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El Camino College Compton Center Celebrates Black History Month With A Series of Special Events

A keynote performance showcasing the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. is the featured event of El Camino College Compton Center's celebration of Black History Month. It is part of a series of special events that kicks off Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 11 a.m., with a traditional African attire day featuring a drum procession, dance performance and an African marketplace in the Tartar Quad.

The one-act performance called "What Do You Dream Of?" by Compton native Gerald C. Rivers will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23. A professional actor and motivational speaker, Rivers will deliver a 45-minute performance featuring famous speeches by Dr. King at 11 a.m. in the Student Lounge. He will also offer an evening performance at 6 p.m. that is free and open to the public, which will be followed by a panel presentation on "The King Legacy." Rivers created his one-man show to highlight the voice, spirit and teachings of Dr. King and his "I Have a Dream" speech, as well as additional passages from several of his other speeches.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Life and Associated Student Body, the month-long Black History celebration at ECC Compton Center also features:

- A student bus excursion to the Pan Afrikan Film Festival in Culver City to see the hip-hop documentary "Black August;" on Friday, Feb. 18, at 10 a.m.
- "Original Voices," a theatrical production featuring original works by Compton Center theater arts students on Monday, Feb. 28, at noon and on Tuesday, March 1, at 7 p.m. in Room Y-80.
- A bus trip to the Malcolm X Festival at Leimert Park in Los Angeles, featuring lectures, exhibits and a tour of L.A.'s African Cultural Center on Tuesday, March 8, at 8 a.m.
- "Karamu," the culminating event for Black History Month, featuring a communal sharing of African and African-American cuisine on Wednesday, March 16, at noon in the Student Lounge.

All events are open to the public and complimentary, unless otherwise noted above. For more information, call 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 website at www.compton.edu or may be picked up at ECC Compton Center located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA. For more information, call 310-900-1600.

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