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El Camino College Compton Center Commencement Ceremony

The El Camino College Compton Center commencement will take place on Thursday, June 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the campus quadrangle area, with a reception to follow. Approximately 175 students have met the requirements to participate, and will be awarded associate's degrees and certificates. Many will be transferring to a four-year college or university. The graduates look forward to celebrating this occasion with their families, friends and community members.

Compton Center is extremely honored to have Cruz Reynoso as commencement speaker. He served as associate justice of the California Supreme Court from 1982-87, and was the first Latino to hold that position. He has dedicated his life to public service as a champion for civil rights, immigration policy government reform and legal services for the poor.

Reynoso's exemplary career in law and public service began at Fullerton College where he earned an associate degree. He received a bachelor's degree at Pomona College, and a law degree from the University of California at Berkeley.

Reynoso has received numerous awards and acclamations during his illustrious career. He received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor, from President Bill Clinton. He has also received the Hispanic Heritage Foundation's Hispanic Heritage Award in Education and the American Bar Association's Robert J. Kutak and Spirit of Excellence Awards for his considerable contributions toward increasing cooperation between legal education, the practicing bar and the judiciary. Reynoso has received the University of California, Davis Medal of Honor, the university's highest tribute to accomplished individuals.

For information about the commencement, contact Robert Butler, director of special programs and services at 310-900-1600, ext. 2800.

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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