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Barbara Perez as the Vice President of El Camino College Compton Center.

In the new position of VP Compton Center, Barbara Perez will work under the direction of El Camino College Superintendent/President Thomas Fallo. She will serve as the chief academic and student services officer for El Camino College Compton Center; and will lead the planning, development, and implementation of the overall instructional program, student services program and support services for El Camino College Compton Center.

We welcome Ms. Perez to her new position, and will look to her guidance and leadership as we continue to move forward with our mission of offering excellent educational opportunities to our communities.

Barbara Perez joined El Camino College in 1983 as a chemistry professor and faculty coordinator for the Division of Mathematics and Physical Sciences. She also served as a faculty coordinator for the Human Resources Department and Academic Affairs Division. She was named dean of the college's Division of Natural Sciences in 2002, and moved into the position of interim associate vice president of human resources in 2006, and was subsequently appointed Vice President of Human Resources.

In the past several years, Barbara's leadership spanned several important campus projects: she provided oversight of the recent science complex renovation project, working with both division and college officials; and she served on the initial task force to implement student learning outcomes. She served on the Budget Development Task Force, the Division Advisory Committee, College Council, and was co-chair of the 2002 Accreditation Steering Committee. She continues to work on the El Camino College Staff and Student Diversity Advisory Committee, the Calendar Committee, and the College Technology Committee.

Barbara has bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry, both from California State University, San Diego. She has also completed graduate coursework from the Community College Studies EdD Program at UCLA. Her professional affiliations include memberships with the American Chemical Society, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, and the American Association of University Women.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Compton Center. Closed session begins at 5:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the Board on closed session agenda items. The Board Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting at www.district.compton.edu and www.compton.edu.

Registration is Ongoing for Spring Semester

While many classes are filled at other colleges, El Camino College Compton Center still has openings for the spring semester and students are encouraged to register now through February 26.

For added convenience, new and returning students can register in the Student Lounge on Saturday, February 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Students can also register online anytime by going to www.compton.edu and clicking on *MyECC*, or by calling 310-516-9339. Computers are available for student use in the Welcome Center, Financial Aid Lab, Admissions and Records Office, VT 209 and Library. Students must have a registration appointment prior to going online or calling to register. Students can go to www.compton.edu and click on *MyECC* – Registration Appointment Time or call 310-516-9339 to confirm individual registration dates and times.

At a time when many California institutions of higher education are facing debilitating cutbacks, El Camino College Compton Center is adding classes and students can avoid wait lists, crowded classes and long lines. El Camino College Compton Center is offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, career training and technology programs, as well as evening and online classes. Help us get the word out now that classes are available at Compton Center!

Students Chosen for UCI “Saturday with Scientists” Program

El Camino College Compton Center students have been selected to participate in the UCI Saturdays with Scientists program for the 2010 academic year. Program participants will engage in hands-on science, technology, engineering and math activities with some of the world’s most prominent researchers.

The five students chosen are: Jason Hernandez, Vanessa Melgoza, Rodby Orellana, Cristina Thomas, and Juan Vargas. The application process required the students to be math, science, engineering or computer science majors with a minimum of a 3.0 grade point average.

El Camino College Compton Center students will join 45 other community college participants for hands-on activities and lectures with top University of California, Irvine (UCI) faculty from the Schools of Biological Sciences, Engineering, Information and Computer Science, and Physical Sciences.

The program, which began January 23, takes place over a series of five Saturdays and will include exploration of career options, sessions on transfer admissions in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields, and a review of special programs for STEM majors on the UCI campus.

Students Learn Sky is Not the Limit on JPL Tour

A recent tour of the NASA/Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena proved to be an eye-opening experience for 45 El Camino College Compton Center students about the emerging career opportunities in the aerospace industry.

Led by Joseph Lewis, Employment Development Specialist, and Robert Joiner, Business Accounting Professor, the students visited JPL in early December and toured the museum and research facilities, a “clean room” where actual spacecrafts are built, and the mission control center where they tracked the Voyager I spacecraft.

The students were particularly interested in their tour guide’s story about how he started his career at JPL as an intern from Pasadena Community College and was later hired as a permanent employee. Edgar Ramirez, JPL Director of Education, gave a detailed overview on JPL’s internship program and how it can lead to future careers at NASA or JPL.

“The students were thrilled with the idea that they could apply for an internship and perhaps become a future employee of such an outstanding organization,” Lewis said. Students Jose Macias and Brittany Joseph, told Lewis the experience “opened their eyes to what professions are out there,” and urged him to arrange additional field trips.

