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El Camino College Compton Center Aerospace Fastener Training Center Hosts Industry Demo Day

On July 21, El Camino College Compton Center hosted a demonstration of its new aerospace fastener lab for local high school students. Industry experts were on hand to demonstrate the machinery, assist students in using the machines to fabricate parts and discuss career options in aerospace fastening technology.

The demo day program consisted of a welcome to students by Rodney Murray, ECC Compton Center Dean of Career Technology Education (CTE); a presentation of the value of CTE by David Gonzales, El Camino College Director of Centers for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT); an introduction to fastener technology and careers in the aerospace fastener industry; and an opportunity for the students to receive training and hands-on experience performing basic machine operation with instructors' guidance.

In late 2009, ECC Compton Center took delivery of aerospace fastener manufacturing equipment donated by Alcoa Fastening Systems (AFS), Johnson Gage, Inc., PB Fasteners, Shafer Machinery, Inc., and TurnCorp, Inc. The donated equipment includes: a cold header machine, Traub automatic turning machine, optical comparator, centerless grinder, and miscellaneous tools and measurement instrumentation. The generous equipment donations are in support of a continuation of El Camino College Compton Center's Aerospace Fastener Manufacturing Program being developed with the assistance of key corporations in the aerospace industry.

The aerospace industry is a growing area for lucrative career opportunities. Current demand is increasing for well-trained individuals in the aerospace fastener industry. It is estimated that 200-400 workers will be needed each year for the next five years.

The college introduced its first Aerospace Fastener Boot Camp Program as part of the Career and Technical Education curriculum in fall 2008. The training was provided by the CACT and funded by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's office of economic and workforce development.

Now, as host to the only college-level training program for aerospace fastening in the western United States, El Camino College Compton Center is working with several industry partners to develop curriculum for a fully credentialed Aerospace Fastener Manufacturing Program.

For information about the Aerospace Fastener Training Program at El Camino College Compton Center, contact Alicia Zambrano at 310-900-1600, ext. 2779.

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 college or 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 website at www.compton.edu or may be picked up at ECC Compton Center located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA. For more information, call 310-900-1600.

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