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**Local Author to Speak at El Camino College Compton Center
Stan Allotey Discusses His Novel "The Eye of an Eagle"**

El Camino College Compton Center today announced author Stan Allotey will speak at the Student Lounge on Wednesday, September 23, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. Allotey, Olympic athlete and previous 21-year employee of Compton Center, will discuss his new novel "The Eye of an Eagle," published in August 2009.

"The Eye of an Eagle" is the story of 18-year old Nii Mensah Ankrah, an African student who escapes a Ghanaian coup and lands at UCLA in the United States to study and find a way to make his country a better place to live. He is befriended by three African graduate students at UCLA who become his mentors. A turn of events unfortunately leads Ankrah to Skid Row. It takes all of his inner strength, a sense of determination, and the loyalty of his mentors to help him return to earn a master's degree at UCLA, a job at Compton Center, and a triumphant return to Ghana to make a difference. The story is fictional, but based on events in the lives of Allotey and two of his friends. Publisher's notes describe the book as a must-read for understanding the difference in cultures and how they affect us all.

Stan Allotey is an internationally prominent track star from Ghana. He won two gold medals at the British Commonwealth Games in Kingston, Jamaica in 1966. He also participated in the 1964 and 1968 Olympic Games. In 1987, he was inducted into the California State University Athletic Hall of Fame. The *Ghana Review International* magazine recently included Allotey in an article entitled "40 Years of Ghana Sports." The editors described Allotey as "Ghana's best athlete of all time."

From humble beginnings in Ghana followed by his graduation from Prempeh College, Allotey was awarded a track scholarship to UCLA. Through hard work and persistence, he earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism and a master's degree in Public Administration. After graduation, he took a position as the transfer and administration specialist at Compton Center (formerly Compton Community College). Allotey is a long-time supporter of the city of Compton.

The complimentary event is open to the public. Copies of "The Eye of an Eagle" will be available for purchase, and the presentation will be followed by a book signing and a light snack reception.

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 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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