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Subject: President/CEO Message - March 30, 2023

Campus Community,

I look forward to Community Day on **Saturday, April 22, 2023**. Draft times and locations have been set for a variety of events, including:

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Blood Drive (Multipurpose Center)
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Child Development Center Open House
11:15 a.m.	Holifield Library Naming Ceremony (L-Student Success Center lobby)
Noon	Baseball Game (MLB Academy)
12:00-3:00 p.m.	Food Trucks
1:00 p.m.	Student Services Building Grand Opening Ceremony
1:30 p.m.	Check Presentation with Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson
2:00 p.m.	Instructional Building 1 Grand Opening
2:45 p.m.	Opportunity Drawing

A postcard is being mailed to Compton CCD residents inviting them to stop by Compton College for a fun day of activities. Click [here](#) to view the postcard. Flyers in English and Spanish are available upon request. Send an email to hparnock@compton.edu for more information.

Today's President/CEO Message – March 30, 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 537 newly recorded confirmed cases in Los Angeles County (and cases reported by Long Beach and Pasadena health departments) as of noon on **March 21, 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.

Spring 2023 Enrollment Update

As of **today, March 30, 2023**, Compton College has generated 1,221 FTES for the Spring 2023 semester. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 57%, and 8,577 seats are filled. Attached is the Spring 2023 Enrollment Snapshot.

Free COVID-19 Self-Test Kits

Compton College employees and students may pick up five COVID-19 self-test kits from the Public Safety Building at the Artesia Boulevard entrance to campus. The kits are available for pick-up in the lobby between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Please bring your Compton College ID with you.

Government-issued, free rapid COVID-19 tests are also available. Every household is eligible to order four free tests. Order online at COVIDtests.gov. If you need help placing an order, call 1-800-232-0233.

Already have a test kit at home. Check the Expiration Date column of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's [List of Authorized At-Home OTC COVID-19 Diagnostic Tests](#) to see if the expiration date for your at-home OTC COVID-19 test has been extended and how to find any new expiration date.

Spring Break 2023

Spring break begins on **Saturday, April 8, 2023**. Classes are not in session from **April 8-14, 2023**.

Upcoming Campuswide Holidays

- **Friday, March 31, 2023** – Cesar Chavez Holiday: non-instructional day, campus open
- **Friday, April 14, 2023** – Local Holiday: campus closed

Mobile Food Pantry is Scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 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 - 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.

2022-2023 Requisition Deadline

All requisitions must be entered into the BEST system and approved by the Purchasing Department by the end of the day on **Friday, March 31, 2023**. The President/CEO's cabinet will evaluate and prioritize exceptions to the deadline on a case-by-case basis. Examples of high priorities include health and safety emergencies and summer programs with student-related needs.

Please review all current blanket Purchase Orders to ensure that all goods and services will be received on or before **June 30, 2023**. If you determine that goods and/or services will not be received before **June 30, 2023**, the POs should be closed or adjusted. Please contact the Purchasing Department for these requests. We may be able to process prepayments for goods or services that are to be received after **June 30, 2023**, under certain conditions.

Employee Mental and Emotional Health

Purposefully engaging in activities that promote mental and emotional wellness is critical. To reap the benefits of mental health, special attention to the growth of practices that improve mental health is essential. To help build the necessary resilience to protect their mental health, Compton College employees have access to an array of services and resources. Free, confidential support is offered through [Employee Assistance Service for Education](#) (EASE) at 1-800-882-1341 and is available 24 hours a day with live counseling options. In addition, ongoing EASE workshops and newsletters to support employee well-being are offered monthly.

Compton College Professional Development hosts a variety of mental health and wellness workshops throughout the academic year. To reduce stress and promote healthy wellness skills, mental health support is prioritized through yoga and guided meditation sessions each semester. For more information regarding employee mental health resources, contact Pilar Huffman, professional development manager, at phuffman@compton.edu.

Student Services Building

Student Services is moving! All current Student Services Division offices, except for Athletics and Student Development, will be closed to the public for in-person services on **April 10, 2023**. However, remote services will be fully available to all students for all other Student Services departments. Signage will be posted on office doors, and students will receive a notification via email and canvas.

The new Student Services Building will be open for in-person services starting on **April 11, 2023**.

Distinguished Faculty, Staff, Outstanding Adjunct, and Civility Champion Nominations due April 7, 2023

Employees, current students, alumni, and community members are invited to nominate individuals who best exemplify the qualities listed below.

- A full-time faculty member who has demonstrated the highest level of commitment to their students, college, and profession.

- A staff member who has demonstrated commitment to academic excellence, professionalism, and outstanding service.
- An adjunct faculty member who has demonstrated the highest level of commitment to their students and teaching.
- Civility Champions are those whose contributions demonstrate their commitment to Compton College's statement of civility and mutual respect. One student, faculty, staff, and administrator may be honored with this award.

This year, a new award will be implemented to honor a distinguished manager/supervisor. Please refer to the recent emails from Human Resources Representative Pamela Wilkerson for more information, including the nomination forms. The deadline to submit nomination forms is **4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2023**.

Compton College will recognize the 2023 honorees at the **May 16, 2023**, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting. Awardees will receive a specially designed medallion, a monetary award (\$500) from the Compton Community College District, their name on a permanent plaque, and recognition at Commencement.

Final Thoughts

The next Compton Community College District Board of Trustees on **April 18, 2023**, will be held in the Compton College Boardroom, which is located in the administration building. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., with the open session commencing at 6:00 p.m. More information on the **April 18, 2023**, Compton CCD Board of Trustees meeting will be included in future [President/CEO Messages](#).

During Wednesday's Senior Day, we provided services to more than 121 students from our neighboring K-12 districts. Thank you to the employees who provided workshops and campus tours and to the departments and divisions participating in the resource fair. We appreciate your help in educating students about all that Compton College has to offer so students can create their success stories.

Please be safe and have a fantastic Friday and weekend.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.
(he/him/his)
President/CEO
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