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September 23, 2011

Special Trustee and Board of Trustees  
Compton Community College District

Dear Special Trustee and Members of the Board:

The fall 2011 semester began on Saturday, August 27, 2011. Currently, the El Camino College Compton Center is well on its way to meeting the 2011-2012 target of 6,000 full-time equivalent students. Congratulations to faculty, staff and administrators for supporting the El Camino College Compton Center student success efforts.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2011. Closed session will begin promptly at 5:00 p.m. Open session will commence at 6:00 p.m. The Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2011-2012 Compton Community College District Final Budget has been rescheduled to the October 18, 2011 board meeting. The California Community College Chancellor's Office has extended our deadline to submit our final budget to Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

The open session meeting will begin with a presentation from Ms. Barbara Perez, Vice President ECC Compton Center on the El Camino College Compton Center Educational Master Plan. The board agenda includes some of the following:

- A. The CEO section includes the revised 2011-2012 Board of Trustees meeting dates and the Standing Committees for the 2011-2012 academic year.
- B. The Academic Affairs section includes an Accreditation Update prepared by Ms. Barbara Perez, Vice President ECC Compton Center.
- C. The Administrative Services section includes the Quarterly Fiscal Status Report and various contracts and purchase orders necessary for the start of the academic year.

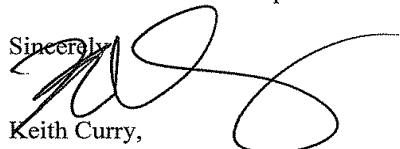
The following items are included for your perusal:

1. Memo from Mr. Wayne Ward, dated September 5, 2011, updating me on the Math/Science building elevator.
2. Memo from Mr. Wayne Ward, dated September 5, 2011, updating me on the Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) project.
3. Memo from Mr. Wayne Ward, dated September 8, 2011 updating me on the Track and Football Field Accomplishments.
4. Memo from Fred Sturner, dated September 22, 2011, updating me on the MIS Stabilization Project.
5. Compton Community College District and Center News Releases since the August 9, 2011 Board Meeting.
6. News articles regarding Compton Community District and Center News Releases since the August 9, 2011 Board Meeting.

As we begin the semester, it is important to remember that every Compton Community College District employee's mission is to provide the programs, services and support necessary for students to succeed.

If you would like to request additional back-up information on any Board Agenda items prior to the September 27, 2011 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 September 27, 2011 Board meeting.

Sincerely,



Keith Curry,  
Interim CEO

c. Deans, Directors

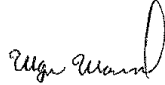
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MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** KEITH CURRY, INTERIM CEO  
**FROM:** WAYNE WARD, MANAGER, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS   
**SUBJECT:** MATH SCIENCE ELEVATOR UPDATE SUMMARY  
**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 5, 2011  
**CC:** DANNY VILLANUEVA, JO ANN HIGDON

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The District's elevators are under a preventive maintenance service contract with ThyssenKrupp Elevator Service and are subject to State testing and permits to maintain safe operations.

The elevator was undergoing its five (5) year load test and failed. The contractor discovered a leaking piston was the cause. After repairs were made, the elevator was restored to service. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> load test, the unit again failed and the contractor, at no cost to the District, replaced a speed control valve and control board. The car is back in service under a temporary permit and pending a final test for State certification.

ThyssenKrupp will begin the testing during the second week of September 2011. If all goes to plan, they will request the State to inspect for annual operating permit.

**The repair, test and permit schedule:**

June 15, 2011	Initial five (5) year load test
August 8, 2011	New piston assembly installed
August 15, 2011	Elevator car service restored
August 29, 2011	2 <sup>nd</sup> load test failed
September 1, 2011	New speed control valve and control board replaced at no cost
September 2, 2011	Elevator car returned to service using a temporary permit
September 12, 2011	3 <sup>rd</sup> load test for final inspection and State permitting

Given the significance of the elevator failure mode, an insurance claim through Keenan and Associate with Hartford Steam Boiler has been filed. Claim representative visited site to complete report. The total cost to repair the elevator is approximately **\$34,000**.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Thank you.

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**TO:** KEITH CURRY, INTERIM CEO  
**FROM:** WAYNE WARD, MANAGER, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS  
**SUBJECT:** TRACK AND FOOTBALL FIELD ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND UPDATE  
**DATE:** SEPTEMBER 8, 2011  
**CC:** DANNY VILLANUEVA, JO ANN HIGDON

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The Compton Community College District (CCCD) temporarily closed access to the track and football field for repairs on August 1, 2011. Notice to the public was issued on August 11, 2011. Signs were posted on campus Website and notices posted along the track and field perimeter.

