



August 16, 2013

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**KEITH CURRY, Ed.D.**  
Chief Executive Officer

**THOMAS E. HENRY**  
Special Trustee

Special Trustee  
Compton Community College District

Dear Special Trustee Henry:

Summer is quickly waning and I hope you have taken some time to relax and rejuvenate. The fall session at the El Camino College Compton Center will begin on Saturday, August 24, 2013 and we are working towards meeting the El Camino College Compton Center full-time equivalent student enrollment target. Please note the Fall Faculty Flex Days are scheduled for August 22-23, 2013.

The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2013. Closed session begins at 4:00 p.m., with open session commencing at 5:00 p.m. At the regular board meeting, we are providing the public with an opportunity to comment on the Compton Community College District Initial Collective Bargaining Proposal to the Compton Community College District Federation of Employees (Classified Unit).

The August 20, 2013 Board Agenda includes the following:

- A. The consent section includes various purchase orders necessary for operation of the District and the El Camino College Compton Center, as well as all personnel actions.
- B. The action agenda includes approval for the District to participate in the 2014 California Community Colleges Chancellors Office Tax Offset Program; approving budget transfers; and a request for approval of Surplus Property.
- C. The discussion/information agenda includes the first reading of the revised Board Policy 6200-Budget Preparation; the first reading of the revised Board Policy 6750-Parking; the Special Trustee Advisory Committee and the Measure CC Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee meeting dates; and the Board Meeting Presentations and Reports Schedule for 2013.

The items below are included for your perusal:

1. Letter from Jee Hang Lee, dated August 13, 2013, regarding Compton Community College District Association of Community College Trustees membership
2. Memo from Felipe Lopez, dated August 15, 2013, providing an update on the Compton Community College District Surplus Property.
3. Memo from Linda Owens, dated August 15, 2013, providing an update on the Compton Facilities Project.

4. Memo from Lt. Ramund Box, dated August 14, 2013 regarding the increase in parking fees.
5. Memo from Reuben James, dated August 15, 2013, providing a list of the Special Events for the month of July.
6. Compton Community College District and El Camino College Compton Center News Releases for July 11, 2013 through August 14, 2013.

If you would like to request additional back-up information on any Board Agenda items prior to the August 20, 2013 board meeting, please contact Ms. Paula VanBrown, Executive Assistant to the CEO, at (310) 900-1600, ext. 2001. Any additional back-up information will also be made available to the public at the August 20, 2013 board meeting.

Sincerely,



Keith Curry, CEO

c: CCCD Board of Trustees  
Vice President, Deans, Directors



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August 13, 2013

Dr. Keith Curry  
Compton Community College District  
1111 E. Artesia Boulevard  
Compton, CA 90221

Dear Dr. Curry:

Thank you for your interest in having the Compton Community College District join the Association of Community College Trustees. Unfortunately, Compton CCD is not eligible to join ACCT as a voting member at the present time.

ACCT's bylaws define our voting membership in Article II, Membership, Section 1, Voting Members, as "Governing and advisory boards of accredited not for profit community-based postsecondary educational institutions that primarily offer programs other than baccalaureate, graduate and professional degrees, including boards of state systems that include such institutions, are eligible to become voting members of the association." At this moment, Compton CCD lacks accreditation so therefore is not eligible to join ACCT as a voting member.

Compton Community College District is eligible to join ACCT as an associate member, but associate members are non-voting members. Therefore, associate members are not eligible to run for the ACCT Board of Directors and the Diversity Committee.

We do look forward to Compton Community College District joining ACCT as a voting member when it is eligible to join. If you have any additional questions, please contact me or Vice President for Public Policy and External Relations, Jee Hang Lee at [jhlee@acct.org](mailto:jhlee@acct.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Noah Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style.

J. Noah Brown  
President and Chief Executive Officer



## OFFICE OF BUSINESS SERVICES

To: Dr. Keith Curry, Chief Executive Officer

From: Felipe R Lopez, Chief Business Officer

Date: August 15, 2013

Subject: Surplus Equipment

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Below is a summary of the equipment that the District intends to surplus:

The past several years the District has been accumulating old, broken, and unusable computer equipment. This equipment has been evaluated and determined to have no salvage value and therefore the District will be working with Recycle International to collect and recycle the surplus equipment. Recycle International is certified by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery as a collector in the Covered Electronic Waste (CEW) Recovery and Recycling Payment System. The vendor certifies that all surplus equipment is crushed and then shredded to ensure no unauthorized data is retrieved from the equipment. This program allows District will recover \$.06 per pound of equipment that is collected. The proceeds collected will be used toward the purchase of new District equipment.

