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**El Camino College Compton Center  
Students Selected For UCI Program with Scientists**

Six El Camino College Compton Center students have been selected to participate in the *UCI Saturdays with Scientists scholars* program for the 2008-09 academic year. The students selected 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 (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.

“Congratulations to our students for their academic accomplishments and for being selected to participate in this prestigious program,” said Compton Center Provost, Lawrence Cox. “This is an outstanding opportunity for students to enrich their skills in science, technology, engineering and math, which can lead to careers in any of these lucrative professions.”

El Camino College Compton Center is fully accredited, serving the educational needs of our communities. Students are able to earn an associate degree, transfer to a four-year university or receive career training. Fees are only \$20 per unit. Class schedules, including evening and weekend college offerings, are available at [HYPERLINK "http://www.compton.edu"](http://www.compton.edu) [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu).

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