During the closer, Maintenance and Operations Staff accomplished the following:

- Repaired irrigation sprinkler system for even and efficient watering
- Imported dirt and leveled playing field and reset access boxes
- Fertilized turf and reseeded turf around long jump and shot pits
- Removed weeds in and around pits and trimmed out turf area
- Abated insect and animals from the seating and storage area
- Repaired light fixtures and installed new lamps in stands and around perimeter
- Primed, prep and painted restroom and food prep floors and bottom walls
- Primed, prep and painted stadium seating stem walls
- Removed graffiti and patched and repainted throughout
- Began repairs on public address system (Wendell Haynes)

Work was successfully completed on September 7, 2011 and ready to reopen the track and football field to Tartar athletes and community members. Ongoing turf care and routine maintenance will continue. Again, we apologize for the inconvenience.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

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**TO:** KEITH CURRY, INTERIM CEO  
**FROM:** FRED STURNER, DIRECTOR FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION  
**SUBJECT:** MIS STABILIZATION PROJECT  
**DATE:** 9/22/2011  
**CC:** JO ANN HIGDON, RUDY RAMOS, JOHN WAGSTAFF

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**1.0 BACKGROUND**

The existing Server and Data systems in the MIS building were damaged as a result of intermittent high-heat exposure during the time period of 2006-2009, and having exceeded their useful life, were/are experiencing failures and interruptions in service that were/are increasing in frequency and duration. These failures have a cascading effect that, when coupled with the end of life status of the equipment, make a catastrophic, non-recoverable system failure a certainty in the near future which would cause a campus closure for 3-6 months in addition to the permanent loss of historic data.

It was determined that immediate action was required to continue existing operations with as little disruption to the educational program as possible and prevent the loss of essential systems including telephone, intranet, internet, data storage, and fire and security alarms. The design and installation of new building systems including framing and finishes, doors and access controls, electrical systems, HVAC, data connectivity, fire suppression systems and other work necessary to support and secure the new networking gear and servers was included in the scope of work.

At the regular meeting of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees on March 8, 2011; a Public Contract Code Section 20113 Emergency Resolution, BSD 7, was passed by the Board of Trustees authorizing the CEO of the District to enter into such contracts as necessary to complete this work as quickly as possible. The Emergency Resolution was also approved by Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Work on the project began almost immediately after approval of the emergency resolution by the Board of Trustees. The work is being performed on a "fast-track" basis where construction activities were being performed as the district's consultants completed portions of the design. The project was bifurcated into two phases, Phase 1 addressing installation of the server array and networking gear and, Phase 2 addressing the remaining build-out of office and storage spaces in the balance of the MIS building.

Early on it became apparent that we had to add a Phase 1.1 which included building systems and/or components that would have been constructed and/or installed in Phase 2 but which were required to be completed in order to ensure functionality of the support systems included in Phase 1.

**2.0 PROJECT STATUS**

A preliminary budget and schedule based upon our best estimate of scope and duration was submitted to the CBO on April 4, 2011. The preliminary budget submittal requested \$2,399,975 for completion of the project which was scheduled to be completed by October 11, 2011. A budget of \$2,400,000 was authorized by BSD 7. The current projected project budget is \$2,567,055; \$167,055 over the approved preliminary budget. The current date of completion is November 14, 2011.

**3.0 SOUTHLAND CHANGE ORDER**

The original Southland Contract for completion of the work excluding design and provision of the server array and network gear was submitted to the board in the amount of \$500,000. It was noted on the original board report that, since evaluation of building systems and design work had not been completed at that time, the amount was a placeholder only. The current Southland change order represents the cost for the fully designed Phase 1 of the project as well as the Phase 1.1 referred to above.



## This Week's Headlines



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### Here's what we've been reading in the News

<http://calcrusnews.com/cc%20site/archives/CURRENT.pdf>

El Camino College Compton Center Offers Hands-on Registration Assistance for Fall 2011 Semester  
California Crusader, August 18, 2011

The Department of Children and Family Services Host a Back-To-School Celebration on Compton Community College District Grounds

Video of the event from KABC: <http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/video?id=8318969>

[El Camino College Compton Center's FirstYear Experience program ...](#)

COMPTON **El Camino College** Compton Center graduate Diego Ramos will transfer to the University of California Irvine this fall.



Bulletin - FYE  
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El Camino College Compton Center Helps Student Combine Interest and Opportunities – Graduate Diego Ramos

California Crusader News, August 11, 2011 <http://calcrusnews.com/>



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<http://calcrusnews.com/cc%20site/archives/CURRENT.pdf>

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California Crusader, August 18, 2011

[El Camino College Compton Center Launches New Career Advancement ...](#)

Through a Career Advancement Academy, **El Camino College** Compton Center is providing students with the programs and training they need for careers in high ...

[onecompton.com/xn/detail/3882046:BlogPost:93739?xg...](http://onecompton.com/xn/detail/3882046:BlogPost:93739?xg...)

