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## **Foundation for the CCCD Establishes New Textbook Fund**

In an effort to help offset the textbook price barrier for students at El Camino College Compton Center, the Foundation for the Compton Community College District recently donated \$7,600 to start a textbook fund for students.

The Foundation is now seeking donations from the community to help build the textbook fund at El Camino College Compton Center so that every student will have the books they need.

“The cost of textbooks is a real barrier for many students,” said Keith Curry, ECC Compton Center Dean of Student Affairs. “A significant percentage of our students choose not to purchase all the course materials listed on the syllabus. The new textbook fund will help us support students by giving them the tools they need to succeed in the classroom.”

With the start of the book fund, an ad hoc committee selected approximately 50 book titles to donate to the Lending Library so students are able to check them out. More than 30 courses are positively impacted by these book donations.

According to a 2005 study by the U.S. Government Accountability Office, college textbook prices increased at twice the rate of inflation over the previous two decades, though not as dramatically as tuition. Nationally, it is estimated that students now spend an average of \$900 per year on textbooks.

The Foundation is encouraging the community to donate to this new textbook fund to benefit students at El Camino College Compton Center. To make a donation, please contact Juan Pazos, Foundation Director at (310) 900-1600, ext. 2972 or [jpazos@elcamino.edu](mailto:jpazos@elcamino.edu).

### **About the Compton Community College District**

The Compton Community College District serves the communities of Carson, Compton, Enterprise, North Long Beach, Lynwood, Paramount and Willowbrook. The District is governed by a state-appointed Special Trustee, who works with the five-member elected Board of Trustees. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA, 90221.

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