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Campus Community,

Happy Thursday! I hope all is well. We are now **16** days from the beginning of the fall 2023 semester.

Now that our [2023 Institutional Self-Evaluation Report](#) has been submitted to the [Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges](#), we can start planning for our virtual visit in the fall and the in-person Focused Site Visit scheduled for the spring of 2024. As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – March 17, 2023](#), Dr. Henry Shannon, Superintendent/President of Chaffey College, is the chair of the Peer Review Team, and Dr. Torence Powell, Superintendent/President of Napa Valley College, has been appointed vice chair. As we receive more information about the upcoming visits, we will share it with the campus community.

The next two weeks will be extremely busy on our campus as we prepare for the fall 2023 semester.

Compton College's Student Support Services offices will have extended hours from **August 14 through September 1, 2023**, including two Saturdays in August, to walk students through the registration and/or admissions process and answer questions. Counselors and financial aid representatives will also be available for in-person and online assistance. The Registration Assistance Extended Hours **August 14 through September 1** are:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 19 and August 26: 8:00 a.m. to noon

Today's President/CEO Message – August 3, 2023, includes information on the **August 16** New Student Welcome Day, a warning about coyotes on campus, the Fall 2023 Professional Development Day agenda, and more.

Fall 2023 Enrollment Update

As of *today, August 3, 2023*, Compton College has generated 1,105 FTES for the Fall 2023 term. Our fill rate for Fall is currently 44%, and seats filled is 7,359.

New Student Welcome Day – August 16, 2023

All students (current and prospective) are invited to attend New Student Welcome Day at Compton College on **Wednesday, August 16, 2023**, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students will learn all about Compton College and the excellent student resources we have available to help them be successful in college, take a campus tour, participate in workshops, and have an opportunity to win prizes! For more information and RSVP for the on-campus event, click [here](#).

Compton College High School Band Camp

Over 100 High School students from Compton and Lynwood unified school districts are participating in the 2023 Compton College High School Band Camp this summer. The public is invited to the final performance on the football field at 11:00 a.m. **this Saturday, August 5, 2023**.

Final Summer 2023 Mobile Food Pantry Event

Compton College welcomes the summer Mobile Food Pantry program, which will be on campus on **Tuesday, August 8, 2023**, from 1-3 p.m. Hosted by the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, the Mobile Food Pantry is open to the public with a drive-thru and walk-up services in Parking Lot F. Please enter campus from Greenleaf Boulevard (between Santa Fe Ave. and Long Beach Blvd.) FREE healthy food items, including fresh fruits and

vegetables, canned meats, beans, soups, rice, pasta, sauces, and more, will be offered! Click [here](#) for more details.

Volunteers are needed to assist with food distribution. If you have time between 12:45 and 3:15 p.m. on **August 8, 2023**, please email the Tartar Support Network at tartarsupport@compton.edu.

Compton Community College District to Hold Community Meeting in Paramount on August 10

The Compton Community College District (CCCD) will hold a Community Meeting on **Thursday, August 10, 2023**, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Progress Park at 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

CCCD Board of Trustees Vice President Juanita Doplemore will host the meeting. Topics to be covered include fall 2023 registration, academic programs offered, dual enrollment options for local high school students, the expansion of the Oliver W. Conner College Promise fee waiver program, Compton College's many student support services, and student housing and basic needs programs and services for Compton College students.

This community meeting allows students, parents, and community members to learn more about what Compton College offers and participate in a discussion with the Board of Trustees Vice President Juanita Doplemore. More information is available online [here](#).

Active Shooter Training and Campuswide Drill

Compton District Police Department officers will attend active shooter training on **Saturday, August 12, 2023**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This training is to help ensure the safety of Compton College students, staff, faculty, and community members and to help the Compton District Police Officers identify and respond to an active shooter on campus or its surrounding areas. Officers will go through several scenarios regarding the active shooter, mass casualty, and lockdown shelter-in-place drills with role players and simulation training. Officers will be training with their new tactical equipment. They will also have mutual aid partners, including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Compton Station, Compton Unified School District Police Department, and the Compton Fire Department, at this training session. This training will allow our mutual aid partners to better familiarize themselves with the campus and the newly opened buildings.

