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Vice President's Message

Providing an atmosphere where students achieve success and attain their academic goals is a top priority at El Camino College Compton Center. An important component of this priority is to impart excellent customer service to every student. Quality customer service can be defined as the way each of us relates to students and visitors when we provide for their needs, earn their trust, gain their loyalty, and ultimately form partnerships with them for the benefit of all. Treating others as we want to be treated is important *and* expected.

Most of us present one of the initial impressions ECC Compton Center students have of our Center. We shape their experiences every day, so it's important to make each interaction count. Extending a caring attitude in all of our dealings with students; and helping them find answers and information even if it is not in our area, rather than sending them to another office, make the experience for our students memorable in a positive way.

Some things to consider when dealing with students and visitors:

- Work to gain a good working knowledge of the various student services and resources we offer so each one of us can assist students instead of sending them off to various offices.
- Use active communication skills by listening to students and looking for opportunities to go above and beyond their requests and needs when possible.
- Approach students with empathy and understanding – try to see an issue from their perspective.
- Effectively facilitate the learning process for our students both in and out of the classroom.
- Create a positive experience from our first contact with students through graduation and beyond.
- Help us develop a 'service excellence' reputation to carry into the future.

Research shows that students typically don't exceed their own expectations, particularly when it comes to academic work; however, students will go beyond what they think they can do under certain conditions. One of these instances is when their instructors, counselors and mentors expect, challenge and support them to go beyond their own expectations. In keeping with that philosophy, we can all work together to create a success-oriented campus culture and learning environment—one student at a time.

Please read through this issue of *Center News* as it highlights many of the programs at El Camino College Compton Center that enhance student success, and notes accomplishments that illustrate the abilities of both students and employees.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Compton Center. Closed session begins at 5:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the Board on closed session agenda items. The Board Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting at www.district.compton.edu and www.compton.edu.

Dolores Huerta to Speak at 2010 Commencement



El Camino College Compton Center is extremely honored to have Dolores Huerta as the keynote speaker at the commencement ceremony on Thursday, June 10. Dolores Huerta is a community organizer, political activist, and co-founder with César Chávez of the United Farm Workers Union. She is president of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, established to inspire and motivate people to organize sustainable communities to attain social justice.

At age 78, Huerta continues to work tirelessly developing leaders, advocating for the working, women and children. She regularly speaks to students at universities and organization forums, impacting other on issues of social justice and public policy. She tirelessly works to help immigrant farm workers understand that they have rights and encourages them to stand up for themselves against those who might take advantage of them. She teaches that the only long-lasting solution to these problems is to individuals understand that they have personal power, and when personal power is coupled with responsibility, people can work together to create the changes needed to improve their lives.

Huerta was instrumental in passing historic legislation that brought disability insurance to farm workers, voting ballots in Spanish, driver's licenses in the driver's ethnic language, eligibility for public assistance for resident immigrants, and legalization for one million farm workers under the Immigration Reform Act of 1984-1985.

As the main negotiator for the United Farm Workers, Huerta obtained many firsts in union contracts that had been denied to farm workers: drinking water and sanitary facilities in the field, medical coverage for farm worker families, an employer-paid pension fund, job security, seniority rights, rest periods, paid vacations and holidays, and protection from pesticides.

Huerta has received numerous awards and honors, including: the Eleanor Roosevelt Humans Rights Award in 1998; one of the Ladies Home Journal "100 Most Important Women of the 20th Century;" the Puffin Foundation Award for Creative Citizenship; Labor Leader Award, Kern County Woman of the Year; the Ohtli Award from the government of Mexico; the James Smithson Award from the Smithsonian Institution, and nine honorary university doctorates.

California Nisei College Diploma Project

El Camino College Compton Center is seeking honorees as part of the California Nisei College Diploma Project. The aim of the project is to provide honorary degrees to Japanese Americans whose studies were forcibly suspended in 1942 when they were ordered into internment camps as a result of Executive Order 9066 during World War II.

The project is the implementation of AB 37, a bill introduced by Assemblyman Warren Furutani (D-Long Beach), passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. The California Community College, California State University and University of California systems are all participating in this project.

El Camino College Compton Center seeks to identify former Japanese American students, or family representatives, who are eligible to benefit from AB 37 so that they may be honored during a special ceremony this fall. According to the California Nisei Diploma Project, more than 2,500 Japanese American students were affected by the order—including more than 1,200 students attending community colleges. It is estimated that 95 El Camino College Compton Center (formerly Compton Community College) students were affected by Executive Order 9066.

To help facilitate this search, El Camino College Compton Center's Web site has information about the California Nisei College Diploma Project, including a list in progress of former students who may have been attending the former Compton Community College in 1942. For more information or to help the college identify and locate former Japanese American students, please visit our El Camino College Compton Center [Nisei Diploma Project Web page](#) or call 310-900-1600, Ext. 2916

If you know of someone who was forced to leave the former Compton Community College because of Executive Order 9066, please fill out the [Nisei Diploma Application Form](#) found online.

Compton Community College District Measure C Facilities Bond Update

In November 2002, the Compton Community College District voters approved Measure C with 76% voting yes. This facilities bond measure authorized the Compton District to issue up to \$100 million in general obligation bonds for infrastructure and facilities improvements to the campus.

The first issuance of \$41 million in general obligation bonds took place in 2003. Three building projects were already in process when Measure C was approved: the Stadium Seismic Renovation Project, the Learning Resource Center and the Child Development Center. These three projects had each secured substantial funding from the State Capital Outlay Program, with the understanding that local matching funds would also be utilized for the projects. Measure C provided the Compton District with the required matching funds.

During 2003-2005, the Compton District Board of Trustees approved all initial bond allocations for 29 projects. The District Special Trustee has subsequently approved any adjustments in funding for the initial 29 projects. Of these 29 Board approved projects, eleven have been completed; six are currently under construction or in the pre-construction process; and twelve are awaiting the next issuance of bond funds for the planning and work to begin.

Click [here](#) to see the expenditure listing of Measure E & State Capital Outlay funds spent as of June 30, 2008.

Bond Oversight Committee Selected

The Compton Community College District recently selected eight members to serve on its Bond Oversight Committee. The oversight Committee members will each serve a two-year term and do not receive any compensation or benefits for their service.

As outlined in the Education Code Section 15278, the role of the District Citizen's Oversight Committee is to inform the public concerning the District's expenditure of revenues received from the sale of bonds authorized by the voters. The Bond Oversight Committee will provide oversight to ensure that:

- Bond revenues are expended only for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of district facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of district facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for district facilities.
- No bond revenues are expended for any teacher or administrative salaries or other district operating expenses other than the salaries for district employees who provide administrative oversight for the bond program or individual bond projects.

The newly appointed Bond Oversight Committee members are:

Bruce A. Boyden is deputy director of the Early Education Services Division of the Community Development Institute Head Start in Long Beach. Prior to his current position, he worked as education manager at Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science in Long Beach. Boyden served on the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees from August to December 2009.

He earned a master's degree in education at Almeda College & University in Idaho and a bachelor's degree in social psychology with a minor in child development at Pepperdine University. Boyden also earned a Child Development Program Director Permit at Laverne University. Since 2007, he has served as a professional development advisor for El Camino College Compton Center, and also is a member of the Compton Early Childhood Advisory Committee. In addition, Boyden has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Center for Community and Family Services in Pasadena since 2005.

Giovanna A. Brasfield is the founder of Brasfield & Associates Marketing, a marketing consulting company offering a broad range of public relations, marketing, event and sales consulting services. Brasfield is also a professor for Irvine University, California International University and American InterContinental University where she teaches both undergraduate and graduate level courses.

She received a bachelor's degree in business administration/marketing from Mt. St. Mary's College in 1998, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix in 2000, and Doctorate of Public Administration from the University of La Verne in 2006. Brasfield is also a 2005 graduate of the Los Angeles African American Women Public Policy Institute.

In addition, Brasfield is a commissioner on the City of Compton's Oversight Committee; a commissioner for Compton Unified School District's Bond Oversight Committee, founder of the Economic Empowerment & Development Foundation, corporate member of the Regional Black Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the American Society of Public Administration.

Mary L. Edwards is the executive director at Tower of Faith Community Development Corporation, responsible for the organization's consistent achievement of its mission and financial objectives in program development and administration. She has 35 years of experience in business management, subcontract management/negotiations, community relations and social services. From 2004-2006, she served as a field representative to Congresswoman

Juanita Millender-McDonald. In addition, Edwards has also served as executive director at the Potter's House Restoration Program, and senior subcontract administrator for Rockwell International.

Edwards is also the executive board secretary for Compton/Watts Interfaith Collaborative, Inc.; a member of the Concerned Citizens of Compton; a past member of the Advisory Board of the Compton Community College District; past president of the Compton Community Development Coalition, and past first vice president of the Compton Chamber of Commerce.

Joel Estrada is a seasoned business executive and small business owner with strong ties in the community. He meets frequently with parent groups and business groups such as Community Lawyers and the Latino Chamber of Commerce. Estrada served on the Compton Unified School District Board of Trustees from 2005-2009. He has chaired both the Cost Containment and Technology Advisory Committees for the Compton Unified School District which were responsible for making recommendations that involved several million dollars worth of construction and technology. He also serves on the Advisory Committee for ICDC College regarding their online paralegal program.

Estrada received a bachelor's degree in law, jurisprudence and social thought from Amherst College and is a May 2011 J.D. candidate at Loyola Law School. He has received many awards including: the Beverly Hills Bar Association Scholarship (2009), the Charles B. Rugg Fellowship (2009), the John Woodruff Simpson Fellowship (2008), the Wolff Scholar Award, the Bancroft Prize, the Hispanic Scholarship Foundation Award, and the Southern California Alumni Scholarship.

Sherman Gordon is senior pastor at New Philadelphia African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church and is also a professor at the University of Phoenix. He served on the City of Carson Fine Arts and Historical Commission which oversaw and recommended funding for the city's fine arts programs. He also served as Chairman to Nu Power Community Outreach Services, Inc.

Gordon earned a bachelor's degree in sociology/pre-law from the University of California, Santa Barbara; a Master of Arts in Religion from Claremont School of Theology; master's degree in education from the University of Phoenix, and a doctorate of ministry from the United Theological Seminary.

Mark Guillen is currently employed by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District. He has been active in the community for more than 20 years, serving as a community leader via service groups, churches, and in the political arena.

He was on the initial Advisory Board of the Paramount Education Partnership, a partnership between the City of Paramount and the Paramount School Board, which focuses on the educational needs of the community. In addition, he was on a committee that worked to pass a bond for the Paramount School District that allocated \$100 million in funding for the district.

Brandon Mims currently serves on the Compton Education Foundation Board of Directors; the NAACP local branch Executive and Youth Leadership Advisory Board, and is vice president of the National Executive Conference of Minority Public Administrators' Board. He is a qualified project manager with considerable municipal policy and accounting experience.

Mims earned both a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public finance from California State University, Long Beach. In addition, he has a Doctorate of Public Administration in organizational development from the University of LaVerne.

Olivia Verrett is currently employed by the Los Angeles County Department of Education, and has more than 15 years of collective experience working with foster children, the Department of Probation, the Department of Children and Family Services and Child Welfare. She also has over 10 years experience in the legal profession.

She has served on the Advisory Board of the Compton Community College District; Congresswoman Juanita McDonald's committees on Education and Youth Against Violence; chaired the City of Carson's Human Relations Commission, Public Safety Task Force, Women's Task Force, and the Code of Ethics Task Force. She is President of the Carson/Torrance Branch of the NAACP, Planning Commissioner for the City of Carson, and is a NAACP State Conference officer.

Verrett earned an associate degree in administration of justice from El Camino College, a bachelor's degree in political science, and a master's degree in sociology from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

To qualify for appointment on the Bond Oversight Committee, a member must meet specific criteria as outlined by the District. In addition, a Committee member cannot be an employee, official, contractor, consultant, or vendor of Compton Community College District. Elected officials are also disqualified from service on the committee.

Faculty/Staff Encouraged to Participate in 2010 Mini-Grant Competition

Do you have a project idea that you'd love to get a grant for but aren't sure how to go about it? The ECC Compton Center Title V Program will be awarding mini-grants of \$500-\$2,000 to faculty/staff with eligible projects.

Criteria: Projects should work towards the improvement of the instructional process AND merit funding from outside sources. Your project must be something that outside funding sources, such as private foundations, corporations or the government, could have an interest in supporting. The focus must be on our students. We are looking for projects that enhance the educational process focusing on improving student achievement (student success, retention and/or graduation rates).

Proposals are due to the ECC Compton Center Title V Office not later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 29. A panel of readers comprised of Compton Center faculty and administration will review the proposals. Winning proposals will be announced on May 12.

Questions should be directed to Nelly Rodriguez via e-mail at nrodriguez@elcamino.edu, or by calling 310-900-1600, Ext. 2970.

Make Your Voice Heard: Take the Employee Opinion Survey

Your opinion counts! Please take 10 minutes today to complete the anonymous 2010 Employee Opinion Survey. The survey is administered at El Camino College and ECC Compton Center every four years to gain your insights on campus climate, college mission, communications and student service. For 2010, we added a special section to receive your feedback on relations across locations (Torrance campus and Compton Center). For employees without daily access to a computer, paper surveys will be available in Area and Division offices.

Within a month of the survey's completion (closing date is May 7, 2010), Institutional Research will analyze and summarize survey responses. A report of survey responses along with an analysis of comments and suggestions will be published on the Institutional Research & Planning website. Employees will be notified when results are published.

Your input is important; take the [survey](#) now.

Classified Professional Development Week

Classified School Employee Week is May 17-21, 2010, and we have several workshops planned. More detailed information and workshop descriptions will be sent to faculty/staff in the next week. Click [here](#) for a *tentative* schedule.

Sign Up for Faculty/Staff Team Building Extravaganza!

We need a few good folks to participate in a collaborative "Mission: Possible" teambuilding event on May 21 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the El Camino College Student Activities Center. This is a special event happening during Classified School Employee Week. Bus transportation will be provided for ECC Compton Center participants.

In order to be a part of this mission, the deadline to sign up online is April 30, 2010. Click [here](#) to sign up. On May 21, you will find out what your assignment is, as well as meet fellow members of the team.

California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment Challenge—Help Us Reach Our Goal

The Foundation for the Compton Community College District is proud to support the California Community College Scholarship Endowment challenge.

In May 2008, the Bernard Osher Foundation made a historic gift in the amount of \$25 million to the California Community College system to fund scholarships throughout the state. California's 110 community colleges were challenged to raise \$50 million in matching funds by June 30, 2011. When accomplished, the Osher Foundation will provide an additional \$25 million, bringing the total for endowed scholarships to \$100 million. El Camino College Compton Center is challenged to raise \$146,000 while participating in the largest scholarship program of its kind in community college history.

The Endowment provides a permanent fund for student scholarships at a critical time, when students are struggling to make ends meet and stay in school. All gifts received before June 30, 2011, are eligible for a 50 percent match from the Bernard Osher Foundation.

Local companies and colleagues have already joined this effort. Southern California Edison is contributing \$26,000 toward El Camino College Compton Center's goal of \$146,000. More importantly, we are looking for one hundred percent employee-participation to show our level of commitment to the community and our students.

For every \$13,500 we raise, the Osher Foundation's match of \$6,750 will result in a \$1,000 scholarship each year in perpetuity. What's more, one hundred percent of tax-deductible donations received will directly fund scholarships.

Encourage friends, family members and business contacts to make a donation. Supporting the endowment will provide donors with the opportunity to invest in California by supporting an educated workforce; create a permanent fund of scholarships to students who need the most help; and participate in a historic fundraising campaign that is changing the way community colleges raise funds to support students.

For more information about the California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment and how you can support this historic challenge, please contact Juan Pazos, Foundation Executive Director at (310) 900-1600, Ext. 2972 or jpazos@elcamino.edu.

ASB Vice President is “Taking the Road Less Traveled”



Terrance Stewart is taking full advantage of the college experience, and he says from where he comes from, it's the road less traveled.

Determined to make a better life for himself than the one he had growing up, Terrance will graduate from El Camino College Compton Center with an Associate in Science degree in business administration in June 2010. He recently received an acceptance letter to UC Riverside and plans to transfer there next fall to study history or sociology. “I like people and want to study multiculturalism,” he explains. “I like to know about people, to understand their struggles and what makes them who they are today.”

His career aspirations include being a marketer and/or becoming a youth counselor. “I want to give others the opportunities I was given,” he says. “I want to show kids with tough backgrounds that we can all design a positive path for ourselves.”

He is a one-man promotional tour for ECC Compton Center, giving his pitch about the importance of education to anyone who crosses his path—especially at-risk youth. “I want these kids to know that they have another path to take; that they have a choice to make something of their lives.”

As the Associated Student Body (ASB) Vice President, Terrance is involved in the organization of many activities for students at ECC Compton Center. Whether it's a fundraiser, talent show, cultural heritage month celebration, or Earth Day recycling drive and conservation presentation, Terrance has his hand in the mix doing what he can to help out and make the student life experience that much more fulfilling. In fact, when we caught up with Terrance for this interview, he was distributing fliers for an Associated Student Body fundraiser at the local fire station.

“Initially, I chose to go to ECC Compton Center because of the location, but I stayed because of the positive environment,” says Terrance. “Here, I am treated like a human being and the teachers encourage me to be successful instead of weighing me down with negative thoughts.”

He likes attending El Camino College Compton Center so much that he literally uses all the educational resources and student services at his fingertips. “I've taken advantage of every resource available to me such as financial aid, EOP&S, counseling services, tutoring, student worker program, TRIO, the Transfer Center, ASB and Student Life, the Learning Center and Upward Bound. You name it, I've done it—and I encourage all students to do the same!”

Compton Alumni Earn Public Administration Master Degrees



Two alumni were recently presented graduation certificates by Sheriff Lee Baca during a ceremony at the Sheriff's Training Academy and Regional Services (STARS) Center in Whittier, Calif. The sister and brother team, Carolyn and Reginald Scott, earned matching Master degrees in Public Administration (MPA) from National University, which partners with the Los Angeles Sheriff Department's own University.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees member Dr. Deborah LeBlanc (Area 4) attended the graduation ceremony.

"Sharing our students' successes is an honor," said LeBlanc. "We are proud to recognize these alumni who have overcome adversity and challenging life circumstances to become successful professionals who now dedicate themselves to helping others do the same."

The two siblings were born in Compton, Calif., and attend Longfellow Elementary School until moving into the Los Angeles Unified School District while living in South Central Los Angeles with their single father. Their father only completed the 7th grade and Carolyn and Reginald knew that education and sports would be their ticket to a better life. Little did they know that they would endure a lot, including Reginald surviving two shootings, before they could complete their higher education and make their dream of attending graduate school together a reality.

Today, Carolyn Scott works as a training coordinator managing the Civilian Training Unit for the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, a position she has held since June 2008. Prior to joining the Sheriff's Department, Scott worked for AT & T Wireless (formerly Cingular Wireless) for 11 years. Earning her MPA helped her transition from the private sector to working for local government. "The public and private sector operations are entirely different and the MPA program gave me a full organizational overview to prepare me for my new career in the public sector," explained Scott. "The focus for me was learning how inter-government works and the role law enforcement plays in local government."