Enrollment Continues to Rise

Early estimates of spring 2010 enrollment indicate there will be over 5,000 students attending Compton Center during the upcoming semester. As of January 27, the number of seats taken is 76% higher than at the same time in spring 2009. FTES are up 85% over spring 2009. We will have a better idea of growth once registration is complete.

Overall, El Camino College Compton Center enrollment has continued its upward trend over the last several years. From 2006 to 2008, Compton Center experienced a significant increase in headcount. Enrollment increased 14% in the 2007-2008 academic year over the previous year, and then increased by 31 percent in 2008-2009 over the 2007-2008 academic year.

Student Transfer Report for 2008-2009

El Camino College Compton Center offers a great educational foundation for students to transfer to a four-year college or university. The results are in for the 2008-2009 academic year—a total of 84 students transferred to four-year institutions to continue their studies.

The top transfer school by far was California State University, Dominguez Hills with California State University, Long Beach and California State University Los Angeles second and third, respectively.

Other top colleges students choose to transfer to include: California State University, San Bernardino, Humboldt State University, and Cal Poly, Pomona.

To view the full report by the California Postsecondary Education Commission on the CSU/UC transfer counts for a five-year trend at El Camino College Compton Center, go to www.elcamino.edu/administration/ir/docs/acadperformance/Transfers_UC-CSU_CPEC_0809.pdf.

Record Numbers of Students Apply for Financial Aid

To help offset rising education costs for students and keep enrollment up, El Camino College Compton Center has an ongoing financial aid awareness campaign entitled “Need cash for college? You may qualify for \$5,550 in Financial Aid and \$2,000 in Scholarships!”

The campaign has helped increase the number of students applying for and receiving aid. As of January 27, 5,310 Compton Center students have applied for financial aid for the 2009-2010 academic year. More than \$3 million in Federal Pell Grants have been awarded to 1,496 Compton Center students for 2009-2010. In addition, \$67,500 in SEOG aid has been awarded to 225 students, and 4,929 students have received a collective total of more than \$3.5 million in Board of Governor waivers.

The goal of the campaign is to inform students that they may qualify for \$5,550 in federal Pell Grants and to encourage more students to apply for financial aid and scholarships. Following a highly successful campaign last fall, the current campaign includes information on the Web site and portal notices; student e-mails; message points for faculty, outreach staff and counselors; as well as fliers, posters, banners, and news releases. Students who visit the Web site will be directed to a page that provides information about qualification criteria and how to apply, links to the ECC financial aid page and the FAFSA application site. FAFSA applications are screened for both federal and state financial aid, making it an easy, one-stop process for students.

The deadline to apply for Cal Grants in March 2.

African-American History Month Celebrations Planned

El Camino College Compton Center will kick off its annual African-American History Month celebration with an opening ceremony on Tuesday, February 23, beginning with an "All People's Afrikan Drum Processional" at 11:45 a.m. on the south patio lawn, immediately followed by a noon ceremony featuring an African Market Place and an all female Afrikan drum and dance performance. Faculty, staff and students are invited to participate in the campuswide traditional African attire day.

Sponsored by the Student Life Office and Associated Student Body, the month-long celebration in February also features a panel presentation on "Black Athletes and the Professional Sports Industry," on Wednesday, February 24, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge. Panel participants include professional athletes who are Compton College alumni, a professional sports agent and a former NFL team official.



On Thursday, February 25, at 11 a.m., the celebration continues with keynote speaker Donzaleigh Abernathy, daughter of the legendary civil rights movement leader the Rev. Ralph David Abernathy. An author, actress and director, Abernathy will speak in the Tartar gymnasium on "Partners to History: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Ralph David Abernathy."

Other featured events include two one-act plays examining the lives of historical icons Harriet Tubman and Malcolm X on February 25 and 26 at 7 p.m. in Room Y-82 and March 4 and 5 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in Room Y-82. There will also be a museum bus excursion to "America I AM" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, and a traditional African/African-American fashion extravaganza on Wednesday, March 10, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Student Lounge, featuring El Camino College Compton Center students. Pick up a brochure at the Student Life Office for more information on all of these activities.

Center Receives Donated Aerospace Fastener Equipment



(from left to right): Rob Briles, President, PB Fasteners Inc.; Rodney Murray, Dean, Vocational Technology, El Camino College Compton Center; Wolf Halder, President, Turn Corp, Inc.; Owe Carlsson, Senior Engineer, Alcoa Fastening Systems, Inc.

