



El Camino College
COMPTON CENTER



PROVOST NEWS

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Message from the Provost

During the past few weeks, I am pleased to have presented an update on the progress being made by the El Camino College Compton Center to the City of Compton at a community-wide meeting as well as to our campus community, at a campus-wide meeting. The two presentations included a comprehensive update of Compton Center's progress toward our overarching goals of increasing enrollment, building capacity and restoring credibility.

The City of Compton community meeting, hosted by Compton's Mayor Eric Perrodin, included comments from Trustees Jones and Cervantes; and Student Trustee King.

For those who missed the campus and community updates, the FCMAT ratings in all areas were addressed and showed overall improvement in all areas. This document is posted to the Compton Web site under Current News. Current and future projects and funding through the Measure CC bond passed by Compton Community College District voters in November 2002 were also addressed at the meetings.

The honorable Mayor Perrodin cited the importance of "increasing college-going rates in the City of Compton." At the community meeting, several Compton alumni spoke proudly of the positive impact Compton had on their lives, and how pleased they are about the current improvements being made.

This week the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) will be visiting El Camino College for our regular six year re-accreditation.

Accreditation Meetings

The ACCJC accreditation team members are visiting El Camino College and its centers October 6-9. An open meeting at Compton Center is scheduled for October 8 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Student Lounge. The "exit meeting" will be televised live from the El Camino College Torrance campus to the Compton Center Student Lounge on October 9 from 1:45 to 2:15 p.m.

The self-study is available on the Compton Center Web site. Printed copies and CDs are also available in each manager's office and at the library.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Compton Center. Closed session begins at 4:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the Board on closed session agenda items.

The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting on www.district.compton.edu and www.compton.edu.

Compton Center Welcomes New Full-time Faculty and Classified Staff

Welcome to our new faculty and staff! Sandra Bosfield and Frances Hayes-Cushenberry join our faculty as nursing instructors and Nasrollah Mehdizadeh will serve as a mathematics instructor.

Our accounting department will have three new staff members - Gloria Hughes and Kiana Smith are accountants and Latasha Millender is an accounting assistant.

Charmaine Nowlin has been appointed assistant shipping and receiving clerk. Eric Taylor joins our staff as a utility maintenance worker.

Congratulations to New Sigma Theta Tau Inductee

Congratulations to Michele Green, a part-time nursing instructor, who was recently inducted into Sigma Theta Tau International. Sigma Theta Tau is an honors nursing organization. While completing her master's level work, Michele graduated with a 3.8 G.P.A. She also holds a doctorate in Naturotherapy from Clayton College and a Master's of Science in Nursing from Drexel University in Philadelphia.

Compton Center Students to Attend UCI Saturdays with Scientists Program

El Camino Compton Center students have been selected to participate in the *UCI Saturdays with scholars* program for the 2008-09 academic year. The six students chosen are Francis Coreen, David Gardner, Jeanette Maria Ruiz, Masami Stafford, Xenia Rodriguez and Cristina Leatrice Thomas. 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.

Compton Center students will join 40 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 takes place over a series of five Saturdays, beginning October 18, and will include sessions on transfer admissions in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) fields, as well as special programs for STEM majors on the UCI campus.

Compton Center is Represented at Young Women's Conference

Alicia Zambrano, Outreach and Recruitment coordinator for Career and Technical Education and Women in Industry and Technology; Elizabeth Martinez, Transfer Center coordinator; and Priscilla Beas, Outreach specialist; will be presenters at the Young Women's Empowerment Conference hosted by State Senator Alan Lowenthal. The conference, entitled "Thinking Beyond Tomorrow," will be held at California State University Long Beach on Saturday, October 25, 2008. The event is designed for young women between the ages of 15-18 to promote education, health and personal success.

Ms. Zambrano's topic is "Careers in Industry and Technology Await You," and she will be providing an information table as well. Ms. Martinez will present on "Preparing for College in 10 Easy Steps," and Ms. Beas will speak on "Thinking Like a College Student."

Constitution Day at Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center Office of Student Life, Associated Student Body and Financial Aid presented a program in observance of U.S. Constitution Day on September 17. The event featured a "test your knowledge of the U.S. Constitution" quiz and a lecture by Tim Lee, Deputy District Director for 37th District Congress member, Laura Richardson.

More than 150 students and faculty members attended the program. They represented classes in Ethnic Studies, Women's Studies, American History, Speech; introductory courses in Criminology, Sociology and Political Science. The chair of the department of social sciences and fine arts, Dr. Cornelia Lyles, said: "It is necessary for Compton Center students to learn about the constitution and have an awareness of their rights." Faculty member, Billie Moore, indicated that the program "...stimulated interest in the constitution and the importance of registering to vote to take part in the process." Voter registration volunteers were on hand to register new voters or re-register those who had moved since the previous election.

