



El Camino College COMPTON CENTER

COMMUNITY NEWS



Meet the New Provost: Lawrence M. Cox

Dr. Lawrence M. Cox was recently named permanent Provost of El Camino College Compton Center, overseeing daily campus operations and CEO of Compton Center College District.

"Dr. Cox is a proven leader in academic administration, institutional research and strategic planning," said Thomas M. Fallo, El Camino College President. "His skills and strengths are well-suited for the Compton Center provost position and we welcome him to the Compton campus."

Dr. Cox was selected from a group of three finalists for the provost position. A search firm recruited qualified candidates nationwide, working with a campus search committee representing administrators, faculty, staff, students, and the Compton Community College District, as well as one Equal Employment Opportunity representative.

Three finalists were selected and participated in a public forum. President Fallo and Compton Community College District Special Trustee Peter Landsberger then interviewed the three finalists before an appointment was made.

"Working with all Compton Center constituent groups, we were able to find the right person for the provost position, and we look to Dr. Cox to guide Compton Center toward a successful future," said Special Trustee Landsberger.

Dr. Cox joins the Compton Center community as enrollment continues to grow, with considerable progress in the vocational education area.

The Compton campus has been serving the community since 1927.



Lawrence M. Cox

Career Highlights

Dr. Cox has more than 25 years of academic experience and leadership.

- Provost of Stark State College of Technology in Ohio
- President of Olive-Harvey College in Chicago
- President of Shelby State Community College in Memphis
- Served as an educational and research consultant
- Tenured professor at universities and colleges

Educational Background

- Bachelor's degree in education, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- Master's degree in educational psychology, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- Doctorate in sociology, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- Graduate of the Institute of Management at Harvard University
- Student in the Yale School of Management for Leadership
- Participant in American Association of Community Colleges Leadership Academy



STUDENT PROFILE

April Morgan

When April Morgan first enrolled at Compton Center, she wasn't sure what she wanted to do.

She finally decided on a teaching career and is looking forward to transferring to California State University, Dominguez Hills to pursue a bachelor's degree and teaching credential.

"I had a lot of inspiring teachers growing up, not just one. That made me realize that we need a lot of good teachers out there. Someone who can make a change – someone who can make a difference. That's what I want to be."

April grew up in Compton and attended high school in San Dimas. After attending Mt. San Antonio College, she decided to move back home and attend Compton Center.

Two of the programs April participated in are EOP&S and TRIO, which help with financial aid, books, as well as getting her on track to transfer. She took advantage of the free tutoring, computers, counseling, book vouchers, and gasoline vouchers.

"I am a tutor now, helping others. So many people here are ready to help," April said. "They encourage you to do well – they don't want to keep seeing you here, they want to see you get your things together and move on to a university. They really helped me get where I want to go."

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Name: Ricardo Castro

High School: Carson High School, Class of 2005

Education/Career Goals: After graduating from Compton Center in 2007, Ricardo transferred to Cal Poly Pomona to major in applied mathematics. He plans on a career in engineering.

"I am doing well at Cal Poly and I feel really prepared for university work, especially in math courses. My experience at Compton was great – I had excellent teachers and met new friends, who I still keep in touch with. Being in the Regional Transfer Collaborative in high school gave me a good start on college work."

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Other opportunities are available, including tours to area businesses, career workshops, and outreach presentations to local schools, organizations and churches.

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310-900-1600, ext. 2913.

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**BASIC SKILLS -
SUCCESS IS IN THE STARS!**

Compton Center instructor Carroll Fisher has students reaching for the stars. She includes science and current events as an integral part of basic skills, offering interesting subjects and content to study and read.

Each course begins with a visit to the Compton Center observatory, delivering an introduction to celestial objects. With help from her oceanographer daughter, Fisher found interesting scientific materials such as free space photos from NASA, Web sites that follow phases of the moon, and other sites that follow space missions in real time. In addition to gaining basic reading skills, students learn to find information on the Web, read scientific reports, and are introduced to new venues in science.

Fisher and her daughter were recently invited to present information about how she uses scientific materials to motivate basic skills students at the Annual Meeting of the American Geophysical Union in San Francisco.

Although not a traditional venue for scientific education, Fisher is motivating students to develop not only reading skills, but also increased awareness of the world around them. Of course, her students always remember "to look up into the sky."

BASKETBALL – TO THE HOOP!

Congratulations to our Tartar basketball program! In his first year as the men's head basketball coach, Albert Turner led the team to a 7-3 conference record, 16-17 overall. The successful season culminated in a berth in the play-in round of the California State Basketball Championships.

Women's basketball coach Tracey McNeil led the team to a 4-4 conference record and 15-13 overall. For her hard work and success on the court, McNeil was selected as the conference "Coach of the Year."

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ACCREDITATION NEWS

The accreditation process continues at Compton Center, with the first step in demonstrating to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) that El Camino College Compton Center meets eligibility standards in 21 separate areas of performance.

Step two is achieving candidacy status, which will occur once the ACCJC determines that El Camino College Compton Center meets the standards for eligibility. Thereafter, El Camino College Compton Center must remain in compliance with the ACCJC standards for two years, before the campus is able to apply for full accreditation.

In step three, Compton Center must complete a self-study along with supporting evidence, and pass a site visit from a site visit team sent by the ACCJC. All of this must be completed before the commission makes a final determination.

The primary intent of the agreement between the El Camino Community College District and the Compton Community College District has always been to assist the Compton campus' recovery and full accreditation as a two-year public college. Based on projections from the ACCJC, it is likely that accreditation for our institution will take between eight to 10 years from the 2007-2008 academic year.

For more information on the accreditation process, please visit the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges Web site at www.accjc.org.

COMPTON CENTER – THE PLACE TO BE!

Here's why!

- At Compton Center, you can ...
- Save money, transfer to a university for a bachelor's degree
- Receive personalized attention – small class size –
- Prepare for your career in vocational technology classes
- Get the support you need: financial aid, counseling, job placement, and more
- Have fun – join in activities and clubs



CONGRATS TO THE CLASS OF 2008!

Graduates of the Class of 2008 celebrated commencement with family and friends, and were treated to an inspiring speech from Dodger baseball legend Tommy Lasorda.

Also addressing the class of 2008, student speaker Magdalena Arreola, of Compton, who earned an associate degree and will transfer to California State University, Dominguez Hills in the fall to complete her bachelor's degree and become a Spanish professor. She plans to continue her education by earning a doctorate degree.

Arreola was born in Guadalajara, Mexico and moved to the United States in 1999. By pursuing higher education, she said she is setting an example for her five children, ranging in age from 13 months to 20 years. Arreola said her experience at Compton Center was highlighted by the tremendous support of her professors.



Another outstanding Compton Center graduate is Alberto Martinez, who will attend the University of California at Irvine (UCI) in the fall. He attended Compton Center as part of the Regional Transfer Collaborative (RTC), a program designed to assist students to transfer to the four-year university of their dreams.

Martinez said he appreciates the small class size at Compton Center because it allows more interaction with instructors. In addition, his experience with the RTC program helped make the transition to a four-year university easier.

The El Camino Community College District is committed to providing equal opportunity in which no person is subjected to discrimination on the basis of ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, age, sex, race, color, ancestry, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability or retaliation.



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