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**First Annual Athletic Academic Awards Ceremony
At El Camino College Compton Center**

El Camino College Compton Center's athletic department is proud to host an inaugural event—the First Annual Athletic Academic Awards Ceremony. It is scheduled for Wednesday, May 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Compton Center gymnasium.

The ceremony will mark the first time Compton Center athletes will be recognized for their academic achievements. Among the presenters are El Camino College president, Dr. Thomas Fallo, and El Camino College Compton Center Provost, Dr. Lawrence Cox.

According to Compton Center athletic director, Albert “Lefty” Olguin, the intent of the award ceremony is “to kick-start a new trend that recognizes academics before athletics.” He says: “While most colleges claim academics are a part of their mission statement, we are declaring it as our primary goal. This yearly event will focus on the academic accomplishments of our program and not the athletic merits of our teams.” This policy reflects the motto of Compton Center’s coaching staff--recruit, educate, matriculate and graduate.

The guest speaker is Tina Fernandes, the women’s sprint team’s assistant coach at the University of Southern California (USC). She is in her tenth year at USC and has guided the sprint team to be one of the best in the nation for the past several years. Fernandes was named the West Region Sprints Assistant Coach of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) in 2005 and 2007. She was the 2008 Olympic coach and team leader representing Puerto Rico at the Beijing games.

Coaching is a way of life for Tina Fernandes and her husband, Sean Fernandes, who is Compton Center’s head football coach.

For information about the athletic program and to rsvp for the First Annual Athletic Academic Awards, contact Lefty Olguin at aolguin@elcamino.edu or by calling 310-900-1600, ext. 2940.

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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