

El Camino College Compton Center

News From the Provost/CEO
Dr. Doris P. Givens

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"The visionary leader thinks big, thinks new, thinks ahead – and most important, is in touch with the deep structure of human consciousness and creative potential." - Peter Koestenbaum

Many exciting things are happening at El Camino College Compton Center. At the moment, our shining stars are the young men on our basketball court. Our most sincere **CONGRATULATIONS** to our 2006-07 Tartar basketball team for winning the South Coast Conference. This is the first time in school history that our team has brought home this honor.

I would like to encourage everyone to support our team as they prepare for the state championship tournament on March 8 - 11. This promises to be an exciting weekend of basketball action. The first game is at 7 p.m. March 8 against Fresno College at Selland Arena in Fresno. Tickets are \$10 per day for adults, \$8 per day for students, seniors and children under 12, and \$24 for a tournament pass. Call 559-445-8200 for ticket information.

If you can't be there to cheer for the Tartars, you can bring the basketball spirit to campus by wearing a Compton T-shirt or sweatshirt on Thursday and Friday!

We are deeply proud of all our students and their accomplishments throughout the year. Go Tartars!

This newsletter will be published twice per month throughout the Academic year. It is intended to keep our campus community informed about the activities and events occurring across campus. I encourage you to post these letters in your offices and classrooms to share with students and other individuals interested in activities and happenings at the El Camino College Compton Center. All Letters will be posted under "Current News" on the official campus Web site at www.compton.edu.

Board of Trustees Meetings

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 in the Board Room at noon for anyone wishing to address the Board on Closed Session agenda items. The Open Session will resume at 4 p.m. The full Board Meeting Agenda will be placed on the Compton Center Web site prior to the meeting.

Compton Athletics

Congratulations to our 2006-2007 Tartar basketball team – the South Coast Conference Champions for the first time in school history! Be sure to support our team as they get ready for the state championship tournament which runs from March 8 to March 11. Finishing with a final record of 8-2 in league play, five team members were selected to the

All-Conference team as 1st team, 2nd team or honorable mention. We are proud to announce that Coach Caveness was selected as Co-Coach of the Year for the conference as well. Kudos to the coaching staff and the entire team for an outstanding season!

As mentioned earlier in this letter, the first state tournament game is scheduled for 7 p.m. March 8 against Fresno College at Selland Arena in Fresno. Tickets are \$10 per day for adults, \$8 per day for students, seniors and children under 12, and \$24 for a tournament pass. Call 559-445-8200 for more information.

Tartar Days, Thursday and Friday: Remember, if you can't attend the game in Fresno, you can support our basketball players by wearing a Compton T-shirt or sweatshirt on Thursday and Friday! Root for the home team and support our Tartar Athletic Department by purchasing and wearing Compton athletic apparel. T-shirts, custom hoodies and more are available. Stop by the Athletic Department or call Ext. 2941 for more information.

In other athletic news, numerous student-athletes from Compton Center have recently accepted football scholarships to transfer to four-year colleges and universities in the fall. Compton Center's Tartar football program put forth an outstanding effort this year, with a final record of 6-4 and finishing with five consecutive victories with several coming on the last possession of the game.

The team played inspired football for Head Coach Angelo Jackson and his staff. Congratulations on a terrific season!

Compton Center Web Site Updates

The Compton Center Web site, www.compton.edu, is up and running. We continue to do updates and revisions. We will be doing a redesign of the entire site this spring.

Save the Date! Compton Center Open House

The Compton Center CalWORKs Program and Office of Relations w/ Schools and Community host a Career Fair and campus-wide Open House on Wednesday, March 21. Join the Open House festivities from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. and the Career Fair from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. A kick-off event, complimentary coffee and doughnuts, will start the morning at 9 a.m.

This event is open to the public. High school seniors from area campuses have been invited to participate. Different areas of the Compton campus will be designated to showcase our programs and services. Student guides will be available for campus tours. We are anticipating 100 employers to participate and between 400 – 800 high school seniors in attendance. Mark your calendar!

Admissions and Records Updates

All issues related to Compton Community College District Admissions and Records (e.g. previous transcripts and other official records) are being handled in the Administration Building. For more information on the add period or official records, please contact Keith Curry, Acting Dean of Student Affairs, ext. 2023.

Disabled Student Programs & Services (DSP&S)

El Camino College Compton Center is committed to serving students with disabilities, and providing them with an equal educational opportunity. Students are encouraged to utilize our services for full access and integration into all aspects of college life. Students with disabilities may be eligible for any number of our support services.

If you know someone who may qualify for these services, or for more information on the DSP&S Program, please contact Keith Curry, Acting Dean of Student Affairs, Ext. 2023.

Language/Writing Lab Hours

The Language/Writing Lab is open for all students from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Friday. Tutors are available for ESL, English, Spanish and writing assignments.

Foundation Book Grant

Thank you to the Compton Community College District Foundation which recently secured a grant to help purchase textbooks.

We were thrilled to receive a \$25,000 grant to fund the "Texts for Transfer Success" project for our Transfer Academy students. Textbooks will be provided to high school transfer academy students while they are enrolled in classes at Compton Center. The objective is to purchase books in core subjects and to house them in the campus library for easy access of Transfer Academy students and to develop a depository for core subject textbooks.

The grant was made possible with funds received through the Crail-Johnson Foundation. Based in San Pedro, the mission of the Crail-Johnson Foundation is to promote the well-being of children in need.

These textbooks are a critical resource for students who cannot afford to purchase textbooks as a result of limited resources.

MLK Honored in Campus Garden

Congratulations to Dr. August Hoffman and his crew who have honored the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. with a new grape arbor installed in the Compton Center's Garden Project.

This new addition to the garden was helped along by a grant from California State University Northridge, which supplied the necessary materials. Students from both Compton Center and CSU Northridge pitched in to provide the labor.

The new arbor features a trellis that connects to an arbor completed the previous semester in honor of Cesar Chavez. The newly planted grapevines will eventually climb each arbor and meet over the trellis – shading a sidewalk while creating beauty and meaning on campus.

April 2007 Black College Tour

Historically Black College campus tour – April 2007. Total tour cost: \$1,500. Initial \$500 deposit due immediately. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Payment arrangements, fundraisers and sponsorships may be available. Please contact Mrs. Foster at hbcucollegegetour2007@yahoo.com or 562-428-6768 after 7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday.

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