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El Camino College Compton Center Students Tour Historically Black Colleges and Universities for Transfer Consideration



A group of El Camino College Compton Center students recently had the opportunity to visit seven Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) at no cost. This is the first time such a tour has been offered to ECC Compton Center students and it was made possible through state Student Equity Funds and a partnership with Educational Student Tours (EST), which designed the tour agenda. The primary goal of the HBCU tour was to offer select students an opportunity to learn more about the requirements for public, private and out-of-state universities, and to increase student transfer rates at ECC Compton Center.

The tour was motivated by the new HBCU guaranteed transfer agreement established by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, which states that students are now guaranteed transfer to any of the nine participating HBCU campuses should they complete the academic requirements, which are similar to transfer requirements for California State University and the University of California. In addition to guaranteed admission, the HBCU Transfer Agreement also offers priority registration, priority consideration for housing, consideration for transfer scholarships for students with a 3.2 or higher GPA, and preadmission advising.

Altogether, 64 students and six chaperones participated in the HBCU tour in November. "ECC Compton Center administrators recommended students to be selected for this tour who are giving back to this institution, are in leadership positions, or serving as tutors or student workers," said Albert Jimenez, ECC Compton Center instructional specialist. "Students who participated in this tour were also rewarded for their commitment to community service."

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The students and their chaperones visited various colleges/universities in four different states including Dillard University and Xavier University in Louisiana; Tuskegee University, Talladega University and Stillman College in Alabama; Fisk University in Tennessee; and Morehouse College in Georgia. The tour also included five nights of hotel accommodations, round trip airfare, bus transportation, and sightseeing trips to historical sites such as the lower ninth ward in New Orleans, the Martin Luther King Center in Alabama, as well as a tour of Nashville.

The HBCU tour gave ECC Compton Center students a chance to experience something new; many had never traveled out of state. “The tour was awesome, and the HBCU campuses were beautiful and left an outstanding impression on me,” said Compton resident Antwan Dansbury, who is a Dominguez High School graduate. “I had a chance to talk with students from the campuses we visited, as well as further connect with fellow Compton Center students who were also on the tour.” As an environmental science major, Dansbury wants to pursue a career with the National Park Service. When asked where he would like to transfer, he replied, “Of course, I would love to attend Tuskegee University in Alabama.”

ECC Compton Center is dedicated to offering student support services, such as this tour, that help students reach their educational goals and provide experiential growth. “It is about students connecting with their peers and networking with students who already attend the HBCUs, as well as expanding into new life experiences,” said Jimenez. “These students came back with more social capital than they left with.”

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is the community’s education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA.

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