

High School News

Published for counselors and parents of Compton Community College District high school students | Spring 2017

Honors Transfer Program: Pathway to University

At its 2016 Commencement Ceremony, El Camino College Compton Center celebrated the first three honors students to complete the new Honors Transfer Program (HTP).

"The HTP program not only motivated me to transfer to a fouryear university, but I was able to have one-on-one guidance with instructors as part of the Honors Program," said Aidee Nunez-Jimenez. "Completing special projects or literature reviews helped me gain critical thinking and writing skills that I am able to now use at Cal State Long Beach."

Offering a unique learning environment that stresses scholastic excellence, the HTP supports highly motivated students who want to transfer to

> the finest universities. Students have access to a variety of benefits, such as priority registration, academic and social interaction with other highly motivated students, smaller class sizes, designation of HTP on ECC Compton Center transcripts/degrees, and enrichment seminars.

For more information about the Honors Transfer Program, visit http://www.compton.edu/ academics/honorsprogram/.







DID YOU KNOW?

In 2015-16, nearly 370 **ECC Compton Center** students transferred to Cal State Universities.

FREE College Classes!

credits while still in high school! ECC Compton Center offers FREE classes to eligible high school juniors and classes while still in high school is a www.compton.edu and submit a

Begin College with Personalized Support

Stephanie Chavez found out for herself how valuable the First Year Experience (FYE) program at El Camino College Compton Center is. Facing certain challenges and knowing she needed help, Stephanie enrolled in FYE. "I can't emphasize enough how FYE helped me," said Chavez. "Everyone from the professors to the counselors and the FYE coordinator helped me succeed in the last two years. I've improved my GPA and now I'm ready to transfer to a four-year university!"

The popular FYE program connects first-time college students with learning communities where students collaborate, study in groups, and gain skills to ensure success at ECC Compton Center.

For more information or to enroll in FYE for fall 2017, call 310-900-1600, ext. 2761 or visit the FYE Office in Room F-19.



Express Creativity as a Beauty Technician

El Camino College Compton Center now offers a Cosmetology program for students interested in the beauty and wellness industry to earn a two-year degree and various certificates. Students enrolled in this program will receive training to become a hairstylist and provide beauty services such as shampooing, cutting, coloring and styling hair.

In two years or less, students can earn a certificate, or an associate degree, which prepares them for the California State Board of Cosmetology Licensing Exam. To earn an associate degree in cosmetology, students must complete a minimum of 1,600 hours equal to 35 units. Compton Center is currently accepting applications online for the summer and fall 2017.

Train for a Good Paying Job

ECC Compton Center's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program helps students get the training needed to qualify for jobs that pay well, while also assisting students with the job-search process.

CTE offers more than 16 different job programs, including welding, cosmetology, aerospace fastener manufacturing, machine tooling, and heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, with up-to-date equipment and instructors who are experts in their fields. Associate degrees and certificates are available for many programs. Evening and weekend classes are also available. For more information, visit www.compton.edu/academics/cte or call 310-900-1600, ext. 2780.



CTE Spotlight:

HVAC Program

A hot (and cool!) area of job growth is in the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) field, with an estimated 84,000 total new job openings expected through 2024. ECC Compton Center's HVAC courses prepare students for employment in this global industry through lectures, demonstrations, and handson training. El Camino College's program recently received a six-year accreditation from the HVAC Excellence Accreditation Review Committee for meeting and/or exceeding all standards.

Cash for College!

Now is the time to apply for financial aid! The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) determines eligibility for state and federal grants, as well as additional school aid. If you plan to attend college in the fall, apply NOW at www.fafsa.ed.gov using 2015 income information. Eligible students may qualify for up to \$5,920 in federal grants!



Basketball Player Signs with TSU Tigers

Tartar Men's Basketball player DaJion Henderson has signed a National Letter of Intent (NLI) to play at Tennessee State University beginning in the 2017-18 season.

