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El Camino College Compton Center Presents “Cesar Chávez Speaks” and Other Activities in Observance of Cesar Chávez Day

El Camino College Compton Center will celebrate civil rights leader Cesar Chávez with a series of activities on Thursday, March 31, in the Student Lounge from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Associated Student Body (ASB) and Office of Student Life are hosting the day’s festivities which will include a produce exhibit with samples, poetry readings, music, a selection of Mexican cuisine for purchase, and a portrayal of Cesar Chávez by actor Roberto Alcaraz. The celebratory event is free and open to the public.

The highlight of the Cesar Chávez Day Observance will be a 45-minute performance entitled “Cesar Chávez Speaks” written, adapted and performed by Roberto Alcaraz. Alcaraz’s presentation is designed to entertain and educate with excerpts from speeches by Cesar Chávez interlaced with a fictional interpretation of the “movimiento” (the Movement) and the state of civil, as well as worker’s rights today.

Alcaraz is an accomplished actor and singer, as well as a professor, with a career spanning over 20 years. He has performed with the East L.A. Classic Theatre, The Bilingual Foundation for the Arts and Reprise Theatre Company. In actor and activist Ed Begley Jr.’s play *Cesar and Ruben, the Cesar Chávez Story*, Alcaraz played the role of Cesar Chávez. He also traveled extensively throughout Latin America experiencing and documenting the culture, traditions and ceremonies of the people as the host of a 13 part series by Latino Public Broadcasting called *My Americas*.

For more information, please call (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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