Good news from Compton Center -Accreditation slow in coming but enrollment up at the college

The Compton Bulletin, August 31, 2011



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Hub City Students receive free backpacks and supplies at Back to School Celebration at  
Compton Community College District  
The Compton Bulletin, August 31, 2011



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**El Camino College Compton Center launches Career Advancement Academy**



Bulletin Aug 24 -  
Career Advancement

Hub City Education Challenges  
The Compton Bulletin, August 31, 2011



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City Education Challei

El Camino threatens to leave partnership with CCCD  
The Compton Bulletin, September 7, 2011



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Partnership.pdf

[YESS they can: Compton foster students strive for success](#)

[The South Los Angeles Report](#), USC Annenberg, September 21, 2011

An old apartment complex with barred windows is the headquarters of **El Camino College**  
Compton Center's Foster Care Education Building, a place that provides ...

[Compton College track reopens | Los Angeles Wave Community News ...](#)

*Wave Publication, September 13, 2011*

The Compton Community College District's track is scheduled to reopen to the public  
Tuesday. The track is located at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd. in Compton.

***The Compton Bulletin, September 14, 2011***

[CCCD special trustee Hudley-Hayes dismissed](#)

[College activists praise decision to replace special trustee](#)

[Joseph Lewis announces run for CUSD Board of Trustees](#)



CEC: Compton New Student Welcome Day photos  
<http://www.compton.edu/images/nswd-2011.aspx>

New Trustee Appointed for Compton College  
El Camino College, Union, September 15, 2011,  
<http://www.eccunion.com/news/2011/09/14/new-trustee-appointed-for-compton-college/>



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For Immediate Release

August 2, 2011

## Compton Community College District Board to Meet

The next meeting of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

Closed session begins at 5:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the Board on closed session agenda items.

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).

All regular session Board meetings are open to the public.

### About the Compton Community College District

The Compton Community College District serves the communities of Carson, Compton, Enterprise, North Long Beach, Lynwood, Paramount and Willowbrook. The District is governed by a state-appointed Special Trustee, who works with the five-member elected Board of Trustees. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA, 90221.

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August 4, 2011

## **El Camino College Compton Center's First Year Experience Program Helps Diego Ramos Build Confidence in Himself as a Student and an Artist**

El Camino College Compton Center graduate Diego Ramos will transfer to the University of California, Irvine this fall to study studio art. He works primarily as an assemblage painter and enjoys combining traditional oil painting with manipulated paper that is sometimes embroidered or treated in other ways, to create pieces that resemble fabric. Despite a passion for the subject, Ramos did not always know that he wanted to explore a career in the arts.

In 2009, Ramos graduated from Dominguez Hills High School in Compton. He was looking forward to attending California State University Los Angeles in the fall of 2009, until his financial aid application did not go through. It was at this point that he was introduced to Rebeca Mason, director/counselor of ECC Compton Center's First Year Experience (FYE) Program. Initially Ramos was disappointed that he would not be attending California State University Los Angeles, but after meeting Mason and qualifying for the FYE program his outlook began to change.

The FYE program places students in a learning community where they develop key study skills, have access to vital campus and college resources and are given opportunities to explore different majors, as well as careers. Ramos credits the FYE program for helping to keep him on track with his classes, while also giving him an understanding of what is expected academically in college.

Another focus of the FYE program is to bring in guest speakers who provide college advising and counseling. Ramos remembers one such speaker from the University of California, Berkeley. "She talked a lot about minorities in college, which really resonated with me," explains Ramos. "I am a minority and it showed me that transferring was possible."

Transferring became more than a possibility for Ramos. After being accepted to the University of California at Irvine, the University of California at Santa Cruz and the University of California at Santa Barbara, it became a reality and a big decision. Ultimately, Ramos chose the University of California, Irvine because its art program is the best fit for him.

His plans for the future include earning a bachelor's degree, and possibly a master's degree in Fine Arts, as well as joining an artist residency program.

Ramos is extremely thankful for his experience at El Camino College Compton Center. "It gave me time to think about what I really wanted to do and the path that I wanted to take. Then programs like FYE and the professors gave me the tools to get there," said Ramos.

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## **ECC Compton Center Transfer Student Ramos 2-2-2**

The First Year Experience Program at El Camino College Compton Center is currently accepting applications for the 2011-2012 freshman cohort. Students must have graduated from high school during the 2011 school year in order to participate in the FYE program beginning fall 2011. All interested applicants may submit an application online or pick one up at the Transfer Center, Room D-29.

FYE Program information sessions are held throughout the summer every Wednesday in the Transfer Center, Room D-29 at 11:00 a.m.-12:00pm and 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., on a first come, first serve basis. Students must register at the Transfer Center or by calling 310-900-1600, Ext. 2505.

### **About El Camino College Compton Center**

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August 8, 2011

## **El Camino College Compton Center to Host “New Student Welcome Day” August 24**

El Camino College Compton Center invites incoming students to attend its “New Student Welcome Day” on Wednesday, August 24, 2011. 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 gym, and the free orientation will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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 the tools they need to be prepared for their first day of classes and beyond.

In addition to receiving helpful and necessary information in a convenient and understandable way, new students can also expect to have some fun. There will be free refreshments and lunch for registered attendees, as well as opportunities to win prizes. Guests are also welcome in an effort to make the transition process as comfortable as possible for new students.

