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## **El Camino College Compton Center Plans Cesar Chávez Day Festivities**

On March 31, El Camino College Compton Center will host a Cesar Chávez Day celebration presented by the Student Life Office and Associate Student Body in the Student Lounge from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The presentation will include a lecture by Paul M. Flor, Professor of Political Science, illustrating the history of Cesar Chávez and the farm workers' movement. The presentation will include a fresh produce exhibit as a symbol of the plight of those who were catalysts of a movement designed to improve conditions of migrant farm workers and their families. The celebration will also include entertainment by a Norteño musical group, as well as delicious Mexican cuisine.

One of our country's most inspirational labor leaders, Chávez founded and led the first successful farm workers' union in the United States. When he passed away on April 23, 1993, he was president of the United Farm Workers of America. Against all odds, 1960s grape pickers made history when they won the right to bargain after beginning their fight thinking their chance at success was close to zero. Generations that followed have one man to thank for decades of tireless leadership and nonviolent tactics used in the fight for social justice, especially for migrant farm workers. Cesar Estrada Chávez was a common man with an uncommon vision for humankind who firmly believed in equality, justice and dignity for all Americans.

In 1994, Chávez's family and the officers of the UFW created the Cesar E. Chávez Foundation ([www.chavezfoundation.org](http://www.chavezfoundation.org)) to inspire current and future generations by promoting the ideals of Chavez's life, work and vision. Today, Cesar Chávez Day is a legal holiday in 10 states (Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin), and the Cesar E. Chávez National Holiday organization continues to lobby to win a national holiday for the late labor leader and activist.

For more information on the Cesar Chávez Day festivities, contact the Office of Student Life at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2802.

### **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](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.