In accordance is the District's Board Policy 6550 Disposal of Property and with Education Code 81450 through 81460, it is recommended that the Special Trustee declares the listed equipment, materials, and property as surplus property and authorize Recycle International to pick-up its disposal. The listed equipment, materials, and property have been declared obsolete and no longer

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** DR. KEITH CURRY, CEO  
**FROM:** LINDA OWENS, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES PLANNING AND OPERATIONS  
**SUBJECT:** COMPTON CAMPUS PROJECTS UPDATE (BOND AND STATE FUNDED PROJECTS)  
**DATE:** 8/14/13

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**General** - In general, current projects at the District are moving forward. The Facilities, Business, and Administration offices have been working together to process contractor/consultant invoices timely. Blanket Purchase Orders for the Bond Projects opened in the 2012/13 fiscal year will remain open indefinitely based on contract amounts and construction schedules to assist with tracking expenses/invoices against each project.

**LRC Project**

Due to the unique nature of the work necessary to determine the exact construction scope necessary to complete, closeout/certify and ultimately open the Library Learning Resource Center based on the schedule in the NTD/PCM3 contract, it was recommended and determined to use the process allowed by California Code section 4526 (Lease Lease Back) to include the completion contractor as part of the team that develops that scope of work. NTD/PCM3 recommended moving forward with P.H. Hagopian Contractor as the successful Lease Lease Back proposer. They were board approved in May 2013. P.H. Hagopian has had various sub-contractors out verifying the scope of work for electrical, plumbing, HVAC, roofing, elevators and site work in order to put together a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to finish the LRC. Their final GMP amount should be placed on the August 2013 Board Agenda.

Final acceptance of the LRC project by DSA will require the closeout of construction change documents (CCD) for the LRC Project. Initially, there were 160 outstanding change orders (CCD). Upon further review by the new Architect, 130 change orders had already been DSA approved, leaving only 30 change orders still in need of DSA approval.

**HVAC Modifications** - The Chevron settlement agreement is still being discussed between the attorneys. NTD/PCM3 has provided the District with a peer review of the current HVAC system. At least one air handler unit is recommended for replacement because the unit is undersized.

**II. Music Building Renovation (Y-Area / Little Theater)** – The current total project budget is \$ 1 Million. WLC Architect, the new architect of record for this project, continues to meet monthly with the District to prepare new design documents for DSA submittal.

**III. Server Room and MIS Building Enhancements** –Phase 1 of the project was substantially completed in November 2012. Remaining phases are dependent upon future budget allocations. The District approved the purchase of additional server equipment in May 2013; and the additional security equipment in June 2013. Installation is scheduled for the August.

**IV. Phase 1 - Central Plant / Stadium Lighting** –Parapet framing is complete. Framing for Solar Panels is 100 % complete. Installation of roof curbs, skylights, and roof access hatches is complete; roofing is scheduled to begin the week of August 5. Installation of exterior sheathing is complete; walls are being prepared for plaster, metal siding, and louver installation. Interior utility rough-ins for plumbing and electrical is continuing. Interior drywall was installed on one side of the building in preparation for DSA Inspection. The chiller system installation passed the DSA Inspected Bolt torque test. The District has taken occupancy of the Central Plant maintenance yard, although Pinner still uses the area for ongoing construction. The Stadium Lighting design was also approved by DSA on May 24; fabrication of the Stadium Lighting is complete. The locations of two of the poles on the west side near MLB were adjusted to avoid conflicts with existing utilities associated with MLB, necessitating modification to the light head orientation on these poles, this orientation takes place in the manufacturer’s shop, poles will be scheduled for shipment once site is prepared. Over excavation and re-compaction for the Stadium lights to the east has begun. The soil for the stadium Lights to the west will require compaction grouting which is scheduled to begin 8/14 and will take approximately 3 weeks to complete. Lighting poles are tentatively scheduled to be delivered 9/3.

