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El Camino College Compton Center Names 2013 Distinguished Faculty and Staff

El Camino College Compton Center recently announced its honorees for the 2013 Distinguished Faculty and Staff awards at the Annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Breakfast, an event designed to thank all members of the campus community for their commitment to ECC Compton Center and its educational mission. Vanessa Haynes, academic counselor; Dustin Black, adjunct history professor; and Alice Hawkins, staff member, were recognized for their dedication to ECC Compton Center students and to their professions.

Vanessa Haynes, recipient of the Distinguished Faculty award, has served as an academic counselor at ECC Compton Center since 1998. A respected counselor who is valued by her colleagues for her energy and enthusiasm, Haynes is known for her commitment to innovation and her passion for student success. She guides students by developing individual education plans, recommending workshops, and teaching Human Development courses. According to students and peers, Haynes is regarded as passionate about education and goes above and beyond to help students prepare for graduation. She also provides support to veterans, counseling them on the regulations and process for certification for Veteran Education Benefits. Her devotion to ECC Compton Center students and fellow faculty members is reflected in the depth of her involvement, including programs such as New Student Welcome Day, Transfer Center, Athletic Counseling, Student Success, EOPS/CARE, Student Learning Outcomes, and the Commencement Committee. Haynes earned both a master's degree in education counseling and student personnel and a bachelor's degree in social science from San Jose State University.

Dustin Black, recipient of the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty award, is an exemplary member of the History Department. He is recognized as an instructor who "is focused on student success and getting the best out of his students." Black was instrumental in establishing a new chapter of the student honors society Alpha Gama Sigma (Tau chapter) at ECC Compton Center. The Alpha Gama Sigma honors society helps students define and reach their goals by providing the information and focus needed for success. He serves as an advisor for Alpha Gamma Sigma on his own time, is a mentor for the First Year Experience program, and consistently seeks ways to help students excel. Black earned a master's degree in history from California State University, Los Angeles and a bachelor's degree in history from California State University, Long Beach.

Alice Hawkins, recipient of the Distinguished Staff award, is a valued member of the Maintenance and Operations Department. She is recognized for being professional at all times, and contributing beyond her day-to-day responsibilities. When assigned to the Athletic Department, Hawkins coordinated the awards banquet, arranging all details of the event including food, decor and the student-athlete awards. As a member of Homeland Security with the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Hawkins has earned the rank of Flotilla Commander. She is currently studying to earn a master's degree in counseling psychology at National University and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

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. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

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