



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2017

Compton College Receives Accreditation

We are pleased to announce that Compton College was granted initial accreditation status by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) during its June 7, 2017 meeting. This action establishes Compton College as an accredited college.

Following the application for candidacy, and a Comprehensive Institutional Self-Evaluation Report submitted in January 2017, a four-day visit from the ACCJC External Evaluation Team was completed this past March. Typically, the ACCJC process would require accreditation candidacy to immediately follow accreditation eligibility. However, ACCJC was so impressed with the progress made during the past two years, that they decided to directly grant initial accreditation to Compton College.

Initial accreditation status for Compton College indicates that the ACCJC has determined the institution is in substantial compliance with its eligibility requirements, accreditation standards and ACCJC policies. Compton College is required to submit to ACCJC, a Quality Focused Essay as a special report within one year. Our goal is to submit the Quality Focused Essay to ACCJC by November 30, 2017.

We have prepared a timeline for completion of our next and final step, which includes El Camino Community College District and the Compton Community College District submitting a substantive change proposal, which is a "change in control" request, to ACCJC for the Compton Community College District to assume authority over Compton College. Our goal is to submit the substantive change proposal – change in control of the institution – to ACCJC by August 1, 2018. We are very hopeful Compton College will be able to offer summer session 2019 under the authority of Compton Community College District. At that time, the partnership between El Camino Community College District and the Compton Community College District will be concluded.

Compton College is dedicated to providing comprehensive educational programs and support services to the communities we serve. Thank you to all of our community leaders – at the federal, state and local levels – for your steadfast support; to the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees for your leadership; and to all of the Compton Community College District students and employees. We would especially like to thank our partner, El Camino College, for taking this journey with us as we work to establish Compton College within the Compton Community College District.



Dr. Keith Curry
President, Compton College
CEO, Compton Community
College District



Compton College Offers Flexibility!

Did you know that Compton College offers evening, weekend and online classes especially for students with other commitments and working adults who need more flexibility in a class schedule? Apply for fall 2017 today at www.compton.edu/apply/

PROFILE OF SUCCESS



For **Joshua Jackson**, serving as the 2016-17 Associated Student Body president was a learning, humbling and inspiring experience.

Jackson is taking on another position to add to his impressive resume of student activities as a member of the District's Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee. Other activities include the First Year Experience for highly motivated students, membership in organizations such as the Multi-Cultural Alliance and Brothers and Sisters Club, and student government. He also worked 16 hours per week in the First Year Experience office and maintained a B-plus grade point average.

Jackson graduated with his associate degree in June and will transfer to UCLA this fall to major in political science. He wants to be teacher after earning a bachelor's degree.

Student services on campus helped him tremendously, particularly financial aid and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS). "Seeing students who come here and beat the odds, that's the best thing about Compton College," said Jackson.



Carzie Jones (left) and Jose Solomon Cabello (right), pictured with Dale Ueda, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (ACR) instructor, are both in their 40s, both are making career changes, and both say the ACR program is changing their lives.

Change Your Life with Job Training

Compton College is part of the Strong Workforce Program, a California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office initiative designed to improve the quantity and quality of Career and Technical Education programs that lead to employment opportunities and/or wage increases for students.

The 2016-17 state budget included \$200 million for this initiative. Of this amount, Compton College is receiving just over \$716,000 each year in state funds, beginning this academic year, for three years.

Compton College students Carzie Jones and Jose Solomon Cabello exemplify the spirit and the goals of the Strong Workforce Program. Both students are in their 40s, and enrolled in Compton College's Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (ACR) program to make a career transition. "The ACR program is a good thing for Compton College students," Cabello said. "It's making a difference in our community and is an opportunity for those who really want to make a change in their lives."

The CTE training offered under the Strong Workforce Program includes Administration of Justice, Auto Collision & Repair, Auto Technology, Business, Information Systems, Childhood Education, Fire & Emergency Technology, Machine Tool Technology, Manufacturing, Sign Language/Interpreter Training, Real Estate, and more. For more information, please visit www.compton.edu/academics/cte/ or call 310-900-1600, ext. 2780.

Facilities News: Watch Us Grow!

The Compton Community College District grounds continue to improve thanks to funds from Measure CC and Measure C supported by voters in 2002 and 2014, respectively. Projects recently completed or in progress include:

- **Molina Health Center:** the first-ever student health center on District grounds opened to students in February 2017. It is operated by Molina Healthcare and provides medical treatment services to enrolled students.
- **Music Building/Little Theater:** the \$3 million Music Building renovation project included upgrades to the 220-seat Little Theater. A grand opening ceremony took place in December 2016.
- **Two new instructional buildings:** now in the planning stages to replace the current "Row Buildings," this project is supported by state funds as well as Measures CC and C.



