Library-Student Success Center Offers Full Menu of Services

The Library-Student Success Center, which opened in 2014, is the newest building for El Camino College Compton Center students. The center promotes energy efficiency and is a focal point for campus life, providing an inviting environment for student learning and instruction.

Located on the first floor, the Library supports students’ study and research needs with reference services, general library orientation, free Wi-Fi, research instruction, and group study rooms. The Student Success Center, located on the second floor, offers students four drop-in tutorial centers, including academic tutoring, a Writing Center, Math & Science Center, and Reading Success Center. The Student Success Center provides many other student resources including: a Supplemental Instruction program, Directed Learning Activities, academic skills workshops, and peer-led tutoring. A new Multidisciplinary Computer Lab features 100 new computers with a variety of academic software for students to utilize for computer-aided learning, word processing and research.

The building also accommodates numerous study rooms and a state-of-the-art training room for library orientation and staff training. Another highlight of the first floor is a public art gallery that will display rotating exhibits featuring local culture and history from throughout the community.

Commencement 2015: A Red Carpet Event

The 2015 Commencement Ceremony will take place on May 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Tartar Stadium. As part of the festivities, students, friends and family members are invited to join the Class of 2015 at the “Red Carpet Event” during this year’s Commencement Reception in the Gymnasium. A custom step-and-repeat backdrop will provide fun photo opportunities for graduates, family and friends. Attendees will be invited to take photos and post them online using the hashtag #ComptonGrad to be included in ECC Compton Center’s social media channels. There will also be real-time “tweets” posted on Twitter before, during and after the commencement ceremony via @Compton_Center.

ECC Compton Center 2014 graduate LaTrell Hitchens (second from right) poses at the Red Carpet Event step-and-repeat backdrop at the 2014 Commencement Reception with his guests at his side along with Keith Curry (left), CEO of Compton Community College District.
Compton resident Justin Medrano attended Warren High School in Downey, Calif. He is a 2014 ECC Compton Center graduate who transferred to the University of California, Santa Cruz last fall. The political science major and legal studies minor, plans to one day attend law school. He is interested in immigration law and reform.

Medrano took advantage of the many student services and resources available at ECC Compton Center to help him achieve his dream of transferring to a UC school. He was a financial aid and scholarship recipient, received assistance from the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOP&S), and regularly used the Transfer Center. “El Camino College Compton Center is a great choice for the start of one’s college career,” said Medrano. “Everyone is so friendly, and students and faculty alike have advice to offer from their own experiences.”

As the first person in his family to move away from his hometown, one of Medrano’s proudest moments at ECC Compton Center was earning his associate degree and attending the commencement ceremony. Medrano’s advice to first-time college students is simple: “The first semester of college is so important and can make or break your academic career, so stay focused!”

To learn more about the EOP&S Program, call 310-900-1600, Ext. 2912 or visit www.compton.edu/studentservices/eops.

Message from Barbara Perez

Vice President, El Camino College Compton Center

The El Camino Community College District Board of Trustees recently accepted the Accreditation Eligibility Application for ECC Compton Center.

El Camino College submitted the document to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) for its ECC Compton Center. El Camino Community College District Superintendent Thomas Fallo and Compton Community College District Special Trustee Thomas Henry personally delivered the application to the ACCJC.

Faculty, staff, administration and students have worked diligently to achieve the eligibility standards, paving the way for El Camino College to apply for eligibility status of the ECC Compton Center. The eligibility application process is based upon ECC Compton Center meeting the 21 ACCJC eligibility standards.

The Eligibility Application marks a significant step in the process for ECC Compton Center to become an accredited college.

The application is available on the ECC Compton Center Accreditation Web page: www.compton.edu/campusinformation/accreditation, then click the “Compton Center Eligibility Application – Final Version January 2015” link.

Message from Keith Curry

CEO, Compton Community College District

This fall, the Compton Community College District is looking forward to the grand opening of the all-new Allied Health Building. The $12 million Allied Health Building is supported by the 2002 Measure CC facilities bond and state capital outlay funds. The new building will incorporate state-of-the-art technology and provide permanent instructional facilities for the currently displaced Allied Health Instructional programs, including nursing and child development.

