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El Camino College Compton Center Presents “Cesar Chávez, The Man” and Other Activities in Observance of Cesar Chávez Day

El Camino College Compton Center will celebrate civil rights leader Cesar Chávez with a series of activities on Thursday, March 28, in the Student Lounge from 11:00 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. The Associated Student Body (ASB) and Office of Student Life are hosting the day's festivities, which will include a produce exhibit with samples; music by “Mariachi Cachanilla de Mexicali” directed by Arturo Cortez; and a selection of Mexican cuisine for purchase. The celebratory event is free and open to the public.

The highlight of the Cesar Chávez Day Observance will be a performance entitled “Cesar Chávez, The Man” by Adolph Lopez.

One of our country's most inspirational labor leaders, Chávez founded and led the first successful farm workers' union in the United States. When he passed away on April 23, 1993, he was president of the United Farm Workers of America. Against all odds, 1960s grape pickers made history when they won the right to bargain after beginning their fight thinking their chance at success was close to zero. Generations that followed have one man to thank for decades of tireless leadership and nonviolent tactics used in the fight for social justice, especially for migrant farm workers. Cesar Estrada Chávez was a common man with an uncommon vision for humankind who firmly believed in equality, justice and dignity for all Americans.

In 1994, Chávez's family and the officers of the UFW created the Cesar E. Chávez Foundation (www.chavezfoundation.org) to inspire current and future generations by promoting the ideals of Chavez's life, work and vision. Today, Cesar Chávez Day is a legal holiday in 10 states (Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin), and the Cesar E. Chávez National Holiday organization continues to lobby to win a national holiday for the late labor leader and activist.

For more information on the Cesar Chávez Day festivities, contact the Office of Student Life at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2802.

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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