Free parking is available in Lot A. To RSVP, 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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August 9, 2011

## Recent El Camino College Compton Center Graduate Arlana Walton Transfers to UC Riverside, Inspires Her Mother and Sister to Attend College

Arlana Walton is the first of her siblings to graduate from high school, attend college and earn her associate degree. Now an alumna of El Camino College Compton Center, Walton and her three year old son, Zhay-lyn, will move from Long Beach to Riverside this fall where she will study psychology and sociology at the University of California, Riverside.

A Long Beach native, Walton attended Long Beach Poly High School and after graduating in 2006 enrolled at Long Beach City College (LBCC). While a student at LBCC, she became pregnant with her son and took a break from school. After Zhay-lyn was born and it came time to go back to school, Walton made the decision to transfer to ECC Compton Center in the fall of 2008.

"Once Zhay-lyn was born I really wanted to focus on school. I felt that in order to do that, I had to change my school environment and spend less time socializing and more time on academics," said Walton. "As soon as I arrived at El Camino College Compton Center, I knew I had made the right choice. It was a different kind of environment where the faculty really cares and shows you how to take school seriously."

Walton attributes her success at ECC Compton Center to the strong relationships she developed with almost all of her teachers, as well as the support she received through Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOP&S) and Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE).

EOP&S is a program that is designed to assist low-income and educationally-disadvantaged students achieve their educational goals at ECC Compton Center. CARE is a state-funded educational program that offers additional support for single parents pursuing their educational goals.

Walton applied to Cal State Dominguez Hills, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Fullerton, UC Irvine, UC San Diego and UC Riverside. UC Riverside was ultimately chosen because Walton wants to do her own research in psychology and sociology. The opportunity to live in the university's Family Housing with other students who are parents was also a strong draw.

In the future Walton would like to start her own non-profit called "It Starts with You" to help minorities go back to school. This is a goal she has already started working toward. Her tagline is, "It's not what you're community can do for you, but what you can do for your community."

"What good is it for you to get ahead and leave your brother behind," said Walton. "Make yourself and your community better."

It appears that Walton is already putting her theory into practice within her own family. Walton's accomplishments have inspired both her mother and her sister. Her mother is now a community college student and her sister is currently enrolled in the cosmetology program at ECC Compton Center.

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August 11, 2011

## Compton Community College District Temporarily Closes Track and Football Field for Upgrades

The Compton Community College District (CCCD) has temporarily closed access to the track and football field for necessary upgrades. The track and field are scheduled to reopen for public use on Tuesday, September 13, 2011. The track and field are located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

The closure is occurring in order to make much needed improvements and upgrades so the football field will be ready for the upcoming Tartar football season. The work being done includes turf maintenance and leveling, watering, and irrigation system repair, as well as outdoor lighting replacement and general refurbishment near the restrooms. It is important that these upgrades be completed without interference for proper field maintenance, and more importantly, for the safety of both Tartar athletes and community members who use this resource.

While the upgrades are taking place, the soccer field, immediately adjacent to the football field, has been made available as an alternative location to utilize for walking and running. Additionally, walking the perimeter of the CCCD property is another option. Signs have been posted at all entrances to the track and football field notifying the public of the temporary closure.

We apologize for any inconvenience to members of the community who regularly use the track and field. We ask for your patience while these essential upgrades are being completed. For more information please contact Mr. Wayne Ward, 310-900-1600 ext. 2606.

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August 15, 2011

## El Camino College Compton Center Offers Hands-on Registration Assistance for Fall 2011 Semester

To aid students in the registration process for the fall 2011 semester, El Camino College Compton Center is offering an in-person registration period where students will get all the necessary assistance to complete their registration in one location. Beginning August 15 through September 1, students may register in the Student Lounge where a bank of computers will be available for registration and new student orientation. In addition, counselors and financial aid representatives will be on hand to assist students with educational plans and applying for financial aid.

In-person registration begins on Monday, August 15 through Thursday, September 1, and on Saturday, August 20. Registration hours are: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Fri. 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; and Sat. 8:00 a.m. to noon. ECC Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221.

Courses are available in everything from general education, which will prepare students to transfer to a four-year college or university, to more than 15 different occupational programs designed for students looking to start a new career, or upgrade their skill set. Saturday, evening and online classes are also available. Saturday classes begin August 27 and weekday classes begin August 29.

For fall, student fees have increased by \$10, from \$26 to \$36 per unit, at all California Community Colleges. Students who qualify for the Board of Governors' (BOG) fee waiver program will not be affected by this increase. Additionally, a vast majority of students who do not qualify for BOG waivers may be eligible for financial aid that covers all or a portion of their fees. Students are encouraged to visit the Financial Aid office to learn more about finding the right types of financial aid. Despite the fee increase, California Community Colleges remain the best value in higher education in the state. All fees must be paid in full by Monday, August 22 or students will be dropped from their classes.

