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## **2018 Compton College Commencement Student Speaker Faith Minor Shares Message of Resilience**

Associate degree candidate Faith Minor is honored to be selected as the student speaker for the 2018 Commencement Ceremony at Compton College. Minor, a 2016 graduate of Downey High School, has maintained a 4.0 GPA while attending Compton College and will transfer to California State University, Dominguez Hills, where she plans to major in administration of justice. She hopes to continue her studies at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and eventually pursue a career as a criminal attorney.

Minor is the youngest of five children and she is the first of her siblings to attend college. Her commencement message will focus on prevailing through adversity. She was placed in foster care at birth and never knew anything about her birth parents. Her foster parents adopted her when she was in elementary school. “My mother is my inspiration because she completed college while raising small children, has a successful career, and continues to help children as a foster parent,” says Minor. “She is my role model.”

Minor says that when she enrolled at Compton College, she did not have a lot of confidence and credits her fellow students and professors with helping her believe in herself. “Compton College has a very supportive environment, she says. “Everyone is really positive, especially the professors and administration.” Regular visits to the counseling office and the Library-Student Success Center for tutoring services were all instrumental in Minor’s success at Compton College.

Her advice for all students in college, and in life is: “Put as much as you can into your schoolwork and your career – give it your all! Because at the end of the day, we get back what we invest in ourselves.”

### **Photo available online:**

<http://www.compton.edu/adminandoperations/publicrelations/images/2018/Faith.jpg>

### **Caption:**

(Left to right) Faith Minor is congratulated by Compton College President Keith Curry at the annual Academic Awards Tea for meeting the qualifications to graduate with honors and earning a cumulative GPA of 4.0. Minor will be the student speaker at the Compton College Commencement Ceremony scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on June 7, 2018.

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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.