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## El Camino College Compton Center Celebrates Black History Month with Series of Events

Music, film and drama will be among the featured events showcasing Black History Month for three weeks in February at El Camino College Compton Center. The special series kicks off on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at noon with an African drums and dance performance by the all-women ensemble, S.H.I.N.E., in the Student Lounge, located at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA.

The keynote event in the series is a special lecture entitled, "A Call to Action," by Dr. Ikaweba Bunting, on Thursday, Feb. 21, at 11:00 a.m. in the Student Lounge. Bunting is a professor in the Social Science Division at ECC Compton Center. For 28 years, he worked abroad in various parts of East Africa, including service as director of former Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere's foundation. It was through that association that he had the opportunity to work directly with former South African president Nelson Mandela on a variety of projects. His lecture, as well as all Black History Month events, are free and open to the public.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Life and the Associated Student Body, the month-long Black History celebration at ECC Compton Center also features:

- "The Meeting," a play based on a mythical encounter between Malcolm X and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It will be performed on Thursday, Feb. 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the Student Lounge.
- An African Film Festival, on Feb. 13, 19, and Feb. 26 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge.
- "Martin & Music," a dramatic portrayal of Dr. King's speeches with music, on Wednesday, Feb. 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. and again from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge.
- A student Songwriter's Showcase hosted by the Music Department on Monday, Feb. 25 at 12:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge.
- A Gospel Extravaganza, featuring Joshua Generation in concert, on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge.
- "Simba Wachanga" (The Young Lions) presented by the Child Development Center, Thursday, Feb. 28 at 11:00 a.m. in the Student Lounge.

Students, staff, faculty, alumni and members of the community are invited to attend all of the complimentary Black History Month events at ECC Compton Center. For more information, call 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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