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El Camino College Compton Center Theater Arts Has a Greater Vision

The El Camino College Compton Center Theater Arts Program is presenting *Greater Visions*, an original script developed by the advanced theater production class, on December 4, 5, 9, and 10 at 7:30 p.m. with an additional performance on December 10 at noon. The production is presented at Compton Center, building Y, room 82. Donations are requested for admission and seating is limited.

The presentation is produced and directed by Dr. P.J. Van Niel, who formed the program in 1972 and has been at its helm since then, along with Tim Stewart, the technical director. Dr. Van Niel describes *Greater Visions* as a contemporary piece about people from separate cultures and belief systems who find themselves in a desert together. He credits the talent of Darius Garret, who served as a consultant on the recent movie *Freedom Writers*, "as the resident playwright in the production class."

Dr. Van Niel describes the play as fitting for the season. He says: "It is a contemporary ecumenical approach that reflects and expresses the wonderfully diverse global village of our time."

The theater arts program focuses coursework and production work on theater as a three dimensional, live process presenting people in action within the context of time, space and culture. The program emphasizes theoretical and practical work in reality-based acting as well as directing, design and stagecraft. A sense of community is fostered in the theater classroom and in each production.

For information about the production or the theater arts program, contact Tim Stewart at 310-900-1600, ext. 2962 or Dr. Van Niel at ext. 2965.

El Camino College Compton Center is accredited and serving the educational needs of our community. Students can earn an associate degree, transfer to a four-year university or receive career training. Fees are only \$20 per unit. The college catalog, class schedule, evening and weekend college offerings are available in-person or online at www.compton.edu. Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA; 310-900-1600.

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