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## **El Camino College Compton Center Invites Community to Celebrate African-American History Month**

El Camino College Compton Center will celebrate African-American History Month with a series of featured events, beginning with a kick-off ceremony on February 23 at noon on the South Lawn, that will feature an All People's Afrikan Drum Processional, an African Market Place and an all female Afrikan drum and dance performance.

Sponsored by the Student Life Office and Associated Student Body, the month-long celebration at El Camino College Compton Center also features:

- A panel presentation on "Black Athletes and the Professional Sports Industry," on Wednesday, February 24, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge. Panel participants include professional athletes who are Compton College alumni, a professional sports agent and a former NFL team official.
- A keynote address entitled "Partners to History: Martin Luther King Jr. and Ralph David Abernathy," on Thursday, February 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Tartar Gym, by guest speaker Donzaleigh Abernathy, who is the daughter of the legendary civil rights movement leader, Ralph David Abernathy, as well as an author, actress and director.
- Two, one-act plays, "Harriet Tubman Visits a Therapist," and "Martyr Interrupted," that will be performed on February 25 and 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Room Y-82, and March 4 and 5, at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in Room Y-82. Admission is \$5.00.
- A museum bus excursion to see the exhibit, "America I AM: The African-American Imprint," at the California Science Center Exposition Park, on Wednesday, March 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- A traditional African/African-American Fashion Extravaganza on Wednesday, March 10, from noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge, featuring El Camino College Compton Center students as designers and models. Admission is \$5.00.

All events are open to the public and complimentary, unless otherwise noted above. For information, call the Student Life Office 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. Many classes are available and offered at an affordable price—fees are only \$26 per unit. The catalog and class schedule for day, evening, weekend and online courses is available on the Web site at [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu) or may be picked up at Compton Center located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA. For more information, call 310-900-1600.

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