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Compton Community College District Introduces New Student Trustee

The new student trustee for the Compton Community College District (CCCD) is Lynwood resident Joshua Ramos, who was appointed to represent the students of El Camino College Compton Center on the District's Board.

As the student trustee, Ramos will attend all Board meetings, discuss student-related issues, and receive all materials presented to the members of the CCCD Board of Trustees, except for closed session issues. It is also the student trustee's responsibility to make regular reports to the Associated Student Body and at other public forums held on behalf of students as it relates to the business of the District.

"I was interested in becoming the student trustee because I saw an opportunity to become a voice for students' needs," he said. "I would also like to help improve the perceived impression of Compton. Sometimes I don't think many people know about the many great opportunities available to students at Compton Center."

Ramos says he gravitates toward leadership roles as a means to help others and to improve his personal knowledge and abilities. The 2015 graduate of Marco Antonio Firebaugh High School began to build his leadership experience while in high school. He worked as a part-time office assistant at his high school through the Hub Cities Consortium, and also tutored other students in math and English. He was a member of the ROTC and president of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers; served as the Audio/Visual Club president during his senior year; and was a founding member of the Firebaugh Link Crew—a peer group that helps smooth the transition to high school for incoming freshman.



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In addition to being the student trustee, he currently works as a student ambassador for ECC Compton Center's Outreach Program. Student ambassadors are a group of students who volunteer to meet with prospective students during recruitment events, and provide them with first-hand information about ECC Compton Center. In sharing their student experiences, ambassadors help encourage enrollment of new students.

The small campus environment at ECC Compton Center is what keeps Ramos going while studying for a difficult major and dealing with family challenges. "I believe that we are stronger united, and that together we can achieve anything," he says. "This is why I love El Camino College Compton Center. The close relationships that are forged on this campus provide a sense of family and the comfort of knowing we all have each others' backs."

Ramos is an engineering major who plans to graduate from ECC Compton Center with an associate of science degree and transfer to a four-year university. He plans to transfer and is interested in applying to UC Berkeley, Irvine and Santa Cruz; California State University, Long Beach; and California State University, Sacramento.

"I am passionate about technology, which has driven me to pursue computer engineering as my major," says Ramos. "I would like to become a teacher and share the wonders of the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) with younger generations, so they may become the future experts in STEM that will innovate and help strengthen the future of our nation."

About the Compton Community College District

Board meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

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