



Press Release

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Lynwood Unified, Compton College Form Partnership to Ensure College Admission

Lynwood – Lynwood Unified School District is launching a partnership with Compton College that will provide graduates with priority registration, guaranteed admission, financial aid assistance and programs to help with college readiness starting with the class of 2019.

The College Promise Partnership between Lynwood Unified and Compton College, which was approved in August 2017, will be solidified at a signing ceremony in April, with representatives from the college and the District pledging their efforts to ensure student success.

“We are extremely proud to enter into this partnership with Compton College so that we can continue our commitment to our students in creating higher education opportunities,” Lynwood Unified Superintendent Gudiel R. Crosthwaite said. “At Lynwood Unified, we believe that having administrative support and guaranteed admissions will encourage more students to achieve academic excellence.”

As part of the College Promise Partnership, Lynwood Unified graduates who enroll in 12 units will receive free tuition and waived enrollment fees during the first year of college.

“A college-going culture is necessary for economic growth in local communities,” Dr. Keith Curry, President of Compton College, said. “The Lynwood College Promise agreement will help build an awareness beginning in middle school that higher education is accessible for LUSD families.”

Compton College will assist Lynwood graduates in completing the steps to register as well as applying for financial aid. The College also provides summer bridge classes that help students with English and math placement.

Students will have access to support programs, such as the First Year Experience, which helps ease the transition to college by providing guidance in choosing a major and career path while teaching study skills for individual and group learning.

The partnership will extend beyond graduating students to target sixth-graders and their parents to assist with early college and career planning. This will also include all middle school students signing the ‘To & Through Pledge,’ which states they are committed to pursuing higher education.

“This partnership is a great opportunity for all of our students who seek to further their education,” Lynwood Board of Education President Alfonso Morales said. “As a District, we believe in providing every pathway to encourage academic success.”

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The **Lynwood Unified School District** is dedicated to offering students a world-class education to prepare them for success in college and career in the 21st century. Under its Achieving Greatness Initiative, the district is realigning all aspects of its organization to strengthen and expand instructional programs, enrichment and extracurricular activities, and support system for students and staff. For more information, visit www.lynwood.k12.ca.us.

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The District's graduation rate climbed from 58.6 percent in 2010-2011 to 84.4 percent in 2016-17. Lynwood Unified educators are working to increase the number of graduates who pursue higher education.

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The mission of **Lynwood Unified School District**, the cultivator of innovative thinkers, is to ensure each student fearlessly achieves his or her highest academic and personal aspirations while contributing to the greater society through a unique system distinguished by:

★ People of great character who inspire and lead by example ★ The instilling of courage to be creative ★ The transformative uses of