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Record Number of Students Apply for Financial Aid at El Camino College Compton Center

To help offset rising education costs for students and keep enrollment up, El Camino College Compton Center has an ongoing financial aid awareness campaign called “Need cash for college? You may qualify for \$5,550 in Financial Aid and \$2,000 in Scholarships!”

To help students with the application process, El Camino College Compton Center is hosting a **free “Cash for College” Workshop on Saturday, February 20**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Vocational Technology Building.

The college’s financial aid campaign has helped increase the number of students applying for and receiving aid. As of January 27, 5,310 Compton Center students have applied for financial aid for the 2009-2010 academic year. More than \$3 million in Federal Pell Grants have been awarded to 1,496 Compton Center students for 2009-2010. In addition, \$67,500 in SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant) aid has been awarded to 225 students, and 4,929 students have received a collective total of more than \$3.5 million in Board of Governor waivers.

The goal of the campaign is to inform students that they may qualify for \$5,550 in Federal Pell Grants and to encourage more students to apply for financial aid and scholarships. Following a highly successful campaign last fall, the current campaign includes information on www.compton.edu and portal notices; student e-mails; message points for faculty, outreach staff and counselors; as well as fliers, posters, banners, and news releases. Students who visit the Web site will be directed to a page that provides information about qualification criteria and how to apply, links to the ECC financial aid page and the FAFSA application site at www.fafsa.ed.gov. FAFSA applications are screened for both federal and state financial aid, making it an easy, one-stop process for students.

The deadline for Cal Grant applications is March 2, 2010.

For more information and to get assistance with the application process, contact the Financial Aid Office, Room E-17, at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2935.

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is the community’s education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. Many classes are available and offered at an affordable price—fees are only \$26 per unit. The 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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