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El Camino College to Sponsor Historically Black College/University Fair

El Camino College will sponsor a Historically Black College/University (HBCU) Fair designed to help students choose and transfer to a four-year college or university.

The HBCU Fair is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 29 on the El Camino College Library Lawn. Representatives from Bennett College, Dillard University, Fisk University, Grambling State University, Howard University, Langston University, Stillman College, Texas Southern University, Xavier University, Texas College, Talladega College, Paine College, Prairie View A&M University, and others will be available to answer questions.

A workshop is also scheduled from 1-2 p.m. in the Distance Education Conference Room, focusing on the Transfer Admission Guarantee and the Transfer Admission Priority programs that El Camino College has with 10 historically black colleges and universities. The workshop will include information about the institutions, and former ECC students who have graduated from HBCUs will share their experiences.

El Camino College is the first California Community College to have transfer agreements with Historically Black Colleges and Universities. While on sabbatical in Spring 2010, El Camino College Counselor Elaine Moore developed the transfer agreement program that simplifies the admissions process for ECC students seeking transfer to HBCUs.

The program is modeled after the agreements between El Camino College and the University of California and California State University systems. These agreements have assisted thousands of ECC students transfer successfully to universities within 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, Talladega College, Albany State, and Johnson C. Smith University will waive application fees. Transfer agreements are specific to each HBCU.

In addition, Moore developed a workshop last spring to share information about the HBCU agreements with counselors and administrators from other community colleges, and to show them how to start their own transfer agreements. Representatives from Santa Monica College, Long Beach City College, Fullerton College, and El Camino College Compton Center attended this informative workshop. ECC Trustee Ken Brown, a graduate of two HBCUs (Morehouse College and Clark Atlanta University), welcomed workshop participants.

For more information on transfer activities, go to www.elcamino.edu/student-services/co/transfer_services/ or call 310-660-3593, Ext. 3408.

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