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“El Camino College Compton Center: Five Years of Success” Report Released to the Community

Terrance Stewart tells anyone who will listen that El Camino College Compton Center changed his life.

“Education gives us the power to improve our own environment,” said the 2010 ECC Compton Center graduate. “I’m from the streets — four years ago, I was in prison. Now I’m a student at UC Riverside.”

Every student is a success story at El Camino College Compton Center, and Terrance’s story is told alongside other accomplished students in a new publication that provides an overview of the success of the students who have attended ECC Compton Center since fall 2006.

The report, *El Camino College Compton Center: Five Years of Success*, marks the fifth anniversary of the partnership between the El Camino Community College District and the Compton Community College District, following the former Compton College’s accreditation being revoked in 2006.

“El Camino College’s priority has always been, and continues to be, academic excellence and student success,” said El Camino College President Thomas M. Fallo.

“El Camino College is pleased to be a part of keeping access to a higher education available in the Compton Community College District these past five years.”

Since 2006, El Camino College Compton Center has seen significant gains in enrollment, the number of certificates and degrees awarded, and students transferring to four-year colleges and universities. Numerous academic programs and student support services have also been established since the partnership was created.

The publication was mailed to every household within the Compton Community College District, just one component of an extensive community outreach plan instituted with the formation of the partnership.

Five years ago, the immediate focus went to recruiting students, while introducing a central message: El Camino College Compton Center is open, accredited and ready to serve area residents with high-quality academics and student support services. The numbers show these efforts paid off, with enrollment nearly tripling in five years, and scores of student success stories along the way.

The five year report is available online: www.elcamino.edu and www.compton.edu.

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