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El Camino College Compton Center Partners with Operation HOPE to Offer Students Financial Literacy Education and Financial Counseling Services

Students Invited to Free Credit & Money Management Workshop on March 19

El Camino College Compton Center recently established a partnership with nonprofit Operation HOPE to offer enhanced financial services to ECC Compton Center students. Through the partnership, Compton Center's Financial Aid Department will now provide financial literacy education and planning services, including credit counseling and money management workshops. John Hope Bryant, an alumnus of the former Compton College, founded Operation HOPE.

This program will benefit students by increasing their financial capabilities through counseling and workshops, reducing student loan default rates, and creating a culture of financial competence. ECC Compton Center will leverage benefits of the Operation HOPE partnership through staff support with highly qualified financial educators; access to curriculum tools; and assistance with strategic alliances and institutional staff training.

A series of free “Credit and Money Management” workshops will be offered this spring to ECC Compton Center students. The workshops will take place in Room E-38 and are designed to help students understand credit reports, successfully negotiate with banks/lenders, and learn how to establish credit and improve their credit scores.

Upcoming Credit & Money Management Workshop Dates:

Saturday, March 19 @ 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 16 @ 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 21 @ 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

[Operation HOPE](#) provides an innovative and cost-efficient strategy that will bring financial empowerment and awareness services to the ECC Compton Center student population. Through this partnership, ECC Compton Center has future plans to expand the service offerings to Compton Community College District residents by partnering with community stakeholders to

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offer financial education. In addition, the district plans to establish future partnerships with local educational agencies to provide financial education aimed at increasing the financial competency of students enrolled in elementary and secondary schools.

For more information about the workshops, contact ECC Compton Center's Operation HOPE office at 213-422-6115 or via email to Eric.Clay@operationhope.org.

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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