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## **Five Compton Center Women Battle for the Coveted Title of Homecoming Queen**

The final competition to determine this year's King and Queen of El Camino College Compton Center is set to run from noon to 1 p.m. Oct. 31 in the Student Lounge.

From a pool of nine original contestants, only six remain: one male and five female. The single male student is guaranteed the King title, but only one of the five female contestants can hope to become his Queen. All six finalists will go head-to-head in a grand finale talent contest that is sure to draw record crowds.

"This is way more than a simple popularity contest," said Yolanda Zuniga, student life assistant. "These students earn the right to be called King and Queen."

According to Zuniga, the competition is a campus tradition dating back at least 20 years. Students compete for the title through a series of events:

**Raffle Ticket Sales:** The contest began with a raffle for a chance to win a wide screen TV or a DVD player, with proceeds helping to pay for the Homecoming Dance. Using a points system based on ticket sales, campus officials announced the six finalists on Oct. 23.

**Personality Presentation:** To accumulate more points, finalists competed in a personality presentation on Oct. 25. The finalists received a list of seven questions in advance of the competition. On the day of the competition, they were asked one question and judged by a panel made up of one faculty member, one administration representative, one classified employee, and one student. Points were awarded for answers, as well as for poise, presentation, and personality.

**Talent Presentation:** On Oct. 31, finalists will compete in a give-it-all-you-got talent contest that will include singing, dancing, and dramatic readings. Again, points will be awarded for the presentation and added to each contestant's overall score. Winners will be announced at the Homecoming Dance.

More than 200 Compton Center students are expected to attend the Homecoming Dance on November 4 at the Lakewood Country Club, where the coronation ceremony for the Homecoming King and well-earned title of Queen will take place. Tickets are \$25 per student and \$30 per person for the general public. The dance will feature food, fun, and music. For tickets or information, call the Student Life Office at 310-900-1600, Ext. 2802.

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