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Campus Community,

As we mourn the loss of Senator Dianne Feinstein, California's longest-serving woman senator, we look forward to working with Laphonza Butler, who was sworn in as Feinstein's replacement on October 3. We meet with representatives from Senator Feinstein's office every year when we walk the halls at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. We hope Senator Butler will be an advocate for California community colleges and Compton College in our efforts to support our diverse student population. Interestingly enough, Senator Butler and I served as the co-chairs of the University of California President's Advisory Committee on the African American Presence at UC and had many conversations about health professions partnerships.

Today, my day started with attending the 2023 Nandi Symposium with a diverse Compton College delegation of eleven individuals, including students, faculty, Classified professionals, and managers. The conference, centered around the theme of "**Black Women Shaping Their Own Narratives**," provided a platform for empowering discussions. Highlighting the event, EbonyJanice Moore, an exceptional keynote speaker, delivered enlightening perspectives on the power of intentional actions in manifesting one's goals. EbonyJanice Moore was fantastic, and hopefully, we can bring her to Compton College as a speaker for an event.

Thank you to the Compton College faculty and Classified professionals who were involved with the planning and who participated in today's event. It was truly amazing.

Today's President/CEO Message – October 5, 2023, includes an update on new and continuing student success partnerships, a Fall 2023 Athletics update, an accreditation reminder, and more.

Fall 2023 Enrollment Update

As of **today, October 5, 2023**, Compton College has generated 1,530 FTES for the Fall 2023 term. Our fill rate for Fall is currently 69%, and seats filled is 10,786.

	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023
Unduplicated Headcount	4,360	4,256	4,972
Seats Filled	9,006	9,100	10,786
FTES	1,287	1,268	1,530

All comparisons are at relative day to the same time in the term/semester (Census +30 Days).

The online registration system can still be used to sign up for open "Late-Start" eight-week classes that begin on October 14. The Searchable Schedule of Classes is available online here: <http://www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/ClassSchedule.aspx>. Once a class starts meeting, students interested in adding the section will need to get an authorization code from the instructor if space is available. Please encourage students to register now to avoid the rush.

Assisting Our Student-Parents While On Campus

In honor of our student-parents and to support them holistically, Compton College continues to strengthen efforts to establish a safe and welcoming environment for our "small scholars." We recognize that our student-parents occasionally have children with them when accessing critical support services at Compton College. Therefore, it is our intention this academic year to establish Small Scholars Space(s) across campus that contain art supplies, educational toys, and other creative activities.

Additionally, Professor Pham of the Childhood Education Program is spearheading the creation of "little libraries" for a book exchange program to complement these spaces. We hope that these areas put student-parents at ease when they come in to do college-related tasks. Our student-parents are very important to us, and

we are demonstrating our commitment to them through action. Our first Small Scholars Space is up and running in the CalWORKs Department, SSB-270 (click [here](#) to view a photo). If you have recommendations regarding the Small Scholars Space(s), please email Dr. Cesar Jimenez, dean of Counseling and Guided Pathways, at cjimenez@compton.edu.

Accreditation Update

As I shared in the [President/CEO Message - September 15, 2023](#), and various meetings, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) visiting team has received our [Institutional Self-Evaluation Report](#) (ISER) and is reading it and reviewing the evidence. The ACCJC visiting team roster for Compton College is available [here](#). The team chair, Dr. Henry Shannon, shared that the team is impressed with the organization and clarity in the ISER. The team has scheduled an [Open Forum for Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom](#), as indicated in the attached flyer. Please note that the visiting team set this day and time to work within their schedules.

Additionally, the ACCJC has determined that our focused site visit will occur the week of **February 20, 2024**. They will let us know the specific dates that week as they get closer to the visit date.

