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Subject: President/CEO Message - March 3, 2023

Campus Community,

Good afternoon; another week of the spring 2023 semester has ended. I wanted to begin this message with good news. Compton College has been selected as the winner of the [2023 Ellucian Impact Award](#) in the Student Success category. We have been recognized for using technology to provide students with a holistic support program. The Ellucian Impact Award celebrates the higher education visionaries inspiring others to push the boundaries of technology and innovation. The annual award recognizes institutions using technology to solve challenges, operate more efficiently, and offer a better student experience. Our nomination form focused on using Early Alert, which involves Compton College Faculty and Classified Staff. Thank you to all involved in Early Alert at Compton College and the individuals who worked on our nomination application. As an Impact Award winner, Compton College will also receive a \$25,000 prize.

Today's President/CEO Message – March 3, 2023, includes COVID-19 information and other campus-related updates.

Los Angeles County COVID-19 Update

Los Angeles County's Daily COVID-19 Data webpage reports 1,028 newly recorded confirmed cases in Los Angeles County (and cases reported by Long Beach and Pasadena health departments) as of noon on **March 1, 2023**. For more information, go to publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/data/. Los Angeles County's current CDC Community Level is Low. Visit the [LACDPH Post-Surge Dashboard and Strategies](#) webpage for more information.

Reminder to Employees and Students: Masks Are Required

Masks are still required on campus in public indoor spaces until further notice. Although [Governor Newsom ended California's COVID-19 State of Emergency](#), wearing a mask properly is an effective tool to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, masks will continue to be a requirement at Compton College. For more information on the Entry to Campus Protocol, click [here](#).

Spring 2023 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, March 2, 2023*, Compton College has generated 1,193 FTES for the Spring 2023 semester. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 56%, and 8,356 seats are filled. Click [here](#) to view yesterday's enrollment snapshot.

2023-2024 Enrollment Management Budget

The Compton College 2022-2023 Annual Plan allocated \$80,000 in Enrollment Management Funds to hire 15-20 student ambassadors to assist with implementing activities from the Compton College 2022-2023 Outreach and Recruitment Plan. Due to challenges with hiring student ambassadors, there has been a recommendation to hire three provisional program technicians instead. This recommendation was discussed at the **February 28, 2023**, Enrollment Management Committee Meeting. I approved that recommendation, and we are filling these positions.

CCSSE National Survey

This Spring, Compton College will participate in the Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE), a national survey of institutional practices and student behaviors during the spring term. *CCSSE*

(pronounced SEH-see) is an initiative of CCCSE at The University of Texas at Austin. *CCSSE* results will help us better understand our students' college experiences inside and outside the classroom and improve our programs and services to serve them.

Students are much more likely to respond to this survey if they hear about it from their instructors, especially if they are allowed 15-20 minutes to complete it. The survey will be available in a Canvas shell. If you are an instructor or a staff member who interacts with students, please encourage them to complete *CCSSE*. Students will be added to a Canvas shell and assigned the survey in that shell.

To learn more about *CCSSE*:

- Contact Hawk McFadzen in the Office of Institutional Effectiveness at hmcfadzen@compton.edu
- Visit www.ccsse.org
- Contact CCCSE at 512-471-6807 or info@cccse.org.

Compton College Athletics Update

The baseball team played against Los Angeles Harbor Seahawks at home on **February 22, 2023**, resulting in a favorable win of 7-1 after a loss the day before. The baseball team also defeated Imperial Valley (11-9) on their home field, displaying great offense. Johnathan Enriquez, Roberto Bueno, and Jagger Rafkin scored two runs each. The team takes on West Los Angeles college today at 2:00 p.m. at home before going on the road to close out the series against Harbor College on **Friday, March 3, 2023**. The Tartar softball team displayed their skills in their first game of the season against Long Beach City College yesterday after a two-year hiatus. Although the game resulted in a loss, Destiny Vega hit her first run on the Viking field. Their home opener is on **Friday, March 3, 2023**, at 3:00 p.m. against the Cerritos College Falcons. Women's badminton is another sport that reappeared, having played their first game since 2019 last Friday against East Los Angeles College with a final score of 12-9. The team is set to play at Pasadena City College on **Friday, March 15, 2023**, at 2:00 p.m. Men's and women's track competed at the Cal State, LA Invitational on **February 25, 2023**. The team will prepare to showcase their talents at Viking Invitational on **March 10, 2023**, and the Ben Brown Invitation at CSU, Fullerton, on **March 11, 2023**.

Extended Hours: Counseling

The Counseling Department is piloting extended hours in spring 2023. Counselors will be available to assist students in person, via telephone, email, online chat, and video appointments. The new hours of operation are the following:

- Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Give Blood, Save a Life!

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at Compton College on **March 21 and 22** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Multipurpose Center (former Student Lounge). [Make an appointment today!](#) Donors will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card.

Mobile Food Pantry is Scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023, from 1-3 p.m.

In collaboration with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Compton College will host a mobile food pantry every second **Tuesday - March 14, April 11, May 9, and June 13** - from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Parking Lot F. Drive-thru and walk-ups are welcome; the food bank is open to the public. Enter campus from Greenleaf Boulevard (between Santa Fe Ave. and Long Beach Blvd.) Please share this information with your family and friends. Click [here](#) for more details.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

1. I approved sending a Compton College Faculty and Classified Staff team to the [California Dual Enrollment Equity Conference](#) in Bakersfield, CA, **May 2-3, 2023**. One of our College Futures Foundation grants will fund conference registration and travel.
2. After a lengthy process of trying to provide support and coverage for the vacant Director of Diversity, Compliance & Title IX position, I have selected Jennifer Burchett as the interim director for Compton College. Jennifer Burchett comes to us with a wealth of community college experience in human resources, specifically Title IX complaints and investigations, EEO planning, and compliance. Jennifer Burchett will start on **Monday, March 6, 2023**. Please note the permanent position of Director of Diversity, Compliance & Title IX is in the recruitment process and closed on **February 21, 2023**.
3. The [Open Educational Resources Committee](#) established the goal of 85-100% of course sections to utilize Open Educational Resources (OER) by 2035 to reduce the burden of textbook costs on students. The Academic Senate approved this goal during their [June 4, 2021, meeting](#). A faculty workgroup was formed during the 2021 -2022 academic year with the support of the [20 MM Michelson Foundation Spark Grant](#) to develop an Open Educational Resources Proposal, establishing a roadmap on how to increase the number of courses using OER materials. The proposal received approval from the Academic Senate on [October 20, 2022](#). I am still reviewing the proposal and will provide a response to the Academic Senate in the coming weeks. However, I approved an additional \$200,000 from American Rescue Plan Funds to implement the Compton College OER Program this week. In addition to these funds, the College has requested and received Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) funding from the Chancellor's Office to support the College's OER efforts. The Chancellor's Office IEPI Team will visit the campus on **March 15, 2023**, and **May 4, 2023**, to speak with key stakeholders about increasing OER usage on campus.

Final Thoughts

This week, I began my tenure on the [National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity \(NACIQI\)](#). We had three days full of meetings that began at 6:00 a.m. It was interesting to learn about issues that many accrediting bodies face and how they address student outcomes and equity. As I serve on this committee appointed by Miguel Cardona, U.S. Secretary of Education, I look forward to sharing information with the [Compton College Accreditation Steering Committee](#).

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO
Compton College