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## **El Camino College Compton Center Fees to Decrease in 2007**

Student Hilda Gaytan sees great potential for many fellow college students when lower enrollment fees come to El Camino College Compton Center in the New Year.

“Lower fees will attract more students and there is a big population out there who needs a college education,” said Gaytan, student body president at Compton Center. “We have to serve people in different ways – students are not going to survive in the workplace with just one skill – they need to be able to learn different things so they are flexible.”

Starting January 1, 2007, enrollment fees at all 109 of the California Community College campuses will be reduced to \$20 per semester unit, down from the current \$26 per unit, signaling a nearly 25 percent reduction.

“This is a perfect opportunity for us to extend our programs to our community, providing even more access to higher education,” El Camino College Compton Center Provost Doris Givens stated of the change that was recently approved by the State Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

“El Camino College has always been a great educational value for students looking to transfer to a university, as well as for those wanting to learn career and basic skills. This new fee schedule will help us provide access to even more students,” said Thomas M. Fallo, superintendent/president of the El Camino Community College District.

Costs for the community colleges across the state have been rising in recent years. It is expected that the new fees will help bring more students back to school.

“Any time you lower costs to make it affordable for more people to attend college, that’s great news,” said Gaytan. “But there are a lot of costs for students, and it’s not just the fees, it is the books, materials, and other costs.”

As always, financial aid is also available at El Camino College. Students who qualify can use financial aid to help cover fees, books and other education costs. Financial Aid Office staff members are always ready to help, and information is available online, [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu) or by calling 1-310-900-1600, ext. 2043.

"I Can Afford College," a statewide financial aid awareness campaign, also offers all the necessary financial aid resources on a centrally located Web site, [www.icanaffordcollege.com](http://www.icanaffordcollege.com). A toll-free helpline, 1-800-987-ICAN (4226), is also available. Both the Web site and phone line are available in English and Spanish.

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