Compton College Transfer Corner

We are adding a Transfer Corner to the President/CEO Message, where we will provide Transfer information. The annual Transfer fair took place **today, October 5, 2023**. The fair was from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., followed by workshops from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Workshops included support with UC Personal Insight Questions (PIQs), presentation on guaranteed admission to Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU), insights into the EOPS program, and expert assistance with applications to CSU or UC schools. Over 240 Compton College students had a chance to connect with over 35 university representatives and learn about admission requirements. Students had the opportunity to win six \$50 Bookstore gift cards and three \$15 Farmers' Market vouchers. Students finished the day with food from the Habit Burger Food Truck and listened to music from KDAY. Below are additional Transfer Corner updates:

University Tours Scheduled

- UCLA – **Friday, October 20, 2023**
- CSUDH – **Friday, November 3, 2023**
- USC – **Friday, December 1, 2023**

Workshops & University Representative Visits

- This month, the Transfer & Career Center is focusing on supporting students with their UC and CSU applications.
- Visits are scheduled for UCLA, CSULA, and CSUDH. Finalizing dates for LMU, CSULB, and Charles Drew University.

Please visit the Transfer and Career Center [webpage](#) for additional university tours, workshops, and university representative visit information.

Compton College Athletics Update

- Baseball - Currently participating in Non-Traditional Sports (NTS) Season. Overall record 0-0. Eight-two student-athletes and seven coaches are supporting the committed and competitive group of student-athletes this year. The intercollegiate season begins in January 2024.
 - [Sixteen baseball student-athletes transferred in the Summer of 2023](#)
 - [Nine baseball student-athletes were recognized as All-State Academic players](#)
- Men's Basketball – Seventeen student-athletes are participating this season, led by Coach Keith Holliman and three assistant coaches. 3-1 record during the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Jamboree in September 2023.

- Women's Basketball – Thirteen student-athletes are participating this season, led by Coach Louis Nelson and two assistant coaches. 0-4 record during CCCAA Ventura Jamboree in September 2023.
- Men's Cross Country – Ten student-athletes are participating this season, led by Coach David Austin and two assistant coaches. Eight events are scheduled for 2023.
- Women's Cross Country - Four student-athletes are participating this season, led by Coach David Austin and two assistant coaches. Eight events are scheduled for 2023.
- Football – Thirty-two student-athletes have participated in four games so far this season (0-4). Learning everyday football skills, commitment, and teamwork.
- Women's Soccer – Twenty-two student-athletes are participating this season, led by Coach Jose Garcia and two assistant coaches. The overall record is currently 3-4-1 with conference play starting this week.
- Men's Soccer – Twenty-five student-athletes are participating this season, led by Coach Jose Garcia and two assistant coaches. The overall record is currently 4-2-2, with conference play starting this week.
- Softball – Twenty-one student-athletes are currently participating in the Non-traditional Sports (NTS) Season. The overall record is 2-2. Coach Victoria Castillo and three coaches are supporting the team. The intercollegiate season begins in January 2024.
- Women's Volleyball – A new coach was hired in 2023, Monique Guyton. Team play will begin in August 2024.
- Women's Badminton – Coach Jose Garcia will lead the way for Compton in Spring 2024. Eight student-athletes had a nice finish at State Tourney 2023.
- Men's and Women's (Co-ed) Esports – Coach Vincent Cajayon is working on forming a team for 2023-2024. The goal is to have five student-athletes play in a season this year (3-5 contests) versus other colleges.

Mascot Development Workgroup

The Tartar Mascot Review Taskforce will be changing its name to the Mascot Development Workgroup as it continues its assignment to develop a plan and timeline for the official retirement of the Tartar Mascot, effective July 1, 2025. [Compton CCD Resolution No. 06-27-2022G To Retire Current Mascot and Adopt New Mascot](#) (Board-approved June 17, 2022) initiated the phase-out that began July 1, 2023, campuswide, except for Athletics, who has until the 2025-2026 season to incorporate the new (to be determined) mascot. A request for proposals will be released this year to solicit proposals for the research and development associated with the creation of a new Compton College mascot. The workgroup provides monthly updates as part of the Board Agenda in the Discussion/Information section, along with other campuswide workgroups and task forces.

