



El Camino College
Compton Center

WINTER 2017

COMMUNITY NEWS

Train for a Career in the Beauty Industry

El Camino College Compton Center launched a Cosmetology program this fall for students interested in the beauty and wellness industry to earn a two-year degree and various certificates. Those who enroll in the program will receive training in cosmetology to become a hairstylist and provide beauty services such as shampooing, cutting, coloring and styling hair.

In two years or less, students can earn a certificate, or an associate degree, which prepares them for the California State Board of Cosmetology Licensing Exam. To earn an associate degree in cosmetology, students must complete a minimum of 1,600 hours equal to 35 units. Compton Center is currently accepting applications online for the spring 2017 semester and seats are available in the Cosmetology program! Daytime and evening classes will be offered again, including Cosmetology 1, 10, 11, 2a and 2b.



Cosmetology instructor, Stephen Ellis, demonstrates hair cutting techniques to ECC Compton Center student, Tori Norman.



Register Early for Spring 2017!

Registration is currently in progress for the spring 2017 semester, which begins on February 11. ECC Compton Center has hundreds of classes available including general education courses, which prepare students to transfer to a four-year college or university. The Career and Technical Education department offers 15 different occupational programs designed for students and working adults looking to train for a new career, or upgrade their skill for advancement. Saturday, evening and online classes are also available to accommodate any schedule. Online registration for the spring semester is ongoing through February 9, 2017. Apply and register online, 24 hours per day via the ECC Compton Center website www.compton.edu.

Free College Classes for High School Students

High school students can get started on their college education at El Camino College Compton Center. Taking college classes while still in high school is a great way to get a head start on a college degree, while saving money on enrollment fees. Also, taking college courses can help prepare high school students for college curriculum and offer a sense of what to expect in higher education. Get a jump-start on earning college credits while still in high school! To participate, high school students must apply online at www.compton.edu and submit a Concurrent Enrollment Application. For more information, visit www.compton.edu/studentservices/admissionandrecords/HighSchoolStudents.



PROFILE OF SUCCESS



Although **Denisse Juarez** was accepted to California State University, Northridge after graduating from Lynwood High School in 2013, cost and distance were prohibitive and she had to consider other options. "Luckily, I found a true community at El Camino College Compton Center and ended up feeling really comfortable there," said Juarez. "The many resources, and especially the Transfer Center, helped me transition from high school to college, guided me into the proper classes, and helped me explore four-year universities."

Juarez recently graduated from ECC Compton Center with an associate degree and is attending the University of California, Merced as a psychology major. After earning her bachelor's degree she plans to move into forensics and pursue law school.

The Transfer Center (D-29) is the ultimate resource for making a smooth transition to any four-year college or university.

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.

Message from **Keith Curry**

Provost, El Camino College Compton Center CEO, Compton Community College District

El Camino College's Compton Center was granted accreditation eligibility status by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) in March 2015. Work is currently in progress on the next step, which is to apply for accreditation candidacy for ECC Compton Center. Application for accreditation candidacy includes a self-evaluation report based upon a timeline developed by the ACCJC. The Self-Evaluation Report is to be submitted to the ACCJC in January 2017, followed by a visit from ACCJC's comprehensive evaluation team in March 2017.



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The ACCJC will consider the Self-Evaluation Report and Application for Accreditation Candidacy at its June 2017 meeting. If candidacy is granted for ECC Compton Center, it will be for a period of two years. The next step after being granted candidacy is to apply for initial accreditation.

Both the El Camino Community College District and the Compton Community College District are fully committed to obtaining independent accreditation for ECC Compton Center in accordance with the goals set forth in A.B. 318 and the Partnership Agreement.

In May 2016, 438 students graduated with associate degrees and 212 students earned certificates. We are proud of Compton Center scholars, and remain dedicated to providing a welcoming environment where the diversity of our students is supported to pursue and attain academic and professional excellence.