**Phase 1 – Utility Infrastructure** – Construction is progressing in Segment 7, which includes the Main road from the Math/Science Building intersection to the east side of the Administration Building. The access along the Main road will be blocked through October 2013. The scope of work includes the installation of 10” Fire line, Sanitary Sewer line, gas line, communication and main electrical lines and the complete redesign of the sidewalk and court yard. Installation of concrete curbs has begun. Installation of chilled water lines, storm drain, gas, water and fire main in Segments 3 and 6 near the Math/Science Road is nearing completion, electrical and communications is following immediately behind the completion of these items. This area will remain closed through mid-September. Resurfacing of Parking lots G and H is complete. The District submitted a request to the State to utilize bid savings to fill-in the retention basin at the south end of Campus with an underground piping system; the request was approved. The design phase for the retention basin underground system is complete; the contractor is currently pricing the new design and soliciting shop drawing from the subcontractor.

**V. Phase II – Utility Infrastructure** – Installation of the asphalt at Lot F is complete with the exception of a small section at the east gate of the Central Plant, and the northeast area near the East entrance from Greenleaf, which is currently under construction; approximately 95% of Lot F is in use. Installation of asphalt in parking lots D and E are complete; portion of Lot E reopened on Monday May 6 and the balance of lot E shall open after the completion of the main road due to restricted access. Construction along the main road continues to progress well, with the installation of concrete curbs and sidewalks. Installation of the Fire Hydrant and Light Standard near Childcare is complete. Construction along the East Corridor of the Row buildings is in progress, the scope of work includes the installation of Chilled water, Gas, Sewer and Domestic Water and Fire Water lines. Work in the corridor is scheduled to continue through Sept 2013 however, the contractor is on track to open the corridor by the start of the summer secession.

**VI. Allied Health Building** – The Allied Health Building bids were rejected. District is awaiting approval from State to re-bid. Documents are being prepared for rebid.



# Police Department

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## El Camino College

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August 14, 2013

To: Dr. Keith Curry, CEO  
Compton Community College District  
1111 E. Artesia Blvd  
Compton, California 90221

Dear Dr. Curry:

Based on the increase in services and resources now dedicated to student parking lots at the Compton Educational Center I am proposing an increase of \$1 in parking fees. The new cost will take effect January 1, 2014, which will give the students enough time to adjust to the increase.

The El Camino College Police Department is grateful for the opportunity to Protect and Serve the Compton Community College District.

Sincerely

Ramund Box, Lieutenant  
El Camino College  
Compton Center Police Department



## OFFICE OF BUSINESS SERVICES

To: Dr. Keith Curry, Interim Chief Executive Officer  
From: Reuben James, Director of Fiscal Affairs  
Date: August 14, 2013  
Subject: August Events

Below is the list of the special events that are scheduled for the month of May 2013

<b>Cocaine Anonymous Meetings</b>	August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2013 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	V – 70
<b>EOP&amp;S/CARE Orientation</b>	August 5 - 22, 2013 8:30 am – 10:30 am 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Staff Lounge
<b>Counseling ECCC Student Probation</b>	August 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, 27-28, 2013 11:30 am -1:00 pm 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	VT - 209
<b>FYE Program Recruitment</b>	August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2013 4:30 – 7:00 pm	D-29
<b>Upward Bound Closing Ceremony</b>	August 9, 2013 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Student Lounge
<b>ECC Compton CTR Football Carwash</b>	August 10, 2013 9:00 am 3:00 pm	Lot A (South Side)
<b>A.J. Petitions 2013 Petition Signing</b>	August 21-30, 2013 10:00 am – 5:00 pm	Student Lounge Outdoor Quad



**From:** Cooper, Veronica on behalf of Garten, Ann Marie  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2013 11:40 AM  
**Subject:** El Camino College Compton Center to Host "New Student Welcome Day" August 21



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**For Immediate Release**

**August 15, 2013**

## **El Camino College Compton Center to Host "New Student Welcome Day" August 21**

El Camino College Compton Center invites incoming students to attend "New Student Welcome Day" on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. This orientation is the ideal way for new students to begin acclimating to college life. Touring the campus, meeting faculty and new friends, as well as becoming familiar with student services, are the first steps in charting a course for success at El Camino College Compton Center. Check-in will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Tartar gymnasium, and the orientation will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will also be provided to registered students.

Participants will also have a chance to meet with academic advisors; register for classes; get a firsthand account of campus life from current students; and visit the student services, academic programs and departments' showcase. These informative workshops and activities are designed to give students, who ultimately plan to transfer to a four-year institution, the tools they need to be prepared for their first day of classes and beyond.