On December 16, El Camino College Compton Center took delivery of aerospace fastener manufacturing equipment donated by Alcoa Fastening Systems (AFS), Johnson Gage, Inc., PB Fasteners, Shafer Machinery, Inc., and TurnCorp, Inc. The donated equipment includes: a cold header machine, Traub automatic turning machine, optical comparator, centerless grinder, and miscellaneous tools and measurement instrumentation.

The generous equipment donations are in support of a continuation of El Camino College Compton Center's Aerospace Fastener Manufacturing Program being developed with the assistance of key corporations in the aerospace industry. It is estimated that 200-400 aerospace fastener industry workers will be needed each year for the next five years.

The college introduced its first Aerospace Fastener Boot Camp Program as part of the Career and Technical Education curriculum in fall 2008 with a total 48 students completing the 8-week program in two separate sessions. The training was provided by the CACT and funded by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's office of economic and workforce development.

Now, as host to the only college-level training program for aerospace fastening in the western United States, El Camino College Compton Center is working with a host of industry partners to develop curriculum for a fully credentialed Aerospace Fastener Manufacturing Program targeted to commence during the spring 2010 semester.

31 Graduates Earn Nursing Degrees



The Nursing Pinning ceremony for fall 2009 took place on December 17, honoring 31 graduates who earned associate degrees and the two students who completed the certified nursing assistant/home health aide program. The nursing major prepares graduates to manage and provide skilled nursing care to individuals in a variety of health care settings as entry-level registered nurses. Below is a list of the fall 2009 Nursing program graduates:

Andrea Arceri
Carmen Asesor
Clemencia Atencio
Anielka Baldizon-Moreno
Tommie Billingsley
Audra Brown
Patricia Dela Rocha
Marvin Fernando
Maureen Guinoo
Jennifer Murillo
Blas Gonzales
Eboni Jones

Minako Lasai
Uche Maduagwu
Nathaly Martinez
Eric Njorge
Ifeoma Obue
Danielle Olaye
Glenn Olilang
Jacob Padilla
Harold Palparan
Christina Ram
Yuphin Sae Lai
Rosa Salas

Lisa Sheppard
Jessica Tabares
Marivic Sylvia Train
Azuoma Udom
Leticia Valdovinos
Sara Valera
Crystal Washington

30 Unit Option
Lyssa Calero
Shawntres William

Women's Soccer Boasts Coach of the Year



College Compton Center's Athletics Program in the 2009 academic year, and Clemens is the first head coach for the Tartar Women's Soccer team.

A San Diego, California, native, Clemens had a record-setting, award-winning college career at Santa Clara University from 1996 to 1999, before turning pro and becoming one of the first-ever members of the Women's United Soccer Association. She played for the Philadelphia Charge and the San Jose CyberRays, and was in the women's USA National Team Player Pool for six years, helping USA to win the Australia Cup in 2000.

Prior to joining Women's Soccer at El Camino College Compton Center, Clemens coached as an instructor at the David Beckham Academy for young children and teens from 2006 to 2007, and as a graduate assistant for Loyola Marymount University's women's team from 2004 to 2006. She led the La Jolla High School boys' varsity team to Division III CIF quarterfinals in 2005.

El Camino College Compton Center is pleased to offer Women's Soccer as a proud member of the CCCAA. In addition to Women's Soccer, the Athletics Program fields nine other intercollegiate sports for men and women.

Men's Soccer Has Banner Year



Congratulations to El Camino College Compton Center's Men's Soccer team! The team had an excellent 2009 season and made the playoffs for the first time since 2001. During the first round of playoffs, the Tartars were eventually defeated by Los Angeles Harbor College. The team, lead by Head Coach Jesus Gutierrez, plans to work hard towards a winning season in 2010.

Humanities Professor's Play Staged in Chicago

Humanities Professor Lloyd Noonan had his short play "The Heads of St. Nicholas" produced in Chicago in December. The play was included in a series entitled "Seven Plays in Seven Days—for the Holidays" staged by the n.u.f.a.n (no use for a name) ensemble at the City Lit Theater Company. Seven local directors were each assigned a short holiday play selected from submissions by Illinois playwrights. Noonan's play, which is a dark comedy, was also performed in 2009 at the Short & Sweet Theater Festival in Australia—the biggest festival of ten-minute theatre in the world. Noonan's other plays include "Cracker with the Lady Running" and "Delightful America." He completed a short film titled "Evan's Big Life" in 2008.

New "On Course" Training Program Attracts 49 Faculty

Forty-nine El Camino College Compton Center faculty members dedicated three days in January to learning new and creative approaches to teaching through an On Course Training workshop at Compton Center.

