



# NEWS

El Camino College Compton Center | Public Relations & Marketing Department  
16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90506  
Contact: Ann M. Garten, Director, Community Relations  
Telephone: (310) 660-3406 | Email: [agarten@elcamino.edu](mailto:agarten@elcamino.edu)

**For Immediate Release**

**December 12, 2012**

## **The Foundation for the Compton Community College District Surpasses Osher Scholarship Endowment Goal and Looks Toward Future**

One of the main goals of the Foundation for the Compton Community College District (FCCCD) since its establishment in 2009 is to help maintain and expand educational programs and services through financial support, scholarships and other needed resources. To further this mission, the Foundation participated in a historic fundraising campaign for the largest-ever scholarship endowment—the Osher Initiative for California Community College Students.

Initially, the Foundation set a goal to raise \$146,000 before June 30, 2011, in order to be eligible for a 50 percent match from the Bernard Osher Foundation. Ultimately, the FCCCD surpassed that goal and raised more than \$190,000 toward the Osher Scholarship Endowment, an amount that was increased by the 50 percent match from the Osher Foundation. The endowment funds will be used to provide future scholarship support and since 2009, the FCCCD has distributed over 100 scholarships to ECC Compton Center students through its fundraising efforts.

The Foundation continues to make great strides in fundraising by strategically aligning itself with community members and area businesses. Specifically, the FCCCD would like to recognize Southern California Edison, Wells Fargo Bank, Arthur Q. Tyler Scholarship, Danny McDonald Memorial Scholarship, Stephanie Cooper Aspiring Teacher Memorial Scholarship and Robert Spiecker Memorial Scholarship for pledging support to the scholarship program.

In 2010, a Textbook Fund was established to help offset the increasing cost of textbooks for students, who may now use the Lending Library at ECC Compton Center where books are available for more than 30 courses. In 2012, the Foundation set a goal to raise \$45,000 toward the Textbook Fund, and asked for faculty and staff support, to be able to distribute book vouchers to eligible students with financial need.

## **2-2-2-2 Foundation for the Compton Community College District**

The Foundation is also seeking to provide additional support, beyond traditional scholarships, through a variety of initiatives. Community members may also donate to the CEO's Circle with a minimum annual unrestricted gift of \$1,500, as well as make donations specifically to the Tartar Athletics Program and Fine Arts Department.

The FCCCD is dedicated to addressing the challenges that the State of California has imposed on the District, and the communities it serves, through continued decreases in funding for education. One solution is through donations to the Foundation from businesses and individuals. Together as a community we can help every single student reach their full potential.

To make a donation, please contact Kim Baker Stanback at the FCCCD at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2971 or via email to [kbaker@elcamino.edu](mailto:kbaker@elcamino.edu).

### **About the FCCCD**

The Foundation for the Compton Community College District (FCCCD) was established in 2009 with the mission of maintaining and expanding educational programs and services to students. Through partnerships with individuals and corporations in the surrounding areas, the Foundation provides financial support, scholarships and other needed resources to ECC Compton Center students. The Foundation also supports programs and services that enhance the academic environment.

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

Board meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

###