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Foundation for the Compton Community College District Announces Selection of New Director

The Foundation for the Compton Community College District (FCCCD) recently selected Juan F. Pazos as the new director.

The new director position heads the FCCCD's administrative staff, and is responsible for coordinating all Foundation activities and establishing processes for the implementation of development strategies and endowment programs including coordinating fundraising, scholarship programs, donor relations, and alumni development activities. The director also coordinates meetings and training for the Board, as well as develops mutually beneficial partnerships with individual and corporate partners to further the Foundation's mission of supporting student success.

Through partnerships with individuals and corporations in the surrounding areas, the foundation provides financial support, scholarships and other needed resources to El Camino College Compton Center students, faculty and staff for ongoing improvement of the academic environment.

Juan Pazos is a development and marketing consultant with 10 years experience working with secondary, undergraduate and graduate educational institutions, as well as nonprofit organizations. He most recently implemented successful marketing and development plans for Belly Sprout and its nonprofit branch Bloom OC, and consulted with St. Anthony's in Long Beach as director of development and marketing. From 2002-2008, he served as executive director and director of Academy of the Arts at Fullerton High School; from 2003-2006 he was an adjunct faculty member at Fullerton College; and from 2000-2001 he was the student outreach officer at the University of California, San Diego. In addition, Pazos has extensive professional experience in theater arts, having served as a theater manager, director and writer early in his professional career.

Pazos earned a bachelor's degree in theater and a minor in anthropology from the University of California, San Diego and a master's in anthropology from California State University, Fullerton. He is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and was recognized by the Orange County Department of Education as an outstanding Arts Administrator in 2007.

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In addition, two new members have been appointed to the Foundation's Board of Directors: Sherri Franklin of Urban Design Center and Kaweba Bunting, a sociology professor at El Camino College Compton Center. The FCCCD was newly established in May 2009, and its Board of Directors now has 13 members.

The 13 Foundation board members are: FCCCD President Tony Williams, manager of professional development at Southern California Edison (SCE); James Castillo, who retired as vice president of district operations for the United Parcel Service (UPS); Sherri Franklin, principal of Urban Design Center; Dasol Mashaka, program manager for Parsons Corporation; John Phalen, president of Pacific Directions; Martin Vargas, vice president of customer relations for First Class Vending, Inc.; and Compton Community College District CEO Lawrence Cox; as well as the following representatives from El Camino College Compton Center: Kaweba Bunting, FCCCD Treasurer Ronald Gerhard, Mohammad Khalilzadeh, Elizabeth Martinez, Rodney Murray, and FCCCD Secretary Nelly Rodriguez.

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