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Subject: President/CEO Message - December 1, 2023

Campus Community,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and a wonderful week. The semester is ending, and it is unbelievable how fast it flew by. It feels like yesterday when we were in the Gymnasium getting ready for the start of the semester. As the semester comes to a close, I want to say thank you to the faculty, Classified professionals, and the managers/supervisors for all you do in support of student success.

The Fall 2023 Nursing Pinning Ceremony will take place on **Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Gymnasium. Congratulations to the 39 students who have earned an associate degree in nursing!

As we begin planning for the winter and spring 2024 terms, we will begin the process of developing the year-end celebration/recognition calendar for 2024. Nicole Jones, vice president of Student Services, will be working with the various programs and departments to collect information.

Today's President/CEO Message – December 1, 2023, includes a COVID-19 vaccine update from St. John's Community Health, December 2023 closures for the on-campus farmers' market, an update on the 2024-2025 scholarship application, and more.

Winter and Spring 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, November 30, 2023*, Compton College has generated:

- 216 FTES for the Winter 2024 term. Our fill rate for Winter is currently 58%, and seats filled is 1,885.
- 518 FTES for the Spring 2024 semester. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 21%, and seats filled is 3,514.

With one more week left in this semester, ***please encourage your students to register for the winter and spring classes***. Every enrollment counts, and if students need registration assistance, they can visit the Welcome Center located in the Student Services Building. If they need to see a counselor, they can drop in or [schedule an appointment](#).

COVID-19 Vaccines Available On Campus

Updated COVID-19 vaccines are available on campus at the [St. John's Student Health Center](#) for employees, students, and the community. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are recommended. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health recently announced that all residents are eligible for this new, updated COVID-19 vaccine. It noted that now is the time to get vaccinated against COVID and flu to reduce the chance of getting very sick or having to cancel plans this holiday season.

Thanks to our partnership with St. John's Community Health, Compton College was one of the first in the region to offer vaccinations to employees and the community. We are proud to continue offering access to vaccines and quality health care to our college community and area residents.

St. John's Community Health Center will be closed for the holidays on the following dates:

Friday, December 22, 2023, through Tuesday, December 26, 2023
Friday, December 29, 2023, through Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Other than these holiday closures, the health center will remain open during the winter recess to serve students on the dates/times below.

Mondays – 11:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays-Fridays – 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Telephone Encounters are also available to students who are unable to make it to the clinic. We will continue to be open to the public for COVID-19 and mpox vaccines.

Seventh Annual Compton College Employee Holiday Celebration

The annual Holiday Celebration has been scheduled for **Wednesday, December 6, 2023**, from Noon to 2:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room to celebrate the holidays and show appreciation to all employees.

You don't want to miss this event; the opportunity drawing will be amazing. The Director of Professional Development, Dr. Pilar Huffman, asked that I not share what the prizes are, but you know we will have a couple of TVs. The question is, what size will they be? As I mentioned to Dr. Huffman, the grand prize needs to be bigger than last year. I can't wait to see everyone at this celebration next week.

Farmers' Market Holiday Closures

The Compton College Farmers' Market will be closed on December 20 and December 27. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

December 12, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting

On Tuesday, December 12, 2023, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Boardroom in the Administration Building. All regular session meetings are open to the public. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., with the open session commencing at 6:00 p.m. The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Agendas are posted on the BoardDocs website under the "Meetings" tab at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/compton/Board.nsf/Public>.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

1. My responses to the [Academic Senate](#) – Summary of Decisions made at the *meetings on October 19 and November 2, 2023*, are available [here](#).
2. In the [President/CEO Message – September 1, 2023](#), I mentioned the New Compton College Scholarship Recommendations that the Financial Aid Office and Foundation for Compton Community College District were tasked with developing using the \$400,000 set aside from the Intelcom settlement. Our goal is to increase the available award amount by **245%** to more than \$80,000 each year for the next five years. I am pleased to announce that the [2024-2025 scholarship application](#) opened online today, and we have several new scholarships available, including scholarships for students transferring to CSU, UC, and HBCU, part-time students, and all Guided Pathway Divisions. View the updated list of scholarships [here](#). The deadline for students to submit their scholarship application is **11:59 p.m. on February 29, 2024**.

Final Thoughts

A virtual Program Review Training is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 6, 2023**, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. (Zoom ID: 992 381 8402). Please refer to the **November 2, 2023**, email sent on behalf of Program Review Coordinator Dr. Jessie Mills for more information. Many Program Reviews are already past due, and some have an upcoming deadline of **December 15, 2023**. All program reviews must be submitted on time.

On **Monday, December 11, 2023**, the Compton CCD Board of Trustees, working with their retreat facilitator, will review the progress toward their [2023-2024 goals](#).

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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