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## Compton College Names 2018 Distinguished Faculty and Staff *Three Honorees Put Students First at Compton College*

Compton College recently announced its honorees for the 2018 Distinguished Faculty and Staff awards at the Annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Breakfast, an event designed to thank all members of the campus community for their commitment to Compton College and its educational mission. Paul Flor, Academic Senate president and political science professor; Elizabeth Walker, adjunct English and political science instructor; and Pamela Wilkerson, human resources representative, were recognized for their dedication to students, Compton College, and colleagues.

**Paul Flor**, recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award, has worked as an instructor in the political science department since 1997. During that time, he has also served as president of the Academic Senate and chairperson of Faculty Council at Compton College. In these positions, he helps make decisions relevant to institutional effectiveness, policies and procedures, and committee assignments. In addition, he serves as the Title III coordinator, overseeing the federal grant program which helps fund the Welcome Center and the Learning Lab.

Flor is dedicated to student-centered education, and supports the use of technology to help students communicate and collaborate better with their peers and instructors. He strives to deliver meaningful instruction, which focuses on critical thinking and real-world application. His goal is to improve learning by allowing for students to apply their new knowledge to assignments and projects that are flexible enough to align with each student's interests and learning styles.

In 2016, he served on the Standard I team for the Accreditation Self-Evaluation Report, dedicating immense time and effort toward the collective goal of achieving accreditation for Compton College. Flor has received special recognition and positive feedback from appreciative students in the annual graduation survey. One student's survey feedback comments were: "He is a wonderful instructor. He allows you to grow in knowledge with all the help you need." Flor is currently in the process of completing his doctorate in leadership in higher education at Northcentral University in San Diego, California.

**Elizabeth Walker**, recipient of the Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award, has served as an adjunct instructor of English and political science for about ten years following a period as a writing tutor at the college. She also serves as a representative of the Faculty Council. Walker is responsible for establishing, and advising for, the "Around the Stump" faculty/staff or student? Book Club.

Walker is an advocate for education and organized a campus book drive to donate books to selected areas in Africa. She has published her work and presented at conferences. She created a Research Symposium for her students to present their work and invited other instructors to have their classes participate in the next symposium so more students have the opportunity share their research with the whole campus. She encourages civic engagement activities that help Compton College students become more involved both on and off campus.

Walker is recognized for innovative and creative education practices that have allowed students to thrive in her classroom. She strives to create an inclusive space for all student populations and works to help them develop academically and personally. She has contributed to the Compton College campus community in meaningful ways, including inspiring one of her previous students to pursue higher education as a career and join the Compton College faculty.

Walker is in the process of completing her doctorate in education at Claremont University. She earned a master's degree in public administration from Seton Hall University, and master's degrees in both political science and higher education studies from Claremont Graduate University. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from Pepperdine University.

**Pamela Wilkerson**, recipient of the Distinguished Staff Award, serves as a human resources representative for the Compton Community College District. She graduated from El Camino College Compton Center in 2013, prior to which she took a position as a student worker in 2010 while she was completing her studies. After earning her associate degree in business administration, she earned a bachelor's degree in applied studies from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and earned a Master of Business in Administration at Western Governors University.

The individual who nominated Wilkerson for this award described her interest in helping others as “authentic” and said she enthusiastically assists others in achieving their goals at Compton College. “With kindness and compassion, she actively seeks to help others. She motivates others through leading by example, always keeping her word, following through on every activity she participates in, and acting in a dignified manner regardless of who she is interacting with.”

Wilkerson believes in doing her part to ensure “Every Student is a Success Story,” the personal motto of Compton College President Keith Curry who challenges all faculty and staff to support this goal. She is also guided by the quote, “Be the labor great or small. Do it well or not at all.” Wilkerson says she is a proud alumnus who works “to ensure that the needs of students, faculty and staff are met and expectations exceeded.”

**Photos available online:**

<http://www.compton.edu/adminandoperations/publicrelations/images/2018/PaulFlor2018.jpg>

**Caption:** The Compton Community College District Board of Trustees recognize the Compton College 2018 Distinguished Faculty honoree Paul Flor. From left, Andres Ramos, board member; Sonia Lopez, vice president; Paul Flor, political science instructor; Nicole J. Jones, president; Deborah LeBlanc, board member; and Joshua Castellanos Ramos, student trustee.

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**About Compton College**

Compton College 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. Compton College is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.