



NEWS

El Camino College Compton Center
Public Relations Department | 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90506
Tel: 310-660-3406 | Fx: 310-660-3946 | Contact: Ann M. Garten | agarten@elcamino.edu

For Immediate Release
Copy by Helene Ansel

April 13, 2009

El Camino College Compton Center Receives New Computer for Math and Science Students

El Camino Compton Center is pleased to announce that Southern California Edison (SCE) approved a grant proposal, and 20 laptops for the Mathematics and Natural Science Division have already been delivered. Students will be able to increase their learning experiences through the accessibility to the internet that the new computers provide.

Dr. Donald Roach, chair of the Mathematics and Natural Science Division says: "The math and science division is very grateful to SCE for the generous donation of 20 laptops for use in our program. This will allow our students to have all the valuable resources that the internet provides in mathematics and science." He goes on to say that "more students will have access to *Mathematica*, a very useful resource in math and science. In our astronomy courses, astronomical phenomena can be observed and studied via the internet. Additionally, science students can do their research using online sources. Our textbooks come with CDs and DVDs that can be used with computer access. The online courses that we offer require the use of a computer."

Dr. Roach further indicates: "the laptops will expand the horizons of our students, many of whom are first generation college students in their families. The timing could not be better in the present difficult economic situation we find ourselves in at all levels."

The grant proposal was prepared and submitted in February by a team of faculty and staff from the Math and Science Division with the assistance of the Resource Development (Title V) Office.

El Camino College Compton Center is accredited and serving the educational needs of our community. Students can earn an associate degree, transfer to a four-year university or receive career training. Fees are only \$20 per unit. The college catalog, class schedule, evening and weekend college offerings are available in-person or online at www.compton.edu. Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA; 310-900-1600.

#