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:

- **Allied Health Building:** construction on a new \$12 million, state-of-the-art Allied Health Building was completed in December 2015.
- **Music Building/Little Theater:** the \$3 million Music Building renovation project includes upgrades to the 220-seat Little Theater and is scheduled for completion in December 2016. A Grand Opening Ceremony took place on December 13.
- **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 Measure CC and Measure C.



The grand opening for the new Allied Health Building was held in January 2016.

Students Succeed in Honors Program

At the 2016 Commencement Ceremony, El Camino College Compton Center celebrated the first three honors students to complete the new Honors Transfer Program (HTP). Aidee Nunez-Jimenez, Lluvia Lastra-Morales, and Deyanira Cardenas-Herrera all graduated in May 2016 with the HTP designation.



Aidee Nunez-Jimenez

"The program not only motivated me to transfer to a four-year university, but I was able to have one-on-one guidance with instructors as part of the Honors Program," said Aidee Nunez-Jimenez. "Completing special projects or literature reviews helped me gain critical thinking and writing skills that I am able to utilize at Cal State Long Beach."

The Honors Transfer Program provides a unique learning environment that stresses academic excellence and develops the awareness necessary to achieve this goal. The program prepares highly-motivated students to transfer by focusing on honors courses that are academically enriched to stimulate students intellectually, encourage independent critical thinking, and promote close interaction between students and faculty.

For more information about the Honors Transfer Program, visit www.compton.edu/academics/honorsprogram/.

First-Time College Students Excel



Students receive awards at the 2016 First Year Experience Year-End Celebration.

Stephanie Chavez wanted to quit after her first semester at El Camino College Compton Center, that is until she enrolled in the First Year Experience (FYE) program. "I can't emphasize enough how FYE helped me," said Chavez. "Everyone from the professors to the counselors and the FYE coordinator helped me succeed in the last two years. I've improved my GPA and now I'm ready to transfer to a four year university!"

The popular First Year Experience program connects first-time college students with learning communities where students collaborate, study in groups, and learn skills to ensure success at ECC Compton Center. For the 2016-17 academic year, the FYE program is serving 120 first-time students and Compton Center is exploring opportunities to expand the program.

For more information or to enroll in FYE for fall 2017, call 310-900-1600, ext. 2761 or visit Room F-19.

ECC Compton Center ALUMNI

Nico Balam



"There is one thing that cannot be taken from me, and that's an education. ECC Compton Center has provided me with a good education and has helped me grow as person."

2016 Presidential Scholar

2016 ECC Compton Center Graduate

Major: Machine Tool Technology

Swaá Jackson



"I loved the vibe at ECC Compton Center; I felt at home. It was very diverse. You could basically ask for assistance and someone was always willing to help you out."

High School: West Torrance High School
Transferred to UC Santa Barbara, Fall 2016

Major: Psychology

Apply Earlier for Financial Aid!

2017-18 FAFSA Now Available

If you plan to attend college next fall, apply TODAY at www.fafsa.gov using 2015 income information.

Eligible students may qualify for up to \$5,815 in federal grants!



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Classes Added for Spring 2017!

Spring semester begins February 11



"Enrolling at Compton Center was really easy. I was able to get all of my classes, especially since they

offer flexibility with evening, online and Saturday options."

Erik Hernandez

Second-year Nursing Student

"Priority registration is very important because I'm able to ensure a seat in the classes I need to complete my educational goals.



Without priority registration, I might not be able to graduate on time."

Sindy Villegas

Student Ambassador

Attention High School Seniors

APPLY - PREPARE - TEST - PLAN

All new students qualify for early registration if you complete the four Steps to Enroll by April 30, 2017.

APPLY - New students must complete an application.

PREPARE - All new students must participate in an orientation session.

TEST - Assessment testing must be completed prior to registering for classes.

PLAN - Students must meet with a counselor prior to registration to develop an educational plan.

For more info on the Steps to Enroll, visit www.compton.edu/starthere

Summer & Fall 2017 applications currently being accepted online!

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