In addition, students who have already enrolled in ECC Compton Center's First Year Experience (FYE) program will have an orientation immediately following the conclusion of New Student Welcome Day from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. The FYE program is effective in helping students excel in their first year of college by providing a supportive learning community that includes educational and career services.

For more information on FYE visit: [www.compton.edu/student-services/fye/aboutfye.aspx](http://www.compton.edu/student-services/fye/aboutfye.aspx).

To RSVP for New Student Welcome Day, students may call 310-900-1600, Ext. 2765, or visit [www.compton.edu/student-services/nswd.aspx](http://www.compton.edu/student-services/nswd.aspx).

For more information, please email [outreach@compton.edu](mailto:outreach@compton.edu)

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# THE COMPTON BULLETIN, August 14, 2013

## First-generation student credits El Camino College Compton Center with providing a solid academic foundation and transfer success



Joseph Romero-Reyes El Camino College Compton Center alumnus Joseph Romero-Reyes recently fulfilled his life-long academic goal of being accepted to a four-year university when he transferred to the University of California, Merced in spring 2013 to major in psychology. He is the first member of his family to attend college.

Romero-Reyes graduated from Vista High School in Lynwood, Calif., in 2006 and like many high school graduates, he was not sure of his career direction and was not really aware of the resources available to aid him with access to higher education.

His passion for sports broadcasting and video editing inspired him to attend film school, which later helped him acquire an internship position for a television news program. After working for a while in the broadcasting field, he felt his current level of education was not enough to help him advance in a corporate career, so he decided to pursue a degree in psychology.

As a child, Romero-Reyes suffered from anxiety disorder and consequently the disorder became the reason he decided to become a counselor and help others. "Being a kid with anxiety disorder is hard enough, and having non-English speaking parents made it more difficult to receive the adequate treatment for my condition", says Romero-Reyes. "I want to pursue a career in psychology not only to have financial security, but also to help non-English speaking, low-income families like my own with psychological counseling in their language and at affordable rates."

When he asked peers and relatives for advice on which college to attend, ECC Compton Center was recommended for its quality academic environment and convenient location. After researching the local community colleges, he made the choice to enroll at ECC Compton Center in 2010.

"El Camino College Compton Center exceeded my expectations and allowed me to acquire the adequate tools, as well as helped me establish a solid academic foundation which propelled me to the four-year university level", said Romero-Reyes. He made the most of his ECC Compton Center experience by taking a leadership role as an ASB officer, serving as the Commissioner of Classes and Curriculum.

Romero-Reyes credits the work-study program and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) for providing the necessary resources to attend college. He was hired as an ECC Compton Center student worker and received assistance with expenses through EOPS.

"EOP&S helped me by providing encouragement and moral support through the program's knowledgeable counselors, and also assisted me financially with book vouchers or book loans and gas cards," said Romero-Reyes. "Thanks to the experience I gained at ECC Compton Center, I know I will make my dreams a reality."



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For Immediate Release

August 13, 2013

## **El Camino College Compton Center Receives Grant for Recycling Bins** *Keep America Beautiful and The Coca-Cola Foundation Fill Need for Recycling Bins in Public Spaces*

El Camino College Compton Center recently received 10 recycling bins designed specifically for placement at 10 selected areas around the property. The acquisition of recycling bins was made possible by a grant from Keep America Beautiful and The Coca-Cola Foundation.

“For a number of years, various ASB councils have explored the possibility of having recycle bins on the grounds only to discover Compton Center lacked the resources to make it happen,” said Robert H. Butler, ECC Compton Center director of Student Services and ASB advisor. “Congratulations to ASB Vice President Carlos Ornelas and the ASB officers for taking the initiative to apply for the grant to benefit Compton Center.”

The 10 large, plastic recycle bins will be placed near the most populated areas at ECC Compton Center, such as the Student Lounge, athletics field, cafeteria, and the Tartar quad. The addition of the new recycle bins is in line with ASB’s Environmental/Recycle Program already in place. For more information about the ECC Compton Center ASB Environmental and Recycle Programs, please email Emmanuel Mujica, ASB Commissioner of Environment, at [emmanuel\\_mujica@elcamino.edu](mailto:emmanuel_mujica@elcamino.edu).

“We hope ASB’s efforts to improve the overall sustainability of this institution will encourage faculty, staff, students and our community to do the same,” said Ornelas.

ECC Compton Center was one of 156 schools, colleges, local government, and other community groups nationwide that received a grant. Keep America Beautiful selected grant recipients based on a number of criteria including level of need, recycling experience, and the ability of applicants to sustain their program in the future.

