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## Compton College's Three-Year Report to the Community Highlights Continued Student Success

Former foster youth Dayshawn J. Loudon has beat the odds thanks to Compton College. The 2017 graduate of Compton College is among the 7 percent of African-American men in the U.S. to earn an associate degree, and he is on his way to being one of the 17 percent of the same demographic who earn a bachelor's degree. He will soon begin his second year at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) where he is studying political science on a full scholarship.

“Compton College helps limit the excuses – there is help and support for single mothers, veterans, the formerly incarcerated, and the homeless,” said Loudon. “Compton College doesn't allow your circumstances to get in the way of your education.”

Loudon's story is just one of the many successes highlighted in the recently published *Compton College: Three-Year Report to the Community*. The publication marks the twelfth anniversary of the partnership between the El Camino Community College District and the Compton Community College District.

The accomplishments of outstanding Compton College students are featured in the report, along with important student success indicators, such as increased numbers of students earning degrees and certificates; higher percentages of transfers to four-year colleges and universities; and additional classes for improved student access to classes. To help offset the cost of higher education, financial support for students has also expanded. In the past three years, Compton College students have received a total of \$111,800 in scholarships.

The number of degrees and certificates awarded at Compton College increased by nearly 36 percent between the academic years of 2014-15 and 2016-17. From 2014 to 2017, more than 1,100 Compton College students graduated with an associate degree, and more than 400 students earned certificates.

Over the past three years, Compton College also increased the number of students transferring to University of California and California State University campuses by 28 percent. The top CSU destinations in 2016-17 were Dominguez Hills and Long Beach, while the top UC destinations for ECC Compton Center students were UCLA and UCI.

The 2016 grand opening of the \$13.5 million, 23,500-square-foot Allied Health Building marked the first new instructional building constructed on district grounds since the 1990s, and indicates significant progress made in construction projects and facilities improvements in the past few years. Additional projects completed during this period include grand openings of the Music Building North

Wing and Little Theater, a new cosmetology facility, a new Student Health Center, and a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of construction on a new Public Safety Building.

Compton College, the 114<sup>th</sup> California Community College, is dedicated to the delivery of a quality education, career training leading to good-paying jobs, and vital student support services for students, veterans, and working adults served by the Compton Community College District.

The *Compton College: Three-Year Report to the Community* was mailed to every household within the Compton Community College District – just one component of the community outreach plan instituted with the formation of the partnership between the two college districts.

The 2014-2017 three-year report is available online via the Compton College website:  
[www.compton.edu/adminandoperations/publicrelations/docs/Three-Year-Report-August-2018.pdf](http://www.compton.edu/adminandoperations/publicrelations/docs/Three-Year-Report-August-2018.pdf)

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### **About Compton College**

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