Students may also register online by visiting [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu) and clicking on *MyECC*. The registration Help Line at 310-660-6034 is available Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. A free, downloadable class schedule is available [here](#).

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**August 17, 2011**

**The Department of Children and Family Services to Host a Back-To-School Celebration  
on Compton Community College District Grounds**

On Saturday, August 20, 2011, there will be a back-to-school celebration from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Compton Community College District, located at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd, Compton, CA 90221. The focus of the event is to distribute free school supplies. Supplies such as backpacks, pens, pencils, scissors, notebooks, and binders will be given to children on a first-come, first-served basis in an effort to ensure local students are well prepared for the upcoming school year. The supplies are limited and children must be present to receive them.

In addition, the event will also feature community resource information, entertainment and refreshments. Community leaders and elected officials are also expected to attend and lend their support.

Several partners have come together to make this event possible. These partners include: Project IMPACT, World Vision, Compton Community College District, City of Compton, Compton Unified School District, Lynwood Unified School District, Department of Children and Family Services and WCAC-FSC.

Please help spread the word about this event to families with children who might be in need of extra support in the form of school supplies. For more information about this event call Mary Edwards at 310-631-9763 or 310-323-2400.

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## **El Camino College Compton Center Offers Basic Robotics Course to High School Students**

Area high school students (grades 9-12) are encouraged to explore science, mathematics, and engineering by enrolling in El Camino College Compton Center's Basic Robotics class. Enrollment is currently open and the class will begin Saturday, August 27.

The Basic Robotics class, taking place on Saturdays, consists of a lecture from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. followed by a lab from 10:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. The class introduces students to the technologies used to design, build, and program robotics systems. Other related topics will also be covered such as basic electronics theory, electromechanical fabrication, micro-controller operation, machining processes, metal fabrication and careers in technology. Students who earn a passing grade will receive high school credit, as well as two units of college credit.

The purpose of the Basic Robotics class is to present high school students information on electronics and manufacturing technology through the construction, testing and operation of functional robots. Participation in this class helps bring creative thinking alive and also builds important problem-solving skills. The robotics class is designed to inspire more students to enroll in college programs in mathematics, engineering, and science that will prepare them for future career opportunities in high-tech fields.

Students may register for Manufacturing Technology (MTEC70) "Basic Robotics" by applying online at [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu) and completing the concurrent enrollment form. For more information, please contact Laura Gutierrez at (310) 900-1600, Ext. 2766, or by email at [lgutierrez@elcamino.edu](mailto:lgutierrez@elcamino.edu).

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## El Camino College Compton Center Launches New Career Advancement Academy

### *Orientation for training in machine tool technology/aerospace fastener Manufacturing and welding - August 23, 2011.*

Through a Career Advancement Academy, El Camino College Compton Center is providing students with the programs and training they need for careers in high growth industries. The Career Advancement Academy at ECC Compton Center offers programs in machine tool technology/aerospace fastener manufacturing and welding. Enrolling in one of these programs is a proactive first step for students wanting to gain valuable, marketable skills and set themselves up for successful, new careers.

Upcoming Career Advancement Academy orientation is set for Tuesday, August 23 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Orientation will take place at ECC Compton Center in the Vocational Technology building, Room 138. ECC Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA, 90221.

To be eligible for the Career Advancement Academy programs, students must meet a few basic requirements. They must be between 18 and 30 years old, have not yet earned a college degree, and be able to work in the United States.

The Career Advancement Academy at ECC Compton Center is part of a statewide initiative designed to increase the access to higher education that leads to jobs. The program combines career technical education with basic skills in high-demand career areas where new workers are needed immediately.

Funded by a \$662,700 grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, the Career Advancement Academy also has technical support from the Career Ladders Project.

The aerospace fastener industry is centered in Southern California. Over 10,000 Southern Californians are currently employed by local aerospace fasteners, manufacturers and distributors, but many of these veteran workers are due to retire. It is anticipated that numerous local employers will be looking to hire skilled students for entry-level positions over the next five years. Students enrolled in either the machine tool technology/aerospace fastener manufacturing or welding programs benefit from a curriculum that combines a practical, technical education with classes designed to strengthen reading, writing, and mathematical skills.

Students in the program benefit from: numerous career skills workshops covering topics such as resume writing, interviewing, job retention, interpersonal skills relating to the workplace, industry specific "green" classes, and total quality management. Books are also paid for, in addition to workplace safety boots for each student. The program culminates in an exclusive job fair with employers looking to hire.

For more information regarding ECC Compton Center's Career Advancement Academy and its programs, go to: <http://www.elcamino.edu/academics/indtech/career-advancement-academy/index.asp>, or call 310-900-1600, ext. 2779.

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## El Camino College Compton Center's Transfer Center Helps Students to Focus on their Future

The beginning of the school year is an ideal time for students to familiarize themselves with El Camino College Compton Center's Transfer Center. There are a variety of services, programs and activities offered that are designed to help students put a successful transfer plan into action. ECC Compton Center provides students with an affordable start on a four-year degree and its Transfer Center is the ultimate resource for making a smooth transition to any college or university.

