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## **El Camino College Compton Center Names New Provost**

The El Camino College Compton Center has announced the appointment of a provost to oversee daily operations at the Compton campus. Lifelong educator Doris Pichon Givens begins her new post at the El Camino College Compton Center on August 15.

With 27 years of community college experience, Givens is well known for her administrative leadership abilities. She most recently served as the interim president of West Los Angeles College in Culver City, where she led a highly successful accreditation self study which the accreditation team accepted this past spring.

“We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Givens to the Compton Center. Her background and experience will be a great asset as we work to provide educational opportunities to the residents of the Compton Community College District,” said Thomas M. Fallo, Superintendent/President of the El Camino Community College District.

Givens holds a doctorate in community college leadership and public affairs from the University of Texas at Austin; a master’s and bachelor’s degree from California State University, San Diego; and an associate degree from Grossmont College in El Cajon.

Past career experience also includes serving as interim president of Los Angeles City College, as well as president of Spokane Community College. From 1992-2000 Givens was the dean of human arts & sciences at Palomar College in San Marcos; and was department chair, department facilitator, and a faculty member at San Diego City College from 1979-1992. While at San Diego City College, she also coordinated ACHIEVE (Academic Cultural and Human Interventions for Educational Vitality and Excellence) a student achievement program aimed at recruiting and retaining at-risk students – culminating in a 97 percent retention rate among students in the program.

Givens is a member of several professional organizations, including: the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA); California Administrator’s Leadership Seminar (CALs); Western Region of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC); League for Innovation Executive Leadership Institute; President’s Roundtable Mentoring Workshop; and the Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society.

In her community, Givens is a member of the Culver City Chamber of Commerce, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Healthcare Committee, and a YWCA volunteer,

among other activities. She is often called upon to be a keynote speaker at many community functions, performs as a musician for her church, and is a conflict resolution facilitator/mediator.

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