Coyotes Sighted On Campus

Multiple coyote sightings have been reported to Campus Police over the past few weeks. Students, employees, and campus visitors are urged to avoid the animals. Do not attempt to call, pet, or feed the coyotes.

Generally, coyotes are reclusive animals who avoid human contact. If you encounter a coyote:

- Do not turn your back on a coyote or run away from a coyote.
- If approached, make loud noises and make yourself look big. If this fails, throw rocks or other objects.
- Never feed or attempt to tame a coyote.
- The Humane Society of the United States provides additional information about coyotes in urban and suburban environments: [Coyotes and people: What to know if you see or encounter a coyote](#).

Immediately contact the Compton College Campus Police, 310-900-1600, ext. 2790, if you see a coyote. You may also dial 911 in case of an emergency.

Compton CCD Employee's Policy and Procedures Handbook

The [Employee's Policy and Procedures Handbook](#) is a consolidation of personnel policy and procedures for Compton Community College District. It serves as a guide for the District's employees to ensure efficient and professional service provision to our students, clients, and the community.

The District is operating in a continuously changing environment. The maintenance process for this manual is designed to facilitate the incorporation of those changes which affect personnel matters, such as:

- A. Changes in the laws regarding employer/employee relationships
- B. Directives from the Board of Governors for California Community Colleges.
- C. Certificated and Classified bargaining unit contracts
- D. The District's board policies.
- E. Policies and procedures originate within this District's administrative structure.

Vision 2030 - A Roadmap for California Community Colleges

On *July 24, 2023*, Dr. Sonya Christian, Chancellor of California Community Colleges, unveiled the preliminary framework of *Vision 2030 – A Roadmap for California Community Colleges* at the Board of Governors meeting. Click [here](#) to view version 9 of the plan. More information about Vision 2023 is available at CCCVision2030.org.

There will be multiple opportunities for students, faculty, staff, and the public to learn more about Vision 2030 and to provide viewpoints and feedback. Several convenings will be held on college campuses around the state to take deep dives into areas such as equitable bachelor's degree attainment, better serving working adult learners, and our system's expanding role in climate change resiliency and adaptation. Systemwide webinars and other opportunities are listed at CCCVision2030.org, and you can also provide your feedback online [here](#).

Final Thoughts

I wanted close with my [2023-2024 President/CEO Priorities](#):

1. Continue to focus on recruitment and retention efforts at Compton College.
2. Monitor the implementation of dual enrollment, ensuring students earn 12 units of college credit during their four years of high school.
3. Continue with Succession Planning - Focus on improving how we document our various processes.
4. Continue to focus on implementing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) activities at Compton College.
5. Continue to monitor the implementation of the activities associated with the Compton College Response to the Call to Action.
6. Continue to monitor the implementation of the recommendations/activities outlined in the Compton College 2024 documents.
7. Continue to support the Foundation for the Compton CCD.
8. Continue to be more accessible to Compton College faculty, Classified staff, administrators/supervisors, students, and the community.
9. Continue to support Basic Needs Programs and Services at Compton College and explore additional options for temporary and permanent housing for Compton College students.
10. Support Professional Development opportunities for faculty, staff, and students.
11. Continue to monitor the implementation of the California Competes Connecting Workforce and Adult Education Efforts to Advance Student Success project recommendations for Compton College.
12. Continue to monitor the implementation of the Collaborative Governance Handbook.
13. Continue to monitor the state and Compton CCD budgets.
14. Monitor the completion of Compton College facilities projects.

Over the next month and at the Fall Professional Development Day on *Thursday, August 17, 2023*, I will share with you some of the objectives for each of the priorities.

All full-time employees (faculty, Classified professionals, and managers) are required to participate in the mandatory Fall 2023 Professional Development Day, which will take place in-person from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Click [here](#) to view the agenda.

We also have the New Faculty Orientation on *Tuesday, August 15, 2023*, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. That evening, we will have the Adjunct Faculty Orientation from 5:00 to 7:10 p.m.

Please enjoy your last three-day weekend of the summer term.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.

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President/CEO

Compton College