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## **El Camino College Compton Center Hosting One-Stop Event for Free Tax Preparation Assistance and “Cash for College” Fair**

Need help preparing and filing your taxes, as well as applying for student financial aid? El Camino College Compton Center is hosting Intuit, the makers of Turbo Tax, and the Computer and Communications Industry Association (CCIA), who will provide free tax preparation and filing assistance on Friday, Feb. 25 and Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Compton Center Vocational Technology building atrium; registration is on the first floor.

Also at ECC Compton Center on Feb. 26 is a “Cash for College” fair for parents and students from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Vocational Technology building. This event is free to the public and includes an in-depth presentation in both English and Spanish on available financial aid and scholarships. There will be online computer assistance and expert guidance with the Federal Financial Aid Application (FAFSA) to meet the March 2 priority deadline. Those who attend the Cash for College workshop will also be entered into a drawing to win a \$1,000 scholarship. There will also be an education resource fair for individuals and families to learn about programs and services available at ECC Compton Center. The resource fair will include representatives from Cal-SOAP, CalWorks and Compton Career Link WorkSource Center, among others.

Taxpayers can prepare and file their 2010 federal return for FREE if one of the following applies: earned \$31,000 Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) or less in 2010; qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC); or served Active Military Duty in 2010, including Reservists and National Guard, with a 2010 W-2 and an AGI of \$57,000 or less.

Participants need to bring a copy of their 2009 tax return, if available; a picture I.D. for each taxpayer and spouse, if applicable; a social security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for each family member; proof of income—including W2s, 1098Ts and 1099 forms; documentation of deductible expenses; and account and routing numbers of checking and savings accounts for direct deposit. Trained volunteers and tax experts will be on hand to provide assistance. Spanish translation is available.

To make a reservation for tax preparation assistance, call 866-577-1231 and mention you are calling for an appointment for the Tax Freedom Project. Walk-ins are welcome.

### **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](http://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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