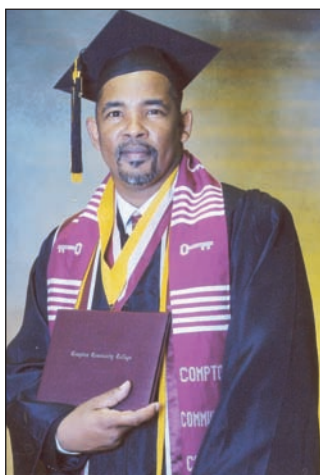


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Alumni Spotlight: James Rogers



James Rogers knew he was in the right place during one of his very first lectures at UC Berkeley this fall. In a lecture hall full of more than 100 students, the professor addressed the class and asked a question that no one seemed to be able to answer. No one, except James.

“At that moment I thought about Dr. Moore, my professor at Compton, who prepared me so well that I was able to answer that question,” said James, who graduated with an A.A. degree this past spring.

“There are so many topics that come up in class discussions that I can participate in and it is because of my foundation at Compton. I have to say, after

graduation, I hit the ground running.”

James grew up in South Central Los Angeles and graduated from Fremont High School. He took courses at Compton while working as a paralegal at a nearby law firm. Now he is studying African American studies and rhetoric at UC Berkeley with the ultimate plan to attend law school and become an attorney.

“My first semester at Berkeley was a transition, the pace of learning is tremendous and the reading is unbelievable in terms of the amount you have to cover to be prepared for class, but the experience is great. It is challenging but I feel that my time at Compton prepared me for this.”

Compton Center Scholarships

A variety of scholarships are available for Compton Center students through the CCCD Foundation office. Deadline: Dec. 15. Check out this list!

Robert Spiecker Memorial Scholarship

\$250 Scholarships (1-book voucher/1-cash award)

- Minimum G.P.A. 2.50
- Major: History or Music/Creative Arts/Fine Arts/Performing Arts
- Must be enrolled in 12 units or more
- Essay required

Compton Community College District Foundation Scholarship

\$500 Book Voucher

- Completion of at least 24 units at Compton Center
- A full-time student at Compton Center (12 units minimum)
- Must have at least 3.0 GPA
- Must be a California resident
- Completion of the self-profile indicating background, interest, and need for a scholarship

Scholarship for Re-Entry Women

\$500 Book Voucher

- A full-time female student with at least 12 units completed at Compton Center
- At least a 3.0 GPA in all units completed at Compton Center
- California resident between the ages of 25 and 55
- Completion of not more than 90 units of college work
- Two faculty references
- An unofficial transcript with completed application

New Reduced Fees

\$20 Per Unit
It's true!

Effective January 1, 2007,
students will
now pay \$20 per unit.

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*A great educational
value made even better!*

Financial Aid



Many people qualify for financial aid, but don't even know it. Start with filling out the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) a free application used by the federal government, states and most colleges to award financial aid.

Eligible students who are recent high school graduates can also apply for a new two-year Academic Competitiveness Grant offered by the U.S. Department of Education. These grants can be used to cover educational costs – and as is the case of all grants, funds do not have to be repaid.

For more information, check out
www.elcamino.edu/studentservices/fao.

The Compton Center Office of Financial Aid is ready to help. Call 310-900-1600 Ext. 2926.

Transfer Services

Did you know that you can get help to transfer to the university of your dreams? The Transfer Center is your source for university visits, transfer workshops, campus tours and other upcoming events.

Compton Center Transfer Fall Events

Visit from Cal State Dominguez Hills Representative
December 4

UCLA Financial Aid Workshop
December 6

Visit from Antioch University Representative
December 7

Visit from Cal State Northridge Representative
December 11

Visit from Cal State Long Beach Representative
December 13

Visit from Cal State Dominguez Hills Representative
December 14

CC Alumni

Are you a CC grad? Know someone who is?
Give us a call – the Alumni Association is looking for you – join the fun!
Contact the Compton Center Foundation/Alumni Office at 310-762-9240 or
cormier_c@compton.edu.



Cross Country Returns to Compton

After 17 seasons, cross country returned to the Compton campus, with head coach Glenn C. Johnson and many outstanding athletes leading the way. Standout Marisol Adame began the season at the California State University, Fullerton Invitational with an outstanding time on the Carbon Canyon Course (23:18.40). The team soon headed to the Mt. SAC Cross Country Invitational, the largest of its kind in the county, on one of the most difficult courses anywhere. Marisol flew through the course, running an amazing 21:58. She followed that triumph at Brookside Park in Pasadena, where she stopped the clock at 17:58, shattering all season records and assuring herself of a choice of offers from four-year universities. Congrats on a great and speedy season!

Compton Center Community Garden

When psychology professor Dr. August Hoffman joined the Compton faculty in 2000, he planted a few flowers outside of his office. By 2003, he started a vegetable garden in an open lot. Today, Dr. Hoffman heads the El Camino College Compton Center's Garden Project, nearly three acres brimming with vegetables, fruit and citrus trees, grape arbors, and flowers.

Maintaining the garden is an all-volunteer effort that benefits the students, the campus, and the community. One key is its mentor program, which pairs students from Dr. Hoffman's classes with students from California State University, Northridge. Together, they cultivate the soil, as well as friendships.

"It's amazing what people can do when they work together," said Dr. Hoffman. "It's a lesson in positive psychology."



The program is funded by a Community Service-Learning Grant from California State University, Northridge. Donations also come from students, faculty, and corporations, including the Tree People, Home Depot, and Armstrong's Nursery.

Compton Center, Coming to a High School Near You!

Watch for visits from staff at Compton Center's Office of Relations with Schools and Community to your local high school. Outreach efforts to our partner high schools are underway, through a variety of activities aimed at offering Compton Center updates to the community.

Specialized student-oriented programs include:

- Campus visits
- Participation in Career Fairs and College Days
- Enrollment Workshops
- Financial Aid Workshops
- Special Resource Center - for students with disabilities

Compton Center courses will be available at area high schools this spring. Check our Web site at www.compton.edu for updates.

Students also have the opportunity to visit the Compton Center campus either individually or with a group. Call the Office of Relations with Schools and Community at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2763 for more information.

Save the date! Open House events are set for

Friday, November 18, 2006

Friday, December 16, 2006

This is a great opportunity for high school students to tour the campus, meet with current Compton Center students, and learn about the many services available.

Compton Center Numbers to Know

General Number	310-900-1600
Admissions	Ext. 2043
Assessment Center	Ext. 2830
Athletics	Ext. 2940
Career Services	Ext. 2788
Counseling	Ext. 2076
Financial Aid	Ext. 2935
Registration	310-516-9339
Transfer Center	Ext. 2760

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Save the date! You won't want to miss the grand opening for Compton Center's new Learning Resource Center, set for **January 12, 2007.**

Winter / Spring Registration
Register Now!

Winter Session Classes begin January 3, 2007

Spring Semester Classes begin February 10, 2007

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