Throughout the year, the Transfer Center invites students to identify and become experts in their individual transfer goals:

**Transfer-related Informational Workshops** walk students through the transfer process, university academic programs, how to fill out applications and tips on writing a personal statement.

**University Representatives** from UC, CSU, private and out-of-state colleges visit El Camino College Compton Center regularly to answer students' questions about admissions, majors, financial aid and more.

**University/College Fairs** are offered throughout the year and give students an opportunity to learn about many different schools in one convenient location.

**University Tours** are a great way to see campuses in-person and learn more in-depth information about a school. The Transfer Center offers about a dozen tours, free of charge, every year.

**University Catalogue and Reference Library** allows students to explore up-to-date information from nationwide accredited institutions on programs and admissions requirements, as well as transfer criteria.

**Transfer Websites and Internet Resources** are available to support the transfer process.

**University Admissions Panels** present requirements for admission to California State University (CSU), University of California (UC), as well as independent and private schools.

**Counseling and Advising** is always available to help students develop individual transfer plans.

"The Transfer Center helped me with everything from instructing me on what classes to take to encouraging me to go on university tours to check out school campuses, as well as advising me on the whole process of filling out college applications," said Alan Gonzalez, El Camino College Compton Center student and former Transfer Club president who hopes to transfer to the University of California, Merced next year and eventually pursue a career as a lawyer.

For more information, visit the Transfer Center in Room D-29 or call 310-900-1600, Ext. 2764. The Transfer Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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### **California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott Appoints Thomas Henry as Interim Special Trustee to Compton Community College District** *Fiscal management expert returns to district to lead accreditation push*

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott today announced his appointment of fiscal management expert Thomas Henry as interim special trustee for the Compton Community College District (CCCD), citing his previous leadership at the district and successful accreditation track record elsewhere as keys to helping the CCCD regain its independence.

Henry served as special trustee to the CCCD from 2006 to 2007. He replaces Dr. Genethia Hudley-Hayes.

"I want to thank Dr. Hudley-Hayes for her service, and I am pleased that Tom Henry has agreed to return to service for the Compton Community College District," Chancellor Scott said. "His vast experience in fiscal matters and his familiarity with the district will be invaluable as the Compton Center continues to move toward accreditation as an independent college."

Henry recently served as special trustee at Solano Community College, which has been removed from all sanctions by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). He currently serves as the special trustee for Lassen College, which also has been removed from ACCJC sanctions under his leadership. Henry is a former CEO of the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team, an organization that assists community college and K-12 districts fulfill their financial and management responsibilities.

"I look forward to returning to the Compton District," said Henry, whose appointment is effective immediately. "I know the progress that has been made at the Compton Center working with El Camino College, and I look forward to positioning the Compton District to support the academic programs and student services of the Center. I have great respect for the students, faculty, staff and community of Compton and I am confident that, collectively, we can continue to move toward accreditation as an independent college."

*The California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation. It is composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.6 million students per year. Community colleges supply workforce training, basic skills courses in English and math, and prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. The Chancellor's Office provides leadership, advocacy and support under the direction of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges.*

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## New trustee appointed for Compton College

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After reaching a dead end on budget issues that threatened the six-year partnership with EC, a door has finally opened. Chancellor Jack Scott has appointed a new interim special trustee, Thomas Henry, for Compton [Community College](#).

Friday, it was announced that Henry will be the new interim special trustee, but those who previously knew him know he's not an unfamiliar face around campus.

Henry actually worked as a trustee for Compton College before and now he has returned.

Some people believe Henry will be the one to pull this college back where it needs to be, including Saul Panski, Compton Center Academic Senate president.

"He has a vast wealth of experience in these types of situations," Panski said "With his experience in aiding other [colleges](#) and even grade schools K through 12 that were also in this same situation, I believe Henry will be the one to get this college on the right track."

President Tom Fallo said he was not pleased before how Compton College was not accredited and that its accreditation was revoked.

However, Fallo said even with Henry's hiring, Compton College is going to have to go through a long process to attain accreditation.

Panski wasn't the only person who supported the Chancellor's decision in appointing Henry. The new appointee also had support from colleagues at the EC campus.

"I am confident that the returning Special Trustee Tom Henry and EC President Tom Fallo will have a strong working relationship that will benefit the fiscal soundness and academic progress of the Compton Educational Center," Christina Gold, Academic Senate President, said.

According to the Compton Educational Center (CEC) Academic Performance Profile, A new category of transfer rate has been added to the peer group report this year using newly available data from the Chancellor's Office. Tracking first-time, full-time transfer-directed students through six years, Compton College's transfer rate has steadily increased over the last three years.

"The EC Academic Senate is pleased to see clear academic gains made at the Compton Center since the beginning of the partnership," Gold said.