This class is the first phase of the semester-long Faculty Inquiry Partnership Program (FIPP), in which faculty form partnerships to work together to implement the new strategies they learned during the workshop.

On Course is a year-long training program designed to expose faculty to strategies they can use to implement new approaches to teaching in their courses, to help students become active, responsible learners and to inspire other faculty through leadership opportunities. It is open to all full-time El Camino College Compton Center faculty. In addition to the 49 faculty in the January course, 35 ECC faculty and four Compton Center faculty are now entering their second semester of FIPP this spring.

Dr. Cox Appointed to "Commission on the Future"

Dr. Lawrence Cox, CEO of Compton Community College District, was recently selected as a member of the California Community College League's Commission on the Future. The commission is part of the League's strategic plan and will focus on policy and practice changes that can meet the increasing calls to improve student success.

Dr. Cox is one of a 33-member group selected from a pool of more than 130 applicants and appointed by the Community College League of California to report on "A 2020 Vision for Student Success." The Commission on the Future will focus on benchmarking ways to help community college students successfully enroll in and complete educational and training programs to help them reach their life goals. Following its work during the first half of 2010, the Commission will present its report next summer.

Ben Duran, Superintendent/President of the Merced Community College District will serve as chairperson of the Commission, and Barbara Dunsheath, Vice President of the North Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees, will serve as vice chairperson of the Commission. Doug Otto, Trustee of the Long Beach Community College District, will also assist in leading the Commission as chairperson of the California Community Colleges Trustees Student Success Task Force.

Board of Trustees Elects Officers

Following the November 3 election, the Compton Community College District held a swearing-in ceremony for its three newly elected trustees on December 4, in the Board Room at El Camino College Compton Center. Charles Davis, Trustee Area 1; John P. Hamilton, Trustee Area 2; and Deborah Sims LeBlanc, Trustee Area 4, took the official oath of office to serve on the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees.

They now join current Board members Andres Ramos, Trustee Area 3; and Lorraine Cervantes, Trustee Area 1 (which has two seats), and are ready to assume their duties.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees members are responsible for attending all Board meetings and key Compton Center events, in addition to advising on policy issues, and participating in trustee education programs. The board serves the Compton Community College District as an advisory panel.

For more information on the new Board members, go to <http://www.compton.edu/campusinformation/current-news/Documents/ComptonCenterNewsReleases/2009/Compton-Board-of-Trustees-Election-Release.pdf>.

Foundation Appoints New Director

The Foundation for the Compton Community College District (FCCCD) recently selected Juan F. Pazos as its new director. In addition, two new members have been appointed to the Foundation's Board of Directors: Sherri Franklin of Urban Design Center and Kaweba Bunting, a sociology professor at El Camino College Compton Center. The FCCCD was newly established in May 2009, and its Board of Directors now has 13 members.

Through partnerships with individuals and corporations in the surrounding areas, the foundation provides financial support, scholarships and other needed resources to El Camino College Compton Center students, faculty and staff for ongoing improvement of the academic environment.

The new director position heads the FCCCD's administrative staff, and is responsible for coordinating all Foundation activities and establishing processes for the implementation of development strategies and endowment programs including coordinating fundraising, scholarship programs, donor relations, and alumni development activities.

Juan Pazos is a development and marketing consultant with 10 years experience working with secondary, undergraduate and graduate educational institutions, as well as nonprofit organizations. He most recently implemented successful marketing and development plans for Belly Sprout and its nonprofit branch Bloom OC, and consulted with St. Anthony's in Long Beach as director of development and marketing.

The 13 Foundation board members are: FCCCD President Tony Williams, James Castillo, Sherri Franklin, Dasol Mashaka, John Phalen, Martin Vargas, and Compton Community College District CEO Lawrence Cox; as well as the following representatives from El Camino College Compton Center: Kaweba Bunting, FCCCD Treasurer Ronald Gerhard, Mohammad Khalilzadeh, Elizabeth Martinez, Rodney Murray, and FCCCD Secretary Nelly Rodriguez.

Share Your News

We want to keep you informed of the news in our campus community. We also want to hear from you. We know there is no shortage of good news at Compton Center—so keep us in the loop.

Know a student who won a scholarship? a professor who just published an article or a book or received an award? a staff member honored by a professional organization? someone on our campus who has been recognized for work in the community? Help us spread the good news!

Please e-mail your news items and postings for Facebook and Twitter to Ann Garten, community relations director, at agarten@elcamino.edu.