Henderson is an example of ECC Compton Center's successful athletic program for both men and women. In addition to the Tartar Athletics' legacy of success in the California Community College system, Compton Center student-athletes proudly demonstrate a strong commitment to educational success, sportsmanship, excellence and service.

For more information about ECC Compton Center's 13 intercollegiate sports, please call 310-900-1600, ext. 2800.



Jump-start your future at Senior Day!

High school seniors (and their parents) are invited to join us on May 10 at ECC Compton Center for Senior Day. This fun and informative event includes a student support and resource fair, opportunity drawings for prizes, a campus tour and a free lunch. You'll be able to hit the ground running by completing the steps to enroll, while learning about financial aid, degree and certificate options, as well as transfer and career services. RSVP today at www.compton.edu/seniorday.

Compton Promise

The Compton Promise provides a pathway from high school to El Camino College Compton Center, and then on to California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH) for Compton and Lynwood Unified School Districts.

ECC Compton Center alumna Phoenicia Preston transferred to CSUDH through the Compton Promise. While enrolled at ECC Compton Center, she learned about the agreement from the Transfer Center and was eager to participate. "The parts of the Compton Promise that motivated me most were signing the contract guaranteeing my admission to CSUDH, as long as I took the right classes and the regular visits with CSUDH counselors to keep me on track," Preston said.



Every Student is a **Success Story**



Joshua is a Student Trustee for Compton Community College District and plans to transfer to a four-year university to major in computer engineering

> "The close relationships that are forged at Compton Center provide a sense of family and the comfort of knowing we all have each others' backs."

Swaá graduated from **ECC Compton Center** and transferred to UC Santa Barbara to major in psychology

"I loved the vibe at **Compton Center. You** could basically ask for assistance and someone was always willing to help you out."





Sergio graduated from ECC Compton Center and transferred to UC San Diego

"I took advantage of the First Year **Experience program** and Transfer Center counselors to stay on track with the proper courses to transfer to a four-year university."

Denisse graduated from **ECC Compton Center and** transferred to UC Merced to major in psychology

"The many resources at **Compton Center helped** me transition from high school to college, guided me into the proper classes, and helped me explore universities.'





NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION ECRWSS U.S. POSTAGE PAID COMPTON, CA PERMIT #59

Apply Online for Summer & Fall 2017 • Only \$46 Per Unit

Cost Comparison

ECC Compton Center offers an excellent education at the best value

It costs California residents only about \$1,400 per year to attend ECC Compton Center. We offer the same general education courses as UC and CSU schools – and students save thousands of dollars. In fact, students can earn their bachelor's degree with half the amount of student debt just by starting at ECC Compton Center and then transferring to a four-year college or university.

A full-time student enrolled in 12 units for two semesters pays \$1,400 per year at ECC Compton Center compared to:



\$31,200 PRIVATE \$14,700 UC \$6,700 CSU

Financial aid, such as fee waivers, grants, scholarships, work study programs and loans, is available year-round. This money can be used to help pay for fees, books, supplies, and sometimes even living expenses.

Learn more about the different types of financial aid available and apply for them by visiting www.icanaffordcollege.com.

Complete the Steps to Enrollment!

All new students are required to complete the Steps to Enrollment prior to registering for classes at ECC Compton Center.

Apply for Admission

New students must complete an application.

Orientation

All new students must participate in an orientation session.

Assessment/Testing

Assessment testing must be completed prior to registering for classes.

Educational Planning

Students must meet with a counselor prior to registration to develop an educational plan.

For more info on the Steps to Enrollment, visit www.compton.edu/4steps

In-district residents and high school graduates are eligible for priority registration upon completion of the Steps to Enrollment.

Summer sessions begin June 19 Fall semester begins August 26



One-Stop Location!

Visit the Welcome Center for general info and access to computers to assist with the enrollment process – located in D-27

Book a Tour!

Contact the Welcome Center to schedule a tour: 310-900-1600, ext. 2765

Stay Connected with ECC Compton Center











