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El Camino College Compton Center Introduces College Life to Young Men at Invitational Conference

El Camino College Compton Center hosted a male conference entitled: "Take Charge of Your Future" on December 3 with the goal of empowering young men by providing information about educational and career opportunities. Approximately 650 male students in grades 6-12 participated in the event, and for many of the students, it was their first time visiting a college campus.

The keynote speech, which was open to the general public, was given by world-renowned, motivational speaker Calvin Mackie. Humor, interaction and authenticity trademark Mackie's high-energy keynotes on motivation, education, leadership skills, mentoring, diversity, life balance and teambuilding. Mackie has been described as "dynamic, compelling, and inspiring," delivering "messages that are always powerful, heart-to-heart and mind-to-mind to help guide and direct students of all ages in their lives and careers." He spoke in the Tarter Gym to a standing-room-only audience that included the Male Conference participants, students, and members of the community.

"We are proud to offer the young people of our community the opportunity to experience firsthand the types of educational services and programs available at El Camino College Compton Center," said Johnny Conley, outreach specialist at Compton Center. "In only three years, this program has grown tremendously and we are able to host renowned speakers like Calvin Mackie to inspire not only conference attendees, but also the community at large."

The conference also highlighted presentations from financial aid, Career and Technical Education, the Transfer Center and others. All participants had an opportunity to get hands-on experience in majors and vocational careers such as music, technology, welding, law enforcement, auto technology, robotics and nursing. For information about the Male Conference, contact Johnny Conley at 310-900-1600, ext. 2767 or via e-mail at jconley@elcamino.edu.

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is accredited and serving the residents of our local communities. Students may earn an associate degree, transfer to a four-year university or receive career training. Fees are only \$26 per unit. The college catalog and class schedule for day, evening, weekend and online courses is available on the Web site at www.compton.edu or may be picked up at El Camino College Compton Center located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA. For more information, call 310-900-1600.

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