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Campus Community,

Happy Friday!

As we move into October, I hope things slow down. The fencing near Instructional Building 2 will be removed on **October 18, 2024**. This is great news! We are also moving forward with the grand opening ceremonies for Instructional Buildings 1 and 2 on **November 19, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.** More details will follow in a future [President/CEO Message](#).

I also want to notify the campus community about our annual “Taste of Thanksgiving” event, which will be held in person on **Tuesday, November 12, 2024, from noