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MAY 2010

Vice President's Message

The end of the academic year is always an exciting and invigorating time! We have the opportunity to look back and reflect on our contributions to each student's academic accomplishments while we celebrate their many successes.

This academic year, 163 students have met the requirements to graduate with an associate's degree. This is a 1.8 percent increase over last year. In addition, 81 students have earned a certificate this semester—an impressive 196 percent increase over the number of certificates awarded last year. These numbers are a great testament to our academic and career programs, as well as our student support services.

This fall, 12 El Camino College Compton Center students will be transferring to the University of California system—this is up from one UC transfer student in 2008-09. Additionally, 12 students are graduating with honors by earning a 3.5 GPA or higher.

Our students' achievements are a reflection of our hard work and dedication to helping them reach their educational goals. This issue of Center News highlights some of those achievements, including three recipients of the Presidential Scholars Awards; 26 recipients of the Academic Achievement Awards, including 11 scholarships awarded by the Foundation for the Compton Community College District; the Entrepreneur Club students attending the Greenlining Institute's Economic Summit; Student Trustee Glyndon Owens recently being elected as an at-large senator for the Student Senate for California Community Colleges; and the Tarter baseball team advancing to the All-South Coast Conference playoffs.

Please check the year-end events calendar in this newsletter and make time in your schedule to share in the success of our students by attending the many activities and events happening throughout this month and next.

2010 Commencement Quickly Approaching



Please join our students for the El Camino College Compton Center commencement ceremony and reception scheduled for Thursday, June 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the quadrangle. Approximately 158 students have met the requirements to participate.

We are extremely honored to have Dolores Huerta as our commencement speaker. She is a community organizer, political activist, public speaker, 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 help develop leaders, who advocate for the working class, as well as for women and children. 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.

As the main negotiator for the United Farm Workers, Huerta obtained many firsts in union contracts that had been denied to farm workers. For instance, she 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.

ECC Compton Center graduates and all who attend the commencement are certain to be inspired by Huerta's universal message of combining personal power, responsibility, and teamwork to create change that improves lives.

Budget Update

Financial Update 2009-2010

With less than forty-five days remaining this year, the financial picture for the Compton Community College District (CCCD) remains stable and within budget projections. For the General Unrestricted Fund (GUF), CCCD is on target to achieve an ending fund balance of \$2.3 million or approximately 7 percent of budgeted expenditures. To date, GUF has received approximately \$22 million in revenues and expended approximately \$23 million. Across all funds, CCCD has received approximately \$47 million in revenues and expended \$36 million.

Despite the deferral of approximately \$3.5 million in revenue through April, the District's cash position remains steady with \$1.8 million in the GUF and \$25 million for all funds. Through June 2010, total deferrals are expected to reach \$6.2 million. The majority of this will be repaid in July and the remaining in October.

With regard to achieving our goal of 5,600 FTES, due to the restructuring of the summer 2010 schedule, we are no longer able to "borrow" FTES from the 2010-2011 fiscal year to be reported in the 2009-2010 fiscal year. As a result, we will report a deficit in this fiscal year of approximately 255 FTES. From a budget perspective, CCCD will receive approximately \$1.2 million less than initially anticipated. With only six weeks left in the fiscal year, the options to lessen the impact to CCCD's ending GUF balance is limited, but because a prudent level of reserves were maintained during the fiscal year, the ending budget balance should meet or exceed the 5 percent recommended by the Chancellor's Office and the minimum 3 percent required by Board Policy 6200.

2010-2011 Tentative Budget

The tentative budget for 2010-2011 for the Compton Community College District (CCCD) was presented to the Board of Trustees on May 18 and is pending approval. There will be a public hearing about the 2010-2011 budget at the next Board of Trustees meeting on Tuesday, June 8, at 4:00 p.m., in the Board Room at ECC Compton Center.

On May 14, the Governor released a May revision to the 2010-2011 budget proposal. The revised budget proposal now becomes the focus of legislature for discussion and negotiation. The major components affecting community colleges are:

- An augmentation of \$126 million to fund enrollment growth at 2.2 percent or 26,000 FTES.
- A reduction of \$22.9 million or 0.38 percent for COLA.
- Increase general fund by \$39.7 billion to offset projected declines in property tax receipts.
- Reduction of \$20 million (\$10 million each) in EOP&S funding and part-time faculty compensation categorical programs. The funds will be shifted to support Career Technical Education programs.
- Increase in the number of programs subject to the flexibility, including EOP&S, Student Success Fund, and Basic Skills.
- Student fees remain at \$26 per unit.
- Fully funding CalGrant awards.
- Redirection of \$26.7 million in CalWorks funding to support the Categorical Flexibility provision.
- Reduction of \$6 million in Federal TANF funds related to the redirection of CalWorks funds.

Summer/Fall Registration Dates

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

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

To view the 2010 Summer and Fall class schedules, go to: <http://www.compton.edu/student-services/admission-and-records/ClassSchedule.aspx>.

BRIC TAP Initiative Comes to ECC Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center was recently chosen as one of fifteen California higher education institutions to receive technical assistance during the 2010-2011 academic year from the Bridging Information Research & Culture (BRIC) initiative's Technical Assistance Program (TAP). The selection process was highly competitive; nearly fifty institutions applied to participate in the program.

The primary goal is to improve student success by helping educational organizations use their own data, and enhanced analysis, as evidence for decision making, as well as a means to formulate strategies to address changing student needs.

Over the next year, a team of experienced researchers, faculty, and student services professionals will work with El Camino College Compton Center to identify strategies and opportunities for integrating data into practice, implement meaningful and rigorous collection of information, and increase collaboration between faculty, staff, researchers, and administrators in putting these findings to work for the betterment of El Camino College Compton Center.

The budget crisis and reduced funding for higher education in California has forced institutions to make hard decisions about where to invest their resources. This pressure is compounded by requests to increase the rate at which students transfer to four-year colleges, attain associate degrees, or achieve career-enhancing certificates. One way that they can meet this challenge is to strengthen their ability to gather and analyze information about what works and what doesn't, and to use this analysis as the basis for planning at the classroom, program, and institution lev-

els. The BRIC initiative will provide support to strengthen their capacities to collaboratively analyze and act on information, most notably by providing tailored coaching to the fifteen participating educational organizations.

BRIC is a project of the RP Group—a nonprofit that provides leadership in research, planning, and assessment in the California Community College System—and is funded by the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation. For more information, visit <http://www.rpgroup.org/projects/BRIC.html>

Board of Trustees Meeting

The next meeting of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room at ECC Compton Center. There will be a public hearing about the District's 2010-2011 tentative budget, and therefore no closed session will occur at this meeting. The Board Agendas are posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting at www.district.compton.edu and www.compton.edu.

Student Support Programs Achieve Results

Congratulations to our Student Support Programs for delivering the goods—by helping ECC Compton Center students achieve academic success. Our highly successful First Year Experience (FYE)/Learning Communities program, launched in 2008-2009 to prepare students for educational success has the numbers to prove the program delivers results. A total of 27 FYE students will graduate this June. Another program helping ECC Compton Center students achieve their educational goals is EOP&S. This year, 57 percent of the 2010 graduating class are EOP&S students. Thank you to all faculty/staff involved in our Student Support Programs for making them, and our students, a resounding success!

Facilities Update

As we continue to implement our Facilities Master Plan, much is happening with the remodeling and refurbishing of our facilities. You have probably noticed some large signs recently posted on the Center grounds describing some of the construction projects that are soon to be underway, some as early as this summer. While there will be some inconveniences during facility upgrades, we ask for your understanding, cooperation, and attention to safety, as this work is an indication of progress toward much-needed facilities improvements at El Camino College Compton Center.

The following projects are supported by Measure CC and state funds, and are either under construction or scheduled to start this summer or fall:

Completed Projects:

Math/Science HVAC Repairs

Completed: 2007/2008
Total Cost: \$47,500

Voc Tech HVAC Repairs

Completed: 2007/2008
Total Cost: \$51,500

Central Plant Repairs

Completed: 2007/2008
Total Cost: \$47,500

Campus Master Plan

Completed: 2007/2008
Total Cost: \$317,500

Server Room HVAC System & Emergency

Generator for MIS Building
Completed: 2008/2009
Total Cost: \$680,000

Math/Science, Voc Tech & Central

Plant Retro-Commissioning
Completed: 2008/2009
Total Cost: \$1,260,000

Projects In Construction

Learning Resource Center

Budget: \$800,000
Completion: October 2010

Music Building North Wing Renovation

Budget: \$1,700,000
Completion: 2011

Utility Infrastructure Project & Central Plant: Phase 1

Total Cost: \$36,204,000
Completion: 2012

Infrastructure Replacement: Phase 2

Budget: \$17,248,000
Completion: 2013

Allied Health Renovation

Budget: \$10,946,000
Completion: 2013

MIS/EOC Building Renovation

Budget: \$4,750,000
Completion: 2014

Academic Awards Tea Recognizes Top Students

The annual Academic Awards Tea was held on Sunday, May 16, in the student lounge. The event recognized the academic achievements of ECC Compton Center students who are graduating with honors in June and also acknowledged scholarship recipients. The program included a welcome by members of administration; musical presentations, featured alumni, honors and scholarship award presentations. Alumni speaker and poet Alberto Martinez, who currently attends the University of California, Irvine, recited two of his original poems. The Financial Aid & Scholarship Office Director, Mytha Pascual presented 15 students with scholarship awards. Compton College Community College District CEO, Lawrance Cox along with CCCD Foundation Director Juan Pazos presented 11 Foundation Scholarship awards. In addition to making closing remarks, Thomas Fallo, El Camino College superintendent/president and Barbara Perez, ECC Compton Center Vice President, presented the Presidential Scholar Awards to Blas Arreola, Danny Elizarraras, and Dakota McMahan.

We would also like to congratulate the following ECC Compton Center 2010 scholarship recipients:

Felisha Augustine, CARE
Maribel Barron, Behavioral/Social Science
Robert Brown, Athletics
Phyllis Coleman, EOP&S
Kelly Cooper, EOP&S
Karen Floyd, Child Development
Kristalynn Glasper, CARE & Natural Science
Monique Harris, Humanities

Gerardo Haro, Mathematics
Keishan Hilliard, Health Sciences
David Martinez, Information Technology
Nayawiyyah Muhammad, General Studies
Diego Ramos, Fine Art
Angelica Sanchez, Business
James Tate, Child Development

2010 Year-End Activities Calendar

Athletics Academic Awards Ceremony

Thursday, May 27, 2010 @ Noon
Compton Center Gymnasium

FYE End of Year Celebration

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

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

EOPS/CARE Spring Banquet
Thursday, June 3, 2010 @ Noon
Compton Center Student Lounge

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

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

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

Glyndon Owens Elected SSCCC At-Large Senator; Compton Center Represented at Student Senate General Assembly



A contingent from ECC Compton Center, including the 2009-2010 ASB officers, recently attended the Student Senate for California Community Colleges' (SSCCC) Spring General Assembly in downtown Los Angeles. One of the event highlights was the election of Glyndon Owens, CCD Student Trustee and ECC Compton Center Commissioner of Clubs, as one of eight At-Large Senator for the SSCCC. Also in attendance was Student Senate Delegate, Jamal Stokley, who is ECC Compton Center's outgoing ASB commissioner of financial aid.

Owens will represent ECC Compton Center in Sacramento on important issues facing California's students. ASB Treasurer Elyery Landavazo, an aspiring political campaign manager, administered Owens campaign (www.elect-owens.com). "I had a great time at General Assembly," said Landavazo. "I believe we passed some cutting edge resolutions that'll change all our campuses for the better."

The SSCCC is the officially recognized statewide student association representing the 110 local student governments to the Board of Governors and the Chancellor's Office. The association gives students a formal and effective means for participation in the formation and implementation of state policies with significant impact on students. The theme of this year's assembly was "The Road to Access and Success: Detours Ahead," and nearly 600 student-leaders and advocates attended.

Students Attend Greenlining Institute's Economic Summit



Students from the El Camino College Compton Center's Entrepreneur Association had the "opportunity of a lifetime," as one student called it, to attend the Greenlining Institute's recent annual economic summit. The conference featured presentations from community, industry and government leaders who covered topics such as immigration reform, California's economy, and political term limits. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., was also in attendance, and led a discussion on issues related to "Rebuilding the American Dream."

Student Jamal Stokley, ASB commissioner of financial aid and the founder of the El Camino College Entrepreneur Association, attended the summit and said it was "an opportunity few individuals of any walk of life could have attended, much less a community college student such as me."

Stokley was joined by seven other students from the Entrepreneur Association as well as Keith Curry, Dean, Student Services, for the evening invitation-only awards dinner.

"This is an experience that will long be remembered and has not only set the guidelines of success for all individuals involved, but has also paved the way for a group of ambitious college students from Compton to achieve great things both for themselves and the communities they represent for many years to come," Stokley said.

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.

It is estimated that 95 El Camino College Compton Center (formerly Compton Community College) students were affected by Executive Order 9066. Thanks to the efforts of Michael Odanaka, human development professor and counselor, who is coordinating the Nisei Diploma Project for ECC Compton Center, we have already located three former students who have agreed to be honored.

“I believe the California Nisei Project is important for all California college students,” says Odanaka, who is himself a third generation Japanese American. “A 1932 graduate of Compton Junior College, my father was a Nisei who enlisted in the U.S. Military Intelligence Service in 1941 while his wife and parents were in relocation camps.”

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.

For more information or to help the college identify and locate former Japanese American students, please visit <http://www.compton.edu/nisei/>, or contact Michael Odanaka at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2916

ASB Election Results

The results are in for the new officers for fall 2010. Opal Williams will continue to serve as president. Christian Dominguez is ASB vice president. Elyery Landavazo will serve his second term as treasurer, while Alisha Harrell is the new secretary. Commissioners include Kimberly Lopez, Activities; Charlene Mays, Athletics; Robert Brown, Classes & Curriculum; Victor Mosco, Environment; and Eveian Grigsby, public relations. We congratulate our new leaders and wish them well in their respective positions. Watch for an active campus life for our students in the coming year.

Financial Aid Awareness Day: Students Can Afford College



ECC College Compton Center hosted a Financial Aid Awareness Day on May 20. As part of the 5th annual Financial Aid Awareness Month (FAAM), the “I Can Afford College” campaign reminds students that financial aid is available year-round. To get students’ attention, they’re giving away money for college, as well as a new car, which was displayed on campus during awareness day.

To help promote FAAM, the campaign joined forces with Clear Channel Radio to offer an exciting “Free Ride to Community Colleges” sweepstakes. Current and potential community college students were encouraged to visit www.icanaffordcollege.com through May 20 to enter the sweepstakes. The grand prize winner will receive a new 2010 Kia Soul and a two-year community college scholarship worth \$2,500. Additional giveaways include Apple iPads, gas cards and gift cards to community college bookstores. All prizes have been donated by Clear Channel Radio.

Recent studies have shown that millions of financial aid dollars are going unused, as eligible students are not applying for grants to attend California’s community colleges. Students are encouraged to maximize their financial

aid possibilities by enrolling full-time. Data shows that students who enroll full-time have access to more financial aid and are more likely to complete their education.

Encourage your students to get assistance to apply for financial aid. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2935, or go to <http://www.compton.edu/studentservices/financialaid/index.aspx>.

Inaugural Athletic Fundraiser Helps Student Athletes



O'tina McKinstry (soccer, track, badminton and basketball), Terry Bender (football), Lefty Olguin (athletic director), Glen Walker (baseball), Matt Young (baseball), and Mike Jenks (baseball).

