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El Camino College Compton Center Publishes Second Annual Fact Book

College achieves positive trends in enrollment growth, retention rates and student outcomes.

Student success is a priority at El Camino College Compton Center, and last year, the institution experienced positive trends in many areas, including increases in enrollment, a rise in the overall course completion rate as well as an increase in the number of degrees and certificates awarded.

We are dedicated to serving local communities and providing for the educational needs of all students. In the last several years, administration, faculty and staff have worked hard to better our institution by making improvements that ensure students achieve success and attain their academic goals.

Each year, El Camino College Compton Center publishes an Annual Fact Book. First produced in 2008 by the Office of Institutional Research, this year's Fact Book includes information about student and enrollment trends, special programs, success and retention rates, and student outcomes such as persistence, graduation and transfer trends. Among the 2009 year-end highlights are:

Student and Enrollment Trends

Fifty-five percent of enrolled students are between the ages of 18 and 24, while 35 percent of students are working adults between the ages of 25 and 44. The majority of the enrollment growth last year was among ages 19 or younger, which increased 37 percent.

Among the current student population, 33 percent of students come from outside the district, while the majority comes from local high schools within the Compton Community College District. Last year, enrollment from Gardena Senior High and Carson Senior High (which are both out of the district) increased by 40 percent and 38 percent respectively.

Overall, El Camino College Compton Center enrollment has continued its upward trend over the last several years. From 2006 to 2008, Compton Center experienced a significant increase in headcount. Enrollment increased 14 percent in 2007-2008 over the previous year, and then increased another 31 percent in 2008-2009.

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Special Programs

El Camino College Compton Center offers a full complement of student services and programs, one of which is the Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOP&S). This program, designed to assist low income and educationally disadvantaged students, serves approximately 15 percent of our student population. In 2008-2009, there was a 27 percent increase in the number of students benefitting from EOP&S.

In 2008-2009, the number of CalWORKS participants increased by 251 students, an 81 percent increase, which is attributed to successful community partnerships established by the CalWORKS program, as well the Los Angeles County referral program. The program helps eligible students who are single parents earn degrees and certificates while gaining work experience that leads to employment.

El Camino College Compton Center also accommodates students with disabilities through its Disabled Student Programs and others services. During 2008-2009, 2 percent of Compton Center's student population were students with registered disabilities.

Financial Aid

On average, 32 percent of El Camino College Compton Center students receive some form of financial aid. The college launched a successful financial aid awareness campaign in 2009, which has helped increase the number of students applying for and receiving aid. More than 5,310 ECC Compton Center students applied for financial aid for the 2009-2010 academic year.

More than \$3 million in Federal Pell Grants was awarded to 1,496 ECC Compton Center students for 2009-2010. In addition, \$67,500 in Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG) was awarded to 225 students, and 4,929 students received a collective total of more than \$3.5 million in Board of Governor waivers.

Success and Retention

There is an overall average success rate (course completion with a grade of C or better) at El Camino College Compton Center of 61 percent and a retention rate (course completion regardless of grade) of 73 percent. In the last year, the success rate for basic skills writing increased by 44 percent, while basic skills reading success rates increased slightly. The success rate for transfer-level courses averages 66 percent. Over the last three years, the average success rate for degree/credit applicable courses was 53 percent.

Student Outcomes

El Camino College Compton Center has awarded a total of 349 degrees and certificates in the last three years. From 2007 to 2008, the number of degrees/certificates awarded increased by 35 percent. In the last year, the number of AA degree recipients increased by 55 percent. A total of 150 students were awarded degrees in 2008-2009, an increase of 44 degrees over the previous academic year. Students between the ages of 25 and 49 earned 62 percent of the degrees and 57 percent of all certificates awarded over the past three years.

For the complete 2009 Annual Fact Book, go to:

<http://www.elcamino.edu/administration/ir/docs/eccprofile/COM-2009-Annual-Fact-Book.pdf>

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