Keep America Beautiful and Coca-Cola partnered with the College and Recycling Coalition (CURC) to offer grants to CURC member institutions. The Bin Grant program awards recycling bins directly to recipients and leverages volume buying discounts. In its seven years of operation, the Bin Grant program has placed more than 29,000 recycling bins in more than 500 communities in 48 states and the District of Columbia. A full list of the spring 2013 grant recipients and further information about the Coca-Cola/Keep America Beautiful Recycling Bin Grant Program is available at <http://bingrant.org/>.

“One of the main barriers to recycling is convenience. Providing a recycling bin helps communities overcome that barrier,” said Matthew M. McKenna, president and CEO, Keep America Beautiful. “We are truly grateful for Coca-Cola’s support and commitment to recycling, and for its support and commitment of the Bin Grant Program.”

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August 8, 2013

## El Camino College Compton Center Offers Fall Semester Registration Assistance Beginning August 12

El Camino College Compton Center will be offering hands-on registration assistance beginning Monday, August 12 through Friday, September 6. Students may register for the Fall 2013 semester in a convenient location where computers will be available, as well as counselors and financial aid representatives.

### Registration Hours and Locations:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center (Room D-27)  
Fridays: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Welcome Center (Room D-27)  
Saturday, August 24: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Welcome Center (Room D-27)

To help students get the classes they need, many classes were added for the fall 2013 semester. Classes have been added in English, math, science, history, communications, Spanish, political science, sociology, and ESL, to name a few. A listing of many of the added classes is available [here](#).

General education course offerings, which will prepare students to transfer to a four-year college or university, as well as 15 different Career and Technical Education Programs designed for students looking to start a new career, or upgrade their skill sets are offered at ECC Compton Center. Saturday, evening and online classes are also available.

ECC Compton Center's fall 2013 semester begins August 24. Registration is now available for both continuing and new students. Apply and register online, 24 hours per day via the ECC Compton Center website [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu). Fees are only \$46 per unit. The schedule of classes is available on the Web at <http://www.compton.edu/studentservices/admissionandrecords/ClassSchedule.aspx> and may also be purchased at the Bookstore for \$1.

Financial aid is available to qualifying students – go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/) to apply. The next deadline to apply for financial aid is September 2, 2013, for community college students.

For more information, go to [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu) or call 310-900-1600.

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**August 7, 2013**

## **Compton Community College District Board to Meet August 20**

The next meeting of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221. Closed session begins at 4:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the Board on closed session agenda items. All regular session Board meetings are open to the public.

Please note that as of July 16, 2013, all board meetings will now begin an hour earlier at 4:00 p.m. for the closed session, followed by the open session at 5:00 p.m.

The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the District website, [www.district.compton.edu](http://www.district.compton.edu).

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## **Compton Community College District Special Trustee Advisory Committee To Meet**

The Special Trustee Advisory Committee for the Compton Community College District (CCCD) will hold a meeting on Monday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the CCCD Board Room, located in the Administration Building at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221. All meetings are open to the public.

More information on meeting dates for 2013, the role of the committee, and a list of its members may be found by visiting the District website:  
[district.compton.edu/board\\_of\\_trustees/special-trustee/special-trustee-advisory-committee.asp](http://district.compton.edu/board_of_trustees/special-trustee/special-trustee-advisory-committee.asp).

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**August 6, 2013**

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## **ECC Compton Center Joseph Romero-Reyes 2-2-2-2**

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“EOP&S helped me by providing encouragement and moral support through the program’s knowledgeable counselors, and also assisted me financially with book vouchers or book loans and gas cards,” said Romero-Reyes. “Thanks to the experience I gained at ECC Compton Center, I know I will make my dreams a reality.”

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## **Classes Added at El Camino College Compton Center for Fall 2013 Semester; Students Encouraged to Register Now to Get the Classes They Need**

El Camino College Compton Center has added a significant number of classes to the fall schedule, and the timing couldn't be better for student Carlos Ornelas.

"As I prepare to transfer to a university next year, there are only a few course requirements I still need to fulfill and I was able to register for the exact classes on my educational plan for the fall semester," said Ornelas, ECC Compton Center Associated Student Body president.

With the state budget picture improving slightly, ECC Compton Center is allocating more monies to support the additional classes, which began impacting students during the summer sessions.

