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Celebrate Black History Month at El Camino College Compton Center with a Series of Educational and Cultural Events

Music, film, drama and panel discussions will be among the featured events in observance of Black History Month at El Camino College Compton Center. The 2016 national Black History Month theme is “Hallowed Grounds: Sites of African American Memories.” Members of the community are invited to attend any or all of the events free of charge.

Sponsored by the Office of Student Life and Associated Student Body, the Black History Month celebration at ECC Compton Center will feature the following events:

- Jeopardy: Black History and Culture Trivia game on Feb. 8 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Student participants will have the opportunity to win prizes.
- A lecture and discussion entitled “Black Lives Matter” featuring Dr. Melina Abdulah, professor and chair of Pan-African Studies at California State University, Los Angeles, on Feb. 10 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- A screening of the 2014 feature film “Selma” beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 11 in the Student Lounge.
- A “Musical Journey through Black History” performance featuring ECC Compton Center instructor Harvey Estrada accompanied by his orchestra and music class on Feb. 17 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- Black History Month Movie Night featuring the film “What Happened, Miss Simone,” beginning at 6:30 p.m. The 2015 film is a biographical documentary about singer, musician, and civil rights activist Nina Simone.
- Live Art Exposition showcasing African diaspora art, poetry, spoken word narration, and musical performances by ECC Compton Center students and community artists on Feb. 18 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at the Tartar Quad.

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- A lecture by ECC Compton Center alumni author Albert Neal, who wrote the book “Ill At Ease.” Neal will discuss his work, PTSD, foster care, and life in underserved communities from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 23.
- Black History Month Three-Day Book Fair on Feb. 23 from 12:30-3:00 p.m.; Feb. 24 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.; and Feb. 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge.
- Compton native Gerald C. Rivers will portray Martin Luther King, Jr. in an encore performance of “Martin & Music” at 11:00 a.m. Feb. 29. A professional actor and motivational speaker, Rivers' presentation includes a musical tribute to MLK.

All events are free and open to the public, and will take in the ECC Compton Center Student Lounge, located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221, unless otherwise specified. Valid daily parking permits are required and may be purchased for \$3 at the parking lot pay stations. For more information, call the Office of Student Life at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2802, or visit <http://www.compton.edu/events/blackhistorymonth/>.

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.

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