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El Camino College Announces Transfer Agreements with Historically Black Colleges and Universities

El Camino College recently announced transfer agreements between seven Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) from across the nation. Through the agreements, ECC students will benefit from a streamlined transfer process to these institutions.

Transfer admissions agreements have been established with: Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, North Carolina; Morehouse College, Spelman College, and Clark Atlanta University, in Atlanta, Georgia; Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia; Howard University in Washington, D.C. and most recently, Talladega College in Talladega, Alabama. Several other universities have also expressed interest in developing agreements.

Representatives from a number of HBCUs will participate in the upcoming El Camino College Historically Black College Fair, set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 21 in the Student Activities Center. Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from Howard University, Fisk University, Tuskegee University, Clark Atlanta University, and other institutions at this event. Students may also learn more about transfer agreements and meet with ECC alumni who will share their transfer experience.

"This new transfer initiative will increase the pipeline of students who wish to transfer to Historically Black Colleges and Universities," said El Camino College Counselor Elaine Moore. "By following the prescribed general education requirements that have been established with the HBCUs and complying with the terms of the transfer agreement, the numbers of El Camino College students ultimately obtaining their bachelor's degrees will greatly increase."

While on sabbatical last spring, El Camino College Counselor Elaine Moore developed this transfer agreement program that simplifies the admissions process for El Camino College students seeking transfer to Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

The program is modeled after the agreements that have been successfully created between El Camino College and the University of California and California State University systems. These agreements have assisted thousands of ECC students transfer to universities within the state. In fact, among California Community Colleges, ECC is ranked No. 1 in Southern California in the admission rate to UCLA for Fall 2010, and No. 1 in the state in admissions to the California

State University campuses. Last year, El Camino College transferred more African American students (165) to the University of California and California State University systems combined than any other community college in the state.

The HBCU transfer agreements specify the number of transfer units and specific grade point averages required for admission. Some of the institutions also offer priority consideration for housing and transfer scholarships. In addition, Hampton University and Johnson C. Smith University will waive application fees. Transfer agreements are specific to each HBCU. Moore is also working on expanding this program to other community colleges in the state.

For more information about the El Camino College Historically Black College Fair, call 310-660-3593, Ext. 3408.

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