I would also like to sincerely thank all who participated in the successful passage of Measure C in November 2014. The passage of Measure C will ensure improved facilities and educational opportunities for students well into the future.

Voters showed their support for the Compton Community College District (CCCD) and El Camino College Compton Center by logging an impressive 78.3 percent yes votes on Measure C. More than 20,000 voters residing within District boundaries approved Measure C. The $100 million bond measure will allow the CCCD to upgrade classrooms, labs, infrastructure, and instructional equipment.

Every day we see how higher education changes lives. With the community’s support, we will continue to help students succeed by providing excellent academic opportunities to the communities served by the District. More information is available at: district.compton.edu/measure-c/.

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First Year Experience Program: A Personalized College Support System

The highly successful First Year Experience (FYE) program is completing its fifth year, connecting first-time college students with learning communities where students have a support base within the school, can collaborate, study in groups, and learn skills to ensure success at ECC Compton Center.

During 2013-14, students enrolled in FYE displayed an average retention rate (course completion rate, regardless of grade) of 90 percent, compared to 80 percent for the general population. The average success rate of FYE students (course completion with a grade of C or better) is 8 percent higher than the general population's average success rate.

“The FYE program was uplifting for me because it guided me on what to do in college, how to improve my GPA, and how to take the right classes to transfer,” said Kymberlee Wallace, ECC Compton Center 2014 graduate who transferred to UC Riverside last fall to major in sociology. “The FYE instructors and counselors are amazing; one instructor helped build my confidence as a student by working with me to identify my strengths.”

For more information or to enroll in FYE for fall 2015, call 310-900-1600, Ext. 2761. Did you participate in FYE? Share your experience on Twitter using #ComptonFYE.

Early College High School Established

El Camino College, in collaboration with the Compton Unified School District (CUSD), recently announced the creation of a new Early College High School program.

The Early College High School will provide highly motivated CUSD high school students with the opportunity to earn both a high school diploma and two years of college credit toward an associate degree. Local high school students who participate in this program will be taking college classes offered by El Camino College Compton Center.

“El Camino College Compton Center is pleased to collaborate with the Compton Unified School District to better prepare students to succeed in college, earn degrees, and compete for high-paying jobs,” said Keith Curry, Compton Community College District CEO.

For more information, contact CUSD Education Services at 310-639-4321, Ext. 55253.
Classes Added for Summer and Fall 2015!

UC and CSU Students: Take a Class this Summer Close to Home

UC and CSU students can earn transferable credits close to home for only $46 per unit! Hundreds of classes have been added to ECC Compton Center’s Summer 2015 schedule and applications are being accepted now at www.compton.edu.

“El Camino College Compton Center is an important resource for working adults. It provides a foundation for figuring out what you want to do at a lower cost than attending a university.”

Carolyn Scott
LASD Administrative Services Manager
MPA 2010, National University
BS Business Administration 1998, CSUDH
Student at former Compton Community College, 1991

Four Steps to Enroll at ECC Compton Center!

APPLY - PREPARE - TEST - PLAN

All new students can qualify for early registration if they complete the four Steps to Enroll by March 31, 2015.*

APPLY - New and returning students must complete an application.
PREPARE - All new students must participate in an orientation session and are encouraged to take practice placement tests.
TEST - Assessment testing must be completed prior to registering for classes.
PLAN - Students must see a counselor prior to registration to develop an education plan.

For more info on the Steps to Enroll, visit www.compton.edu/starthere

Summer 2015
- First six-week summer session begins May 26
- Eight-week summer session begins June 22
- Second six-week summer session begins July 7

Fall 2015
- Fall semester classes begin August 22

*High School Graduates Receive Priority Registration
Priority registration is available to 2015 high school graduates living with the Compton Community College District (Compton, Lynwood, Paramount and Willowbrook, as well as portions of Athens, Bellflower, Carson, Downey, Dominguez Hills, Lakewood, North Long Beach, and South Gate) who complete the four steps by March 31, 2015.

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