Ornelas, an English major who plans to transfer to either California State University, Dominguez Hills, Fullerton or Long Beach, added he is aware many prospective ECC Compton Center students have had difficulty the past few years getting started with their college education because the classes they needed were not available.

"These added classes will allow more students the opportunity to get the classes they need to earn a degree or transfer to a university, which will help them in their future endeavors," he said.

The list of additional classes cover a variety of subjects, including high-demand core classes in English, math and sciences. This past year, community colleges statewide struggled with budget reductions that led to fewer class offerings.

"We are pleased to be able to address the students' needs by offering more classes," said El Camino College Compton Center Vice President Barbara Perez. "The significant number of classes added for fall will make a big difference to students in our communities who are working to transfer to a university or trying to complete the training they need for a career."

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## **ECC Compton Center Fall 2013 Registration 2-2-2-2**

ECC Compton Center's fall 2013 semester begins August 24. Registration is now available for both continuing students and new students. Apply and register online, 24 hours per day via the ECC Compton Center website [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu). Fees are only \$46 per unit. The Schedule of Classes is available on the Web at <http://www.compton.edu/student-services/admissionandrecords/ClassSchedule.aspx> and may also be purchased at the Bookstore for \$1. A listing of many of the added classes is available [here](#).

Financial aid is available to qualifying students – go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/) to apply. The next deadline to apply for financial aid is Sept. 2, 2013, for community college students.

For more information, go to [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu) or call 310-900-1600.

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## El Camino College Compton Center's '*Voices of Compton*' Literary/Art Journal Showcases Examples of Outstanding Student Work

More than 26 literary compositions and artistic works created by students at El Camino College Compton Center were published in the 5th annual edition of *Voices of Compton*, a fine arts journal and competition. The ECC Compton Center Humanities Division recognized the students' exceptional academic and creative work with prizes in five categories.

"It is good to have a creative and expressive outlet for students which can help them academically and professionally," said Ruth Roach, the ECC Compton Center English professor who oversees the publication of the journal. "It is very rewarding for the students to have all of their hard work pay off at the end of an academic year in such a creative way."

Below is a list of the student **Awards By Category:**

### Painting:

- *1<sup>st</sup> Prize:* Florence Kelly for "Hendrix"
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:* Bryan Ortega for "Blind Girl"
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:* Annette Scott for "G-G-Boy"
- *Honorable Mention:* Tyler Washington for "Rihanna"
- *Honorable Mention:* Brittany Carranza for "I Love Lucy"
- *Honorable Mention:* Maria Gutierrez for "Vicente Fernandez"

### Cover:

- *1<sup>st</sup> Prize:* Brian Macias for "Untitled 3"

### Poetry:

- *1<sup>st</sup> Prize:* Joshua Jones for "Poetry Freewrite"
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:* Miguel Quintero for "Seasons"
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:* Geraldine Hernandez for "Daughter of the Asia-Pacific Seas"
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:* Heather Ceja for "Alibi"

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## ECC Compton Center “Voices of Compton” 2-2-2-2

### Spoken Word:

- *1<sup>st</sup> Prize* Carlos Ornelas for “Tartar Sonnet”
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:* Loubna Jefferson for “My Brothers”
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:* Keahna Graddy for “Crime”
- *Honorable Mention:* Kishuna Galbreath for “Freedom”

### Essay:

- *1<sup>st</sup> Prize:* Brittany Stocker for “American Trends in Advertisement”
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:* Marilu Galindo Ramirez for “Lost Americans”
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:* Tanesha Tigner for “Miracle in Me”
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:* Andrew Manalo for “Disconnect to Reconnect”
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:* Benjamin Luna for “American Trends: Children Then and Now”
- *Honorable Mention:* Ariel Rufo for “A Sense of Peace”

### Mixed Media:

- *1<sup>st</sup> Prize:* Carlos Ornelas for poem and photograph titled “Ode to My People”
- *2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:* Vanessa Winston for poem and photograph titled “College Fair”
- *3<sup>rd</sup> Prize:* Tywana Davis for poem and sketch titled “Untitled on Beloved”

### Education:

- *1<sup>st</sup> Prize:* Jian Gelvezon for “Education: An Alternative Approach”
- *Honorable Mention:* Rosa Portillo for “The Cause and Effects of a Contemporary Education”

The 2012-2013 edition of *Voices of Compton* may be read in its entirety at:  
[www.compton.edu/academics/humanities/VOC2013.pdf](http://www.compton.edu/academics/humanities/VOC2013.pdf)

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## **Compton Community College District Schedules Information Session for Individuals Interested in Serving on Board of Trustees**

The Compton Community College District has scheduled an information session for individuals who are interested in serving on the District's Board of Trustees from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 23 in the Compton Community College District boardroom.