El Camino College Compton Center hosted the inaugural Athletic Dinner and Auction on April 24 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Pedro, California. The theme of the gala was “Bring Back the Pride,” and was the only major fundraiser in 2010 to benefit the ECC Compton Center Athletic Department. There were approximately 125 attendees including business leaders and community members, as well as District CEO Lawrence Cox, members of the Board of Trustees, students, athletes and faculty/staff.

To date, the event raised more than \$30,000 (with more donations still coming in) to help provide much-needed classroom equipment, team uniforms and gear for our deserving student-athletes at a time when California educational budget cuts make

it extremely difficult ECC Compton Center to maintain our athletic programs.

Albert “Lefty” Olguin, director of athletics, would like to acknowledge all who made this event possible, including the many businesses and individuals who donated items for the auction, sponsored a table, or made a donation to the Foundation for the Compton Community College District. “I am very proud of the way my staff participated in this event, they really put in some long hours,” said Olguin. “This event was the first of its kind at Compton Center, and much of the credit for its success goes to volunteer committee member Willia Osby. We hope to have an even more successful fundraiser next year.”

Tartar Baseball Makes All-South Coast Conference Playoffs



El Camino College Compton Center’s baseball team won its first playoff game against Orange Coast College on May 4, with a score of 13-6 in the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA), South Coast Conference (SCC). The win advanced the Tartars to the regionals where they were eliminated from the competition by top-seed Santa Ana College on May 8 in a best-of-three series.

This year, several players were honored by being named to the All-SCC Baseball Teams. Freshman Marcos Lara and sophomore Alfredo Lopez (two-time All-SCC) made the All-SCC First Team; Antonio Peraza, Martin Villanueva, James Gonzalez, Jose Madera, and Eric Miranda made the All-SCC Second Team; and Glen Walker, Miguel Beltran and Keith Murakami received All-SCC honorable mention.

The 18th-seeded Tartars finished the regular season 21-15 overall and 15-6 for second place in the South Coast Conference. The Tartars are led by All-SCC First Team shortstop Alfredo Lopez and RHP Marcos Lara. Tartars head coach is Shannon B. Williams.

Idol Program Takes Center Stage

El Camino College Compton Center is about to discover its brightest singing stars during an upcoming talent competition modeled after the hugely popular television show "American Idol." Sponsored by the Associate Student Body and the Music Industry Club (MIC), student auditions for the ECC Compton Center "Idol Program" were held April 26-29. Students were invited to meet the final five contestants on May 4, and Idol competition continues every Tuesday in May from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the student lounge where contestants will display their vocal chops. The talent competition winner will be named on May 25 and will receive a weekend stay at an Embassy Suites of their choice. It's an event that should not be missed!

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.

The Bernard Osher Foundation gifted \$25 million to the California Community College system to fund scholarships. 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 and while we have received some generous donations, the fundraising continues in order to reach our goal.

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. 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.

Encourage friends, family members and business contacts to make a donation. For more information or to make a donation, contact Juan Pazos, Foundation Executive Director at (310) 900-1600, ext. 2972 or jpazos@elcamino.edu.

Students, Faculty Enjoy Cinco de Mayo Festivities

On May 5, El Camino College Compton Center students, faculty and staff took part in a Cinco de Mayo celebration presented by the Student Life Office and Associate Student Body in the student lounge. The festivities included special Mexican cuisine to mark the day and a student keynote speech by Elyery Landavazo, ASB treasurer, about the history and significance of Cinco de Mayo. Landavazo hopes to transfer to either USC or UCLA to earn a bachelor's degree in history and has aspirations to someday be a political campaign manager.

Social Networking at Compton Center

Did you know that ECC Compton Center's Facebook page gets about 30 new "fans" a month? Check out Compton Center's home page on our Web site to become a "fan" on Facebook or follow the latest "tweets" on Twitter. 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.