Student Success Partnerships

Compton College is dedicated to helping students succeed. Compton College continues to partner with the Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) to help provide community resources to students. CRCD is Compton College's primary partner when it comes to addressing housing insecurity on campus. CRCD provides a Peer Housing Navigator to help all students with housing resource referrals to emergency shelters, public showers, food resources, job opportunities, and many other community resources. Students interested in learning more about either resource may stop by Student Equity in the Student Services Building, Room 230.

For 2023-2024, Compton College, CRCD, Guardian Scholars, and NextUp collaborated to offer services for foster youth students through "Project Tipping Point." Project Tipping Point is a college persistence program geared towards supporting current and former foster youth between the ages of 18-25 who have earned no more than 15 units to help students succeed in postsecondary education. Learn more about the services Project Tipping Point has to offer on **Wednesdays** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Student Equity office located on the second floor of the Student Services Building, in room 230.

Benefits of the Tipping Point program include:

- high touch one-on-one case management
- housing resources

- rental assistance

For more information about Tipping Point, please contact:

- Alexander Saltzman, 323-207-8867, Asaltzman@coalitionrcd.org
- Tania Torres, 323-507-3055, Ttorres@coalitionrcd.org

The African American Transfer Tipping Point: Exploring the Transfer Journeys of over 7,000 African American/Black Community College Students Webinar

On *Tuesday, October 31, 2023*, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., this webinar will occur; [click here to register](#).

Decreasing racial inequities in Transfer is a key strategy for increasing race and income equality. The RP Group's [African American Transfer Tipping Point](#) (AATTP) project seeks to identify the factors contributing to African American/Black students' likelihood of transferring. The first phases of this work identified four core student experiences that significantly impact the transfer journeys of African American/Black community college students: (1) timely passing of transfer-level English and math, (2) academic counseling, (3) participation in Umoja, and (4) not being put on academic probation.

Building from this research, and with a focus on elevating student voice, now, the RP Group will share findings from the most recent phase of the work, which leveraged data from a statewide survey of over 7,000 transfer-intending African American/Black students to lift up the experiences and perspectives of African American/Black students about how these four essential experiences impacted their transfer success. In addition to sharing the survey findings, they will facilitate a panel discussion with some of the members of the AATTP Advisory Committee, including:

- Anita Bailey, Program Director, Umoja Community Education Foundation and Associate Professor, Norco College
- Michelle Fowles, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness at Los Angeles Valley College
- Marcell Gilmore, Educational Research Assessment Analyst at Mount San Antonio College (Mt. SAC)
- Dr. Frank Harris, Professor of Postsecondary Education and Co-Director of the Community College Equity Assessment Lab (CCEAL) at San Diego State University
- Dr. Aisha Lowe, Executive Vice Chancellor for the Equitable Student Learning, Experience and Impact Office at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office

President/CEO Event Participation Requests

As my schedule permits, I am pleased to speak at and attend campus events that celebrate student and employee success. Please fill out the online [Event Participation Request Form](#) at least four weeks before the event to coordinate speaking requests.

Online Applause Card Nomination Form

Employees, students, and the community may recognize a Compton CCD employee for helping to ensure the success of our students. Complete the [online form](#), and the President/CEO Office will officially recognize the employee who helped you.

Final Thoughts

I want to thank everyone for all their work in support of student success. As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – September 15, 2023](#), I continue to improve my communications and engage with all of you. For the past couple of weeks, I have been making my rounds throughout campus, and I see everyone is working extremely hard in support of our students. Many students are appreciative of all the programs and services we are offering, and many of you have provided excellent suggestions on how we can continue to improve programs and services to support the student population we serve.

As such, I have started my President/CEO Luncheons, and this week, I had lunch with representatives from the Workforce and Adult Education Department. From that meeting, I will be spending a day this Fall visiting the Adult Education sites within our district to get a better understanding of the programs and services offered and how we could potentially partner on new initiatives.

Please be safe and have a fabulous Friday and weekend.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO

Compton College