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El Camino College Compton Center to Host One-Stop Event for Free Tax Preparation Assistance and “Cash for College” Fair

Need help preparing and filing your taxes, as well as applying for student financial aid? El Camino College Compton Center is hosting the Intuit Financial Freedom Foundation, and the Computer and Communications Industry Association (CCIA), who will provide free tax preparation and filing assistance on Saturday, February 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the ECC Compton Center Vocational Technology Center, Rooms VT-125 and VT-127.

Also at ECC Compton Center on February 23 is a “Cash for College” fair for parents and students from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. also in the Vocational Technology building. This event is free to the public and includes an in-depth presentation in both English and Spanish on available financial aid and scholarships. There will be online computer assistance and expert guidance with the Federal Financial Aid Application (FAFSA) to meet the March 2 Cal Grant deadline. Information will be provided for non-resident students and Assembly Bill 540 which provides for improved financial access to higher education for eligible students. In addition, there will be a workshop about the Federal Dream Act. Those who attend the Cash for College event will also be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship.

Taxpayers may prepare and file their 2012 federal return for FREE if one of the following applies: earned \$31,000 Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) or less in 2012; qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC); or earned \$57,000 or less AND served Active Military Duty in 2012, including Reservists and National Guard, with a 2010 W-2 and an AGI of \$57,000 or less.

Participants need to bring a copy of their 2011 tax return, if available; a picture I.D. for each taxpayer and spouse, if applicable; a social security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for each family member; proof of income—including W2s and 1099 forms; documentation of deductible expenses; and account and routing numbers of checking and savings accounts for direct deposit. Trained volunteers and tax experts will be available to provide assistance. Spanish translation is available.

It is recommended attendees make a reservation for tax preparation assistance; call 866-577-1231 and mention you are calling for an appointment for the California Free Tax Events. Walk-ins are welcome.

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 90221.

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