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Campus Community,

I'm looking forward to this year's commencement ceremony (*which is ONE WEEK away!*) when we can celebrate our graduates' achievements and their journey to this milestone. I want to thank everyone for your role in supporting our students throughout their academic journey. Your dedication and hard work have contributed to the success of the Class of 2024. Thank you!

Today's President/CEO Message – May 31, 2024, includes a reminder about 2024-2025 Student Parking Permits and upcoming mobile food pantry dates, as well as next week's year-end celebrations and more.

Summer and Fall 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, May 30, 2024*, Compton College has generated:

- 461 FTES for the **Summer 2024** term. The fill rate is currently 65%, and the seats filled is 3,741.
- 531 FTES for the **Fall 2024** semester. The fill rate is currently 18%, and the seats filled are 3,119.

It's not too late for students to register for summer classes. The first six-week and eight-week summer sessions begin *Monday, June 17, 2024*.

Summer 2024 Mobile Food Pantry Events

Two more mobile food pantry events are scheduled for June/July. The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and Compton College invite the public to stop by Lot F on *Tuesday, June 11, 2024, and July 9, 2024*, between 1 and 3:00 p.m., to collect 25-40 pounds of FREE healthy foods.

Please note: The Compton Food Pantry, available to current Compton College students, will be closed this summer and will reopen the first week of the fall semester.

Spring 2024 Year-End Celebrations Conclude Next Week

- *Monday, June 3, 2024* – Lavender Celebration Luncheon, Noon to 3 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room
- *Tuesday, June 4, 2024* – Noncredit Completion Celebration, 1 to 4 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room
- *Tuesday, June 4, 2024* – Nursing Pinning Ceremony, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium
- *Wednesday, June 5, 2024* – Raza Graduation Celebration, 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium

2024-2025 Student Parking Permits

Current students may continue to park free at Compton College through *June 30, 2025*, with a valid parking permit. Students must complete the online application (<https://paymycite.com/Compton/parkingpermit.aspx>) for their free 2024-2025 parking permit. Upon completing the online transaction, students will receive an email with a link to download and print their student parking permits. *Please note:* the 2023-2024 student parking permits expire *June 30, 2024*. Students must complete a new application online and download the 2024-2025 permit that is valid from *July 1, 2024*, through *June 30, 2025*.

A one-week grace period for parking (in student lots only) will be provided for the summer term and two weeks for the fall semester for students to display a parking permit. No citations will be issued for vehicles properly parked in marked student spaces during this period; all other parking violations will be enforced.

Juneteenth Holiday

Reminder, the campus will be closed on *Wednesday, June 19, 2024*, in honor of Juneteenth, commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. The Compton CCD Board of Trustees approved the annual holiday at the [December 15, 2021, Board Meeting](#). We also begin our 4/10 work weeks that week.

Fall 2024 Professional Development Day

We are excited to announce that we will begin the fall 2024 semester with our mandatory Professional Development Day on **Thursday, August 22, 2024**. The general session will commence at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. All full-time Compton College faculty and classified professionals are required to participate in the mandatory Professional Development activities on **Thursday, August 22, 2024**, in the Gymnasium. More information, including the agenda, is available [here](#).

We are honored to welcome [Dr. Lori Patton Davis](#) as our keynote speaker. Dr. Patton Davis is a highly esteemed scholar in higher education, renowned for her work on African Americans in higher education, critical race theory, and campus diversity initiatives. She has authored over 50 peer-reviewed articles and has been featured in top journals such as The Journal of Higher Education and Teachers College Record. Her research has been cited nearly 5,000 times. As the immediate past president of the Association for the Study of Higher Education and former Equity and Inclusion Officer for AERA Division J, she has significantly influenced educational policy and practice. Dr. Patton Davis holds a Ph.D. from Indiana University and has received numerous awards for her scholarly contributions, making her a sought-after education expert.

Additionally, we will have the [New Faculty Orientation](#) on **Tuesday, August 20, 2024**, an in-person event in the Student Services Building, Room 212 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The [Adjunct Faculty Orientation](#) will be on **Wednesday, August 21, 2024**, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. and will be held virtually via Zoom.

We look forward to seeing you there for an inspiring and informative day!

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.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

The Auxiliary Services Committee completed a third and final round of funding recommendations for the 2023-2024 academic year. Of the seven applications received, five were approved to share in the \$10,000 to be distributed in support of student programming.

	Requestor Name	Programming	Funding Amount
1.	Nathan Lopez, History Instructor	Ethnic Studies field trip to The Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Art & Culture of the Riverside Art Museum	\$3,500
2.	Dr. David Chavez, History and Ethnic Studies Instructor	History Department film screening and discussion with the director of The Palestine Exception	\$1,500
3.	Vanessa Madrid, Associate Professor of Art	Voices of Compton Student Art Exhibition	\$500
4.	Keith Cobb, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships	Academic and Scholarship Awards Banquet	\$1,500
5.	Dr. Tim Harrison, Dean of Athletics and Student Support Services	Athletics Banquet	\$3,000

Thank you to the members of the [Auxiliary Services Committee](#) for your review of the applications and for providing these recommendations, which I have approved.

Final Thoughts

Yesterday, May 31, 2024, I had the opportunity to participate in a luncheon with several Classified Professionals and Dr. Pilar Huffman to discuss the Compton College Caring Campus Initiative and potential next steps. As you may recall, the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees approved [Resolution No. 04-18-2023A – Caring Campus](#), which we are required to implement on behalf of the Board of Trustees. This initiative is designed to ensure that everyone on our campus feels valued and supported, enhancing the overall college experience for our community. At yesterday's gathering, I approved the [Caring Campus logo stack and stamp](#), which will be used in our marketing and promotional efforts starting in the Fall of 2024.

The Caring Campus logo stack will serve as a visible reminder of our commitment to these values, and its presence will help promote the positive changes we are making. Our goal is to create a nurturing and empowering environment where every member of our campus can thrive. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the Caring Campus Committee for their dedication and hard work. Your efforts are instrumental in making Compton College a place where everyone can succeed. In addition, I mentioned I would be working with the [Consultative Council](#) to support the recommendation from the individuals who went to the Guided Pathways Institute in March 2024 to align the Caring Campus Initiative with Guided Pathways. More information on the Caring Campus Initiative will be included in future [President/CEO Messages](#), and this will also be one of my priorities for the 2024-2025 year.

In the [President/CEO Message – May 17, 2024](#), I mentioned the move-in plan for Instructional Building 2. The Academic Affairs Division Office is moving today, *May 31, 2024*; faculty will move into their offices on *June 14, 2024*. The building will be open on *June 3, 2024*, and classes may be scheduled in the building beginning with the first summer sessions that begin on *June 17, 2024*. The Instructional Building 2 project has been long overdue. Thank you to everyone for your patience and support throughout the completion of this facility's project.

In closing, please have a restful weekend and enjoy your time with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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