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Disadvantaged Students Benefit from Financial and Academic Assistance at El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is looking for eligible students who want to get an education, but do not have the resources to enroll in college. The application period is now open for the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), which is a state-funded program that helps eligible students eighteen and older who are academically and financially disadvantaged.

The fall 2015 semester begins on August 22, and there is still time for students to enroll and register for an abundance of available classes. For more information about Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) and to obtain an application, please visit www.compton.edu/student-services/eops/. The EOPS Office is located in Building U, Room 6, or contact EOPS at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2912.

“EOPS is important for eligible students because it provides financial support, as well as the educational planning to help you achieve your goals,” said Donald Sledge, a Long Beach resident who is a welding major at ECC Compton Center. He is on track to soon complete training and earn a welding certificate. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, welding jobs can pay between \$18-\$28 per hour. Sledge plans to earn an associate degree in welding that will provide even more earning power in a high-demand industry.

“EOPS helped ease my financial stress by providing me with book vouchers, meal vouchers and transportation assistance,” said Sledge. “EOPS counselors guide me in the steps and classes I need to take in order to earn a degree.”

The EOPS program has guided and helped thousands of ECC Compton Center students achieve academic success. Statistics show that EOPS students have greater retention rates than non-EOPS students, which means these first-time college students succeed and continue into their second year of higher education.

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EOPS also works with ECC Compton Center's Transfer Center and representatives from California State University schools and other four-year colleges/universities. To assist students with the transfer process, EOPS will provide monthly informational workshops hosted in partnership with California State University, Long Beach.

EOPS students receive many other benefits such as priority registration; student orientation; academic, career, and personal counseling; referrals to services on and off campus; early academic intervention; student enhancement workshops; educational supplies; academic achievement grants, and more.

There is still time to enroll at El Camino College Compton Center for the fall 2015 semester! Financially or academically disadvantaged students and community members who are interested in getting a college education are encouraged to apply for the EOPS program today by calling 310-900-1600, Ext. 2912 for more information about eligibility requirements.

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.

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