Reginald currently works as a recreation coordinator for the City of Los Angeles, running the CLASS Park after-school youth program in south Los Angeles. He also worked for several years as a probation officer for at-risk youth for the Los Angeles Unified School District. Reginald took his own tragic experiences as an at-risk youth and is now giving back by helping children from disadvantaged backgrounds. "He can now help young people and do it from a place of experience," said Carolyn. "He can help change the lives of people that came from the same place we came from."

For the complete story, go to: <http://www.compton.edu/campusinformation/currentnews/Documents/Compton-CenterNewsReleases/2010/march/Alum-Public-Admin-Graduates-03-2010.pdf>

Upcoming Summer/Fall Registration Dates

Registration for the summer and fall sessions begins on May 18 for continuing students and on June 8 for new students. Students may apply and register by going online to www.compton.edu and clicking on **MyECC**, or by calling 310-900-1600, ext. 2050.

The summer semester, for both six-week and eight week sessions, begins Monday, June 28. The second six-week summer session begins Monday, July 12.

Students should be aware of the new Fee Payment Deadline Policy, which is printed in the class schedule. All student fees must be paid in full by the following deadlines or students will be dropped from all of their classes.

Fee Payment Deadlines:

- June 8, 2010 – For students who register May 18 to June 8, 2010
- June 22, 2010 – For students who register June 8 to June 22, 2010

All fees, including parking permits and ASB student discount stickers must be paid by the deadline. Students on a waitlist for a class must check ECC Compton Center e-mail daily to find out if they have been admitted to the class. Students who have been moved from a waitlist into a class must pay fees for that class by the same deadlines listed above, or they will be dropped from all classes.

The [Summer 2010 schedule of classes](#) is now available online.

\$500 Million in Federal Grant Money Went Unclaimed in 2009-2010

Like the majority of community college students in California, students at El Camino College Compton Center may be leaving millions of federal grant money on the table because they are simply not applying for it.

A new study by the Institute for College Access and Success found that while hundreds of thousands of California's community college students are eligible for federal Pell Grants, most do not apply. The result? Up to \$500 million federal grant money went unclaimed in 2009-2010. According to the institute, these grants, worth up to \$5,550 each can be used to help pay for college costs, including textbooks, housing, food and transportation as well as tuition and fees. In addition to helping students, that's also money that would have flowed into California's economy this academic year.

“We're hopeful that this report will help increase our students' awareness about the availability of financial aid. We strongly encourage all of our students to apply for financial aid and grants – even if they think they may not be eligible. You don't know what you qualify for until you apply,” said Barbara Perez, Vice President of El Camino College Compton Center. “There are many different scholarship and grant options available, but the first step in qualifying for any of them is filling out the application.”

In analyzing recent federal data, the institute discovered that only 33 percent of community college students in California apply for financial aid, compared to 46 percent of their counterparts in other states.

Many students at El Camino College Compton Center are unaware that they meet the requirements to receive financial aid. Let's all do our part to encourage all ECC Compton Center students to apply!

Upcoming Financial Aid deadlines for Spring 2010 include:

- May 13, 2010 Submit all required documents to Financial Aid Office
- May 13, 2010 Loan applications

May 13, 2010 Educational Plans
May 13, 2010 Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeals
May 13, 2010 Consortium Agreements
June 11, 2010 Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver

2010 Year-End Activities Calendar

Cinco de Mayo Celebration

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 @ 11:00 a.m.
Compton Center Student Lounge

Academic Awards Tea

Sunday, May 16, 2010 @ 3:00 p.m.
Compton Center Student Lounge

Athletics Academic Awards Ceremony

Friday, May 21, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m..
Compton Center Gymnasium

FYE End of Year Celebration

Compton Center Faculty/Staff Lounge
Wednesday, May 26, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m..

EOPS/CARE Spring Banquet

Thursday, June 3, 2010 @ 12:00 p.m.
Compton Center Student Lounge

Nursing Pinning Ceremony

Tuesday, June 8, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.
Compton Center Gymnasium

Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, June 10, 2010 @5:30 p.m.
Tartar Quadrangle

High School Reception

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 @ 5:00 p.m.
Compton Center Student Lounge

Student Support Services

Graduation/Transfer Banquet
Wednesday, June 16, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.
Double Tree Hotel (Carson, CA)

ASB Awards Banquet

Compton Center Student Lounge
Thursday, June 24, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.