Through a congressional statute, all educational institutions that receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Education are required to provide a program pertaining to the U.S. Constitution on September 17 each year.

REMEMBER TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 4!

Compton Center will serve as a polling place for community members.

Compton Center Faculty Member Presents at Annual Conference

Faculty member, Fazal K. Aasi, recently represented Compton Center as a guest speaker at the Annual Conference of California State Assembly of Surgical Technologists in Long Beach - his seventh consecutive appearance as a guest speaker at the conference. The topic of his presentation was "You've Got Some Nerves." He focused on the anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology (including Iatrogenic injuries to cranial nerves) and surgical treatment.

Cafeteria Update

The final inspection of the cafeteria by the Los Angeles County Health Department should take place mid-October. The renovation of the 50-year-old building included bringing up to code the ventilation, refrigeration, electrical and lighting systems. Additionally, a new ceiling, stainless steel shelves and sinks and new cabinetry were required.

Food service will be provided by S & B Foods. The cafeteria will be open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday hours are from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bookstore Hours

Bookstore hours through December 5 are Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The bookstore is closed on Fridays. The store will be closed on Monday, November 10 in observance of Veterans' Day and Wednesday through Friday, November 26, 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Please note that the campus is open on Wednesday, November 26 (the day before Thanksgiving), but the bookstore will be closed.

Main Campus Entrance Spruced Up

Have you noticed the new landscaping on the campus main entrance drive? Seasonal, drought tolerant plants have been added along with a low water use irrigation system.

Our campus is truly "going green."

Got Weights?

The highly anticipated reopening of the weight room took place prior to the Board of Trustees meeting on September 16. The new equipment included two treadmills, one exercise bike and three elliptical machines. The previous equipment was refurbished and reworked to allow for the addition of six more exercise machines. The renovation efforts cost was \$75,000. The weight room is available for students, faculty and staff.

ASB Officers and Programs

The Associated Student Body (ASB) has its new officers in place. They are looking forward to full participation in campus-wide events. The officers are:

- Rob Pitts, President
- Maria Montez, Vice President
- Rosio Soltero, Commissioner of Public Relations
- Malika Sharif, Commissioner of Clubs and Organizations
- Brian Turner, Commissioner of Athletics

Latino Heritage Month activities are in full swing beginning with an Independence Day Celebration with Mariachi, Ballet Folklorico and Aztec dancers in September and a field trip to the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) and a Marimba Concert in October.

The competition for choosing the Homecoming Queen and King takes place in October and November leading up to the Annual Homecoming Coronation and Dance, scheduled for November 15 at 7 p.m. at the Lakewood Country Club. Remember to come out and cheer for your team at the Homecoming game: **Compton Center VS. San Diego Mesa College at 1 p.m.**

Show Your Compton Center Spirit

Football and soccer season are in full swing for Compton Center's men's teams.

Take a look at the new scoreboard and goalposts. The practice field is being upgraded and will soon be ready for action. Come out to support our talented athletes and great coaches at home and away!

October/November Football Schedule:

Saturday, October 18 - 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 25 - 1 p.m.

Saturday, November 1 - 6 p.m.

Saturday, November 8 - 1 p.m.

Saturday, November 15 - 1 p.m.

Compton Center @ San Bernardino College

Golden West College @ Compton Center

Compton Center @ Los Angeles Harbor College

Compton Center @ Victor Valley College

San Diego Mesa College @ Compton Center

October/November Soccer Conference Games Schedule:

Friday, October 10 - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14 - 4 p.m.

Friday, October 17 - 6 p.m.

Tuesday, October 21 - 4 p.m.

Friday, October 24 - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 28 - 4 p.m.

Friday, October 31 - 4 p.m.

Tuesday, November 4 - 3 p.m.

Friday, November 7 - 3 p.m.

Tuesday, November 11 - 3 pm

Friday, November 14 - 3 pm

Compton Center @ Mt. Sac

Long Beach City College @ Compton Center

Compton Center @ L. A. Harbor College

Compton Center @ East L.A. College

Cerritos College @ Compton Center

Compton Center @ El Camino College

Compton Center @ Pasadena City College

Mt. Sac @ Compton Center

Compton Center @ Long Beach City College

Los Angeles Harbor College @ Compton Center

East Los Angeles College @ Compton Center

Calling all Alumni

Did you attend Compton Center or the former Compton College or know someone who has? We want to hear from you! The Resource Development Office invites all alumni of our Compton campus to register in our Alumni Database. Help us get the word out.

Registered alumni will have the opportunity to be informed of events and activities at Compton Center, receive invitations to alumni functions, participate in leadership opportunities, and much more.

Staff members at the Resource Development Office look forward to hearing from you. To register, please contact Rudy Lopez at rlopez@elcamino.edu.

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 to Ann M. Garten, community relations director, at agarten@elcamino.edu.