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## **El Camino College Compton Center Students Transfer to Four-Year Institutions; Upcoming Fall 2009 University Tour Schedule Announced**

The Regional Transfer Collaborative program is designed to increase the number of El Camino College Compton Center students that transfer to four-year colleges and universities. Since December 2004, Compton Center's Regional Transfer Collaborative has partnered with local four-year universities for maximum long-term student success. Each academic year, many Compton Center students successfully transfer to four-year institutions to continue their studies.

When Emilio Martinez was ready to enter college, he decided to follow in his brother's footsteps. That path led him directly to El Camino College Compton Center. As participants in Compton Center's transfer program, both Martinez and his brother, Juan Vargas, participated in a wide range of activities that helped prepare them to successfully transfer to a four-year university.

"I always knew I wanted to go to college, but I wasn't sure where I wanted to go. My brother attended Compton Center as part of the Regional Transfer Collaborative, which provides meetings with counselors, workshops and field trips to guide you in the transfer process," Martinez said. "Through my own experience with the Transfer Center, I now know the four-year college I want to attend and the major I want to pursue."

The Transfer Collaborative offers the advantage of smaller class sizes, greater focus on instruction and a full college experience at a cost of approximately \$300 per semester, noted Elizabeth Martinez, coordinator of the Transfer Center. Additionally, students have access to advisors, regularly scheduled visits by college admissions officers, and workshops on the transfer process as well as guidance in choosing and applying to universities.

For Vargas, that guidance was key in deciding his next educational steps. "Through the Transfer Center, I have had the opportunity to visit colleges and participate in a summer program on a university campus," Vargas said. Both brothers agree they are now better prepared to attend a four-year university after their experience at Compton Center.

### **Fall 2009 Upcoming University Tours:**

All students may take advantage of upcoming free university tours sponsored by the Transfer Center. Field trips are planned for the following dates: Oct. 30, University of California, Irvine; Nov. 13, University of Southern California (USC); Nov. 20, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); and Dec. 11, California State University, Long Beach.

Representatives from several universities will also visit El Camino College Compton Center this semester, including the California State University campuses of Dominguez Hills, Long Beach, and Northridge, as well as visits from UCLA and Mount St. Mary's. In addition, the Transfer Center will offer a CSU Application Workshop on Oct. 21, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and a UC

Application Workshop on Oct. 22, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. All visits and meetings with campus representatives are scheduled in the Transfer Center, Room D-29.

The annual Fall Transfer Day Fair is Tuesday, Nov. 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Compton Center Student Lounge.

Group workshops, individualized help, and other students are also available year-round at the Transfer Center. Students interested in any of these Transfer Center activities should contact the Transfer Center at 310-900-1600, ext. 2764 or e-mail Elizabeth Martinez at [elmartinez@elcamino.edu](mailto:elmartinez@elcamino.edu).

### **About 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](http://www.compton.edu) or may be picked up at Compton Center located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA. For more information, call 310-900-1600.

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