"As far as the agreement between EC and Compton College, it will remain the same and in good standing now that they found a replacement," she added

On another note, no one formally said that Compton College was moving toward its accreditation but that did not keep Panski and Gold from believing that the college can work its way there toward being an [accredited college](#).

"With Henry's experience I see good things with Compton College, and I see us obtaining accreditation in the near future," Panski said.

With Gold in agreement she added that, "it will be a long journey back to accreditation for the Compton Center, but our faculty colleagues at Compton are making steady progress and Torrance campus faculty is here to support and assist them.

Gold also said that EC and Compton College are now in "good standing" after finding a new trustee.

Faculty members, including Panski, at Compton College can now look forward to growth, change and a better future with Henry there to assist.

"I believe the chancellor chose Henry because his past experience in working with troubled school districts, he is knowledgeable of the situation, understands accreditation and partnership," Fallo said.

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# Compton College track reopens

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By WAVE STAFF  
September 13, 2011

The Compton Community College District's track is scheduled to reopen to the public Tuesday. The track is located at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd. in Compton.

The track and football field were temporarily closed last month to allow staff to make improvements and upgrades to ready the football field for the Tartar football season. Work completed includes turf maintenance and leveling, watering, irrigation system repair, outdoor lighting replacement and refurbishment near the restrooms.

The soccer field, which is adjacent to the football field and walking the perimeter of the property, continue to be available as alternatives for walking, jogging and running.





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## Compton Community College District Track and Football Field Reopen

The Compton Community College District's (CCCD) track is scheduled to reopen to the public on Tuesday, September 13. The track is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard in Compton.

The track and football field were temporarily closed last month to allow staff to make much needed improvements and upgrades to ready the football field for the Tartar football season. Work completed includes turf maintenance and leveling, watering, irrigation system repair, outdoor lighting replacement and refurbishment near the restrooms.

The CCCD will provide free water between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday as part of welcoming the public back to the track for walking, running and jogging.

The soccer field, immediately adjacent to the football field and walking the perimeter of the CCCD property, continue to be available as alternatives for walking, jogging and running.

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## El Camino College Compton Center Encourages Foster Youth to Explore the Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success (YESS) Program

El Camino College Compton Center is one of nine educational institutions in Los Angeles County to offer The Foundation for California Community Colleges' Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success (YESS) program. The YESS program is designed to provide foster youth ages 16-21 with academic and life-skills training so that they may successfully transition into adult life.

An upcoming orientation for the YESS program will take place on September 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Foster Care Building at El Camino College Compton Center, located at 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221. All attendees will enjoy complimentary dinner and school supplies.

The YESS Program at El Camino College Compton Center is open to foster care youth between the ages of 16 and 21 residing in the cities of Compton, Lynwood, Paramount, North Long Beach and Carson. Registration is required to participate in the YESS program.

Foster youth who enroll in the 14-week program are introduced to college and community resources, which will support their success. Students are able to earn high school and college credits, as well as gain scholarship and financial aid information. If students enroll in 12 or more units they may be offered a job at ECC Compton Center, which is a huge incentive for them to continue their education. YESS also offers interactive and hands-on training in basic life skills. Students build confidence by participating in experiential activities related to housing, money management, employment counseling and exploration, job skills, daily living skills and parenting.

The short-term goal is to give foster youth the tools they need to overcome hurdles they may face at different points along their path. While the long-term goal is for participants to graduate from high school, begin earning a college degree or technical certificate, as well as become self-sufficient and gainfully employed. The YESS program moves toward these goals with a three-pronged approach called the three R's, which stand for rigor, relevancy and relationships. As the program's website conveys, the three R's communicate a positive and proactive message: "YESS, together we can empower youth to better understand the impact of their choices, access post secondary education, build permanent relationships with caring adults, and obtain the skills, knowledge, and resources needed to succeed."

In Los Angeles alone, nearly 2,000 foster youth are emancipated each year. Without academic or life skills support, as many as 50 percent of them become homeless, have serious money problems, or end up incarcerated. The YESS program aims to prevent those problems by better preparing foster youth for independence. For more information visit:

<http://www.foundationccc.org/WhatWeDo/YESS/tabid/602/Default.aspx>.

For more information about the YESS program at El Camino College Compton Center, call 310-900-1600, Ext. 2767.

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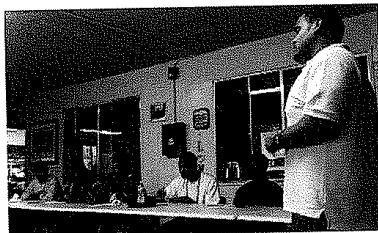
## YESS they can: Compton foster students strive for success

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An old apartment complex with barred windows is the headquarters of El Camino College Compton Center's Foster Care Education Building, a place that provides resources and support to help foster students succeed. There are a variety of adult and youth programs offered by their Foster & Kinship Education, but one in particular seeks to improve all aspects of foster students' lives: the Youth Empowerment Strategies for Success program (YESS).