Molina Health Center

Formerly Incarcerated Student Transition Program

Compton College helps formerly incarcerated students make a smooth transition to college with extra support services. The Formerly Incarcerated Student Transition (F.I.S.T.) program provides academic, social and economic support for students reentering the community after incarceration. One of Compton College's scholarship donors has committed to providing 30 scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each (a total donation of \$30,000) during the 2017-18 year to F.I.S.T. program participants.

Students in this award-winning program benefit from regular support meetings, soft skills and professional development, career counseling and entrepreneurship exploration, career workshops and basic skills enhancement. Compton College's F.I.S.T. program was honored with the 2017 Dr. John W. Rice Diversity & Equity Award for advancing social mobility by the Foundation for California Community Colleges and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. For more information, call 310-900-1600, ext. 2088

Aid for Student's Basic Needs

Compton College is committed to assisting students in need, especially those who have housing and food concerns or simply need some extra support.

Specifically, Compton College has established a free shower/towel/soap program that will guarantee students soap and clean towels to wash up in the locker facilities, which are open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when classes are in session each semester and during the summer. In partnership with the Compton Grocery Outlet, Compton College opened a food pantry on campus in May 2017 for eligible, currently enrolled students. "I'm proud that we're making a start to assist this population of students who need a little extra help," said Junior Domingo, Director of Student Development & Athletics who co-chairs Compton College's Homeless Student Task Force.

The task force has initiated a process to reach out to homeless students and students in need to let them know about financial aid, veterans' assistance and other resources that might be available to them. In addition, the task force is examining other ways to assist students with basic needs. For more information about the Tartar Support Program, please call 310-900-1600, ext. 2802.



Every **Student** is a **Success Story**

Sergio Cisneros



"I took advantage of the First Year Experience program and Transfer Center counselors to stay on track with the proper courses to transfer to a four-year university."

Jordan High School, 2013
Graduated from ECC Compton Center 2016
Transferred to UC San Diego in fall 2016

Brenda Rodriguez Juarez



"Compton College has a very friendly environment. I like all my professors, and the educational programs help you succeed."

Lynwood High School, 2016
Compton College class of 2018
Plans to transfer to a four-year university and major in sociology

Swaá Jackson



"I loved the vibe at Compton Center. You could basically ask for assistance and someone was always willing to help you out."

West High School, 2014
Graduated from ECC Compton Center 2016
Transferred to UC Santa Barbara in fall 2016



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Fall semester begins August 26 - Classes are available!

Cost Comparison

Compton College offers an excellent education at the best value

California residents spend only about \$1,400 per year to attend Compton College. We offer the same general education courses as UC and CSU schools – while saving students thousands of dollars. In fact, students seeking a bachelor’s degree can cut their student debt in half by starting general education classes at Compton College and transferring to a four-year college or university.

A full-time student enrolled in 12 units for two semesters pays \$1,400 per year at Compton College compared to:



\$31,200
PRIVATE

\$14,700
UC

\$6,700
CSU

\$1,400
COMPTON COLLEGE

Steps to Enrollment

All new students are required to complete the Steps to Enrollment prior to registering for classes at Compton College

Apply for Admission

Take the first step – it’s fast and easy! Complete and submit your free application online.

Financial Aid (recommended)

Need help paying for college? Apply for financial aid!

Orientation

Have questions? Online and in-person orientations provide an introduction to academic programs and support services to help you succeed.

Assessment/Testing

Improve your chances for success! Testing helps ensure proper placement in math and English and allows you to advance more quickly to your goals.

Educational Planning

Focus on your goal! Meet with a counselor and complete an educational plan to identify classes that are required to complete your certificate, degree or transfer program.

For more info on the Steps to Enroll, visit:

www.compton.edu/starthere

Apply and register for Fall 2017 online now!



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On Campus!

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The El Camino Community College District is committed to providing equal opportunity in which no person is subjected to discrimination on the basis of national origin, religion, age, sex (including sexual harassment), race, color, gender, physical or mental disability, or retaliation.

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Department	Extension	Department	Extension
Admissions & Records.....	2050	Financial Aid	2935
Assessment Center.....	2830	First Year Experience (FYE).....	2761
Athletics.....	2800	Library-Student Success Center	2535
Child Development Center	2900	Student Support Services.....	2023
Counseling	2076	Transfer/Career Center	2764
ESL.....	2550	Welcome Center	2765