As a result of the District's redistricting process, all five seats will be up for election on the November 5, 2013 ballot. The filing period opens July 15 and closes August 9. All those interested in learning about the District and the upcoming election are invited to attend this information session.

Trustees elected for Areas 2 and 3 in November 2013 will serve an initial term of two years, and Trustees elected for Areas 1, 4 and 5 will serve a term of four years, as determined by a random drawing conducted by the District's legal counsel at the May 16, 2012 board meeting.

More information about the new trustee boundaries can be found at [http://district.compton.edu/district\\_information/district-redistricting.asp](http://district.compton.edu/district_information/district-redistricting.asp) or refer to the trustee boundary map at [http://district.compton.edu/district\\_information/docs/CCCD\\_TrusteeAreas\\_2013.pdf](http://district.compton.edu/district_information/docs/CCCD_TrusteeAreas_2013.pdf).

The newly adopted trustee areas follow city boundaries, transportation corridors such as freeways, and other natural boundaries, while equalizing population among each of the trustee areas.

To RSVP for the information session, please contact Paula Van Brown at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2001 or [pvanbrown@elcamino.edu](mailto:pvanbrown@elcamino.edu).

### **About the Compton Community College District**

Board meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting on the District website, [www.district.compton.edu](http://www.district.compton.edu).

The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

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# THE COMPTON BULLETIN—July 3, 2013

## College honors two students as 2013 Presidential Scholars

El Camino College Compton Center students Mariela Castro and Albino Celis, Jr. have been named as 2013 Presidential Scholars. Castro also served as the 2013 student speaker during the June 6 commencement ceremony. Castro and Celis received their awards at the annual Academic Awards Tea held in late May. Presidential Scholars represent students who have shown academic strength, singular focus and the desire to reach their highest potential, while overcoming obstacles in the pursuit of their dreams. Here are their personal stories of success.

### **Mariela Castro**

Mariela Castro is graduating with a cumulative 3.84 GPA and has been accepted to California State University, Long Beach this fall to continue her studies in business administration. Castro, a single mother of two children, immigrated to the United States in 2005. She first enrolled at El Camino College Compton Center in 2010 with the goal of improving her English language skills. She worked full-time during the day and took advantage of the evening ESL courses offered at ECC Compton Center.

She has taken full advantage of the many programs and student services offered here, including financial aid, which enabled her to advance her education by pursuing an associate degree. Castro is proud she has maintained a high GPA throughout her tenure at ECC Compton Center, and credits the faculty and staff for providing guidance and the academic skills necessary to achieve her educational goals.

Through her experience at ECC Compton Center, Castro is convinced there are no limits when it comes to learning. She describes ECC Compton Center as being one of the greatest influences for change in her life. She believes the experience has helped her to be a better mother, serving as an exemplary model for her children as they set goals for themselves in the future.

### **Albino Celis, Jr.**

Bellflower resident Albino Celis, Jr. decided to advance his learning at El Camino College Compton Center to overcome some of the socioeconomic barriers he faced growing up, and to provide a better life for his family. A young father with limited financial resources, Celis has carried up to 19 units per semester while also providing for his daughter. He has also managed to avoid the pitfalls that claimed many of his peers. Of the fifteen boys in his fourth-grade class, he is one of only three pursuing a bachelor's degree. He graduated from Paramount High School in 2009, and is thankful his sister, cousin and friends constantly reminded him about the importance of higher education and attending college. His plans now include transferring to a four-year college or university to major in business administration. After earning his bachelor's degree, he hopes to attend law school.

As part of the ECC Compton Center's curriculum, Celis says he was introduced to complex works of literature, and attended a wide range of classes, including accounting, economics and law. He believes the exposure to new and advanced problem solving is what inspired him to seek out new possibilities and a future in the business world.

Celis praises ECC Compton Center, which he says allows its students "to discover that higher education is a self-fulfilling journey of enlightenment." He believes the school has greatly enhanced his critical-thinking skills while providing him with an outstanding education.