Students, Faculty Enjoy Cesar Chavez Day Festivities

On March 31, El Camino College Compton Center hosted a Cesar Chávez Day celebration presented by the Student Life Office and Associate Student Body in the Student Lounge. The presentation included a lecture by Paul M. Flor, Professor of Political Science, illustrating the history of Cesar Chávez and the farm workers' movement. The presentation also included a fresh produce exhibit as a symbol of the plight of those who were catalysts of a movement designed to improve conditions of migrant farm workers and their families. The festivities culminated with entertainment by a Norteño musical group and a delicious Mexican meal.

Census Bureau Says It's Not Too Late to Mail Forms

As elected officials and community leaders across the nation take part in "Census Day" activities to increase local participation in the 2010 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau today announced that 54 percent of the nation's estimated 134 million households have mailed back their census forms.

While April 1 is officially designated as Census Day, the Census Bureau will continue to accept 2010 Census questionnaires by mail through mid-April. Beginning May 1, census workers will begin going door to door to households that failed to mail back their forms—a massive operation that costs taxpayers an average of \$57 per household versus the 42 cents it takes to get a response back by mail.

ACCJC Workshops for Faculty/Staff

As part of the annual Academic Resource Conference, ACCJC offered three informative accreditation workshops on April 21:

- Effective Program Review for Integrated Planning
- Accreditation Liaison Officers Workshop
- Accreditation Essentials for New ACCJC/WASC Presidents

More information about the workshops at the Academic Resource Conference can be found on the [ACCJC website](#).

Campus Watch is Everyone's Responsibility

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to join the new Campus Watch Program at El Camino College Compton Center. This program is designed to empower everyone on campus to watch out for each other, be alert to dangerous situations and report suspicious activities. You can help by joining an area campus watch group! Meetings will be scheduled in two areas. Area 1: Math and Science, meets the first Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Math/Science Building. Area 2: Vocational/Technical/Athletics, meets the second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Vocational Technology Building. Always be on the lookout and report any suspicious situations. For more information, contact the Police Department at 310-660-3100.

El Camino College Wins at CCPRO Conference

The El Camino College Public Relations & Marketing Department recently won six Pro Awards at the Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) 2010 Conference. Entries for this prominent awards program are judged by editors, writers, graphic designers, and media producers.

Our winning entries include:

- **Two second place winners:** ECC Matters for **Online Newsletter** and the 'Seeds' Head Start logo for **Logo Design**.
- **Four third place winners:** El Camino College's **Social Media Marketing**, recognizing the college's success in implementing and maintaining a highly successful Twitter, Facebook and YouTube presence; ECC's 2009 Warriors Football **Sports Media Guide**; in the **Media Success Story** category for the media campaign and coverage of the announcement of the college's participation in the new Osher Scholarship Endowment Program; and ECC Compton Center's [30-second cable TV ad](#) in the category of **TV PSA or Ad**.

CCPRO is a professional development and service organization that serves as a central resource of information and provides counsel and assistance relating to the advancement of California community colleges.

Social Networking at Compton Center

Compton Center is now on Facebook and Twitter. Check out Compton Center's home page on our Web site to become a "fan" or follow the latest "tweets." To be in the know, add these sites to your "favorites" list on your computer. You may send your ideas for postings to Ann Garten, director of community relations, El Camino College, at agarten@elcamino.edu.

Share Your News

We want to keep you informed of the news in our campus community. We also want to hear from you. We know there is no shortage of good news at Compton Center—so keep us in the loop.

Know a student who won a scholarship? a professor who just published an article or a book or received an award? a staff member honored by a professional organization? someone on our campus who has been recognized for work in the community? Help us spread the good news!

Please e-mail your news items and postings for Facebook and Twitter to Ann Garten, community relations director, at agarten@elcamino.edu.