On Tuesday evening, YESS coordinator Shateo Griffin and instructor Johnny Conley invited potential students to learn more about the program. The one-hour meeting was part informational session, part support group for the foster students who simply want to graduate high school or further their college education. Over a dinner, Griffin and Conley explained the basics of the YESS program to a room of about 15 interested students.



In order to participate in the YESS program, students must enroll in two El Camino College classes: Introduction to College Planning and Career Planning. Although all El Camino college students can enroll in these classes, priority is given to foster students. The state-funded program is geared towards students ages 16 to 21 and meets twice a week for 12 weeks. Four modules covering education, employment, life skills, and financial responsibility are taught through a series of workshops and in-class speakers. Once the 12-week program is complete, students are guaranteed a job in the summer, as long as they enroll as a full-time college student during the school year and graduate high school or earn their GED.

During the informational session, program coordinators stressed that they wanted to cater to students' specific needs. Griffin said if students had questions for probation officers or Planned Parenthood services, they had speakers lined up to answer their questions. She also offered to find representatives for each students' individual educational and career interest. Some subjects covered in class are how to obtain a social security card, writing a resume, practicing for a job interview, and opening a bank account. Students will learn about managing money and applying for financial aid and scholarships.

Some students participate in the YESS program because they need help passing the California High School Exit Exam. One Compton student said "I'm trying to make up some [high school] credits to get back on track. I got knocked off... but I got my head right." Others simply want to ensure they stay on the right track to graduate college. One student interested in the program already completed coursework to become a pharmacy technician but was returning to school to become a probation officer.

Conley, the only YESS instructor and a USC Masters of Education PASA alum, said: "You can benefit from [this program] if you're trying to get ahead or catch up." YESS has a 100% success rate, where every student completes the program and goes on to secure a summer job. According to Conley, the YESS program is ultimately "designed to have a higher college going culture in Compton and the SPA-6 area." That area covers Lynwood, Compton, Paramount, North Long Beach, and Carson.

When the coordinators weren't providing information about the program, they were providing encouraging words of support and advice to the students. Pamela Godfrey, one of the program's coordinators, offered an impromptu inspirational pep talk to the foster students. "Take advantage of everything. Don't feel bad because you've come from this kind of background," she said. "Everybody comes from somewhere. But you have to put it in yourself to make your life better, and break the chain. Go to college. Get the education. Tell your friends that this is the place to be."

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

The next meeting of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

Closed session begins at 5:00 p.m. for anyone wishing to address the Board on closed session agenda items.

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).

All regular session Board meetings are open to the public.

Please note, the Public Budget Hearing has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

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

The District is governed by a state-appointed Special Trustee. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month and are open to the public. The District is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA, 90221.

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## **El Camino College Compton Center's First Year Experience Program Provides Students with a Supportive Environment that Facilitates their Continued Success**

Like many Californians, Maria Rojas was struggling to find work. Rojas' cousin, who is an El Camino College Compton Center alumna, encouraged her to consider going to college. After some initial trepidation, Rojas attended a registration assistance session where she was introduced to the First Year Experience (FYE) program. Rojas, a mother of four who had always struggled with staying in school, was a perfect candidate for this program and decided to enroll. The FYE program is designed to help students be successful in their first year of college by providing a learning community that includes educational and career services.

"Before the FYE program my approach to life was that whatever is going to happen is going to happen and there's not much you can do about it. Now I know that whatever effort I put forth matters. This next year, my goal is to keep up my GPA and get straight A's," says Rojas.

This new outlook represents a transformation that occurred in Rojas as a result of FYE. In 1993, just a couple months shy of graduating from Narbonne High School, Rojas dropped out. Years later, in 2004, her coworkers at an alcohol and drug recovery treatment center motivated her to go back to school and earn her high school diploma. It took less than a year, but after completing the process she decided to take some time off to raise her four children instead of continuing on to college. Another six years would pass before she enrolled as a student at ECC Compton Center in 2010.

Looking back on the 2010-2011 academic year, Rojas says, "I became really close with all of the FYE students. We were all different ages and came from different backgrounds, but together we made such a great group. At one point, I remember wishing that all of my loved ones could have this same experience."

One of the classes responsible for bringing the 2010-2011 FYE cohort together was Human Development, taught by FYE Program Director Rebecca Mason. In addition to helping the students pinpoint their likes and dislikes in order to choose a major, Mason emphasizes the idea that the students need to become the creators of their own destiny. Another focus of the program is to encourage the students to apply for scholarships. All of the recommendations and hard work paid off for Rojas, who was the recipient of two scholarships: the Behavioral Sciences scholarship and the Robert Spieker scholarship.

Rojas is looking forward to excelling in her classes this coming year and preparing to transfer. She would like to go to California State University, Dominguez Hills or California State University, Long Beach to study history.

"I want to be a history teacher because I am inspired by my father's love of history. He's the type of person who will give you a history lesson anytime you ask him a question."

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