# THE COMPTON BULLETIN, June 26, 2013

## Dalia Cornejo draws on adversity for inspiration



*Dalia Cornejo stands by her work displayed in the University Art Gallery during the 2013 Annual Student Art and Design Exhibitions: B.A. Graduates. Courtesy photo Dalia Cornejo once thought she should be practical and pursue a career such as teaching. She even had a role model.*

As a teenager, she admired an uncle for being the only one of 11 siblings to earn a college degree and for becoming a professor. But a different calling beckoned.

“I feel like I have to create something everyday,” she declared. “I always liked to draw and paint. ... but I wasn’t sure I could make a living at that— living in Mexico.”

Try as she might to stick to her original plans, a series of events unfolded that led to her passion, and in May she double major graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Art and Design and Spanish Literature from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and is about to begin a graphic design career that will surely keep her creativity flowing. Cornejo was born in Los Angeles but from the age of one grew up in Jalisco, Mexico. In 2003, the then-19-year-old returned to the United States following the death of her grandmother, who had raised her. To rectify a linguistic disadvantage, she began taking English language courses in 2004.

“I wanted to learn English, because, for me, not knowing the language was like being mute, and not being able to hear or speak,” Cornejo said.

She went on to earn an Associate of Arts in general studies from El Camino College Compton Center (ECCCC), and encouraged by her mother, Cornejo transferred to CSU Dominguez Hills in 2008.

“My mother told me that classes were at a higher level [at a university],” Cornejo recalled. “She wanted something better for me than what she had. She never finished elementary school, in part because my grandfather used to believe that ‘women didn’t need an education to change diapers.’”

She initially transferred to CSU Dominguez Hills as a psychology major because, after having taken a psychology course at ECCCC, she became interested in learning what makes people think and act the way they do.

“I realized on my first day of class at [CSU Dominguez Hills] that I didn’t have enough knowledge and my command of the English language wasn’t good enough to study psychology,” Cornejo recalled.

Influenced by friends who were Spanish majors, and because of her background, she switched majors to join them. But in 2008, just about ready to graduate, she made another decision based on her longstanding interest in art.

“Even though I like Spanish, it wasn’t my passion,” she said. “I wanted to study graphic design. That meant two more years that [my mom and younger sister] had to wait for me.”

It would mean an extended burden on her family’s financial situation, but with her mother’s support, she added a second major.



To help out in some small way, she applied for and was granted a work study job at the university. But the financial strain on the family, which began in 2005 when her stepfather—the sole family provider—left, leaving the remaining three to fend for themselves, proved too much. Cornejo’s mother took a factory job, but was unable to cover the mortgage or to find a buyer for their Norwalk mobile home. In 2011, her mother filed for bankruptcy and not long after, their home went into foreclosure and the family was evicted.

“It was hard at first because ... we had to live in somebody else’s house,” Cornejo said of living with relatives. “If you want to paint the walls red, you cannot do it. If you want to hang that frame, uh uh. You have to live by somebody else’s rules.”

While the home and her security were gone, not all was lost for Cornejo.

The experience became the inspiration for “Destroy the Box,” which began as an assignment for Independent Study in Art (Art 494) taught by associate professor of art and design Michele Bury.

Cornejo created the experiential art project in response to her experiences with bankruptcy, stress, and cancer that took the life of an admired uncle.

“Destroy the Box,” which can be viewed on Prezi and Flickr, allows participants to assemble boxes designed in themes based on the aforementioned issues and then destroy them as a cathartic exercise.

The assemblage and destruction of her boxes has only been carried out by Cornejo and a few of her friends; however, after receiving positive feedback during a presentation of the project at Student Research Day Symposium just weeks before commencement, she is assessing the feasibility of marketing ready-to-assemble kits to the wider public.

“I think you’re brilliant. I strongly suggest you trademark your idea,” CSU Chancellor Timothy P. White told Cornejo over a microphone in front of roughly 200 people attending the event. “Well done.”

Cornejo earned the opportunity to present her stress relief project at the symposium as a result of winning first place in the creative arts category at the CSU Dominguez Hills Student Research Day—the antecedent event held in February—as well as presenting at the systemwide CSU Student

Research Competition held at Cal Poly Pomona in May.

Now graduated, her goal is to gain work experience. She recently accepted a graphic design internship with an international skin care company, which has offices in Carson.

With her determination, there’s little doubt she will be successful.

“I am where I am right now because I tell myself not to give up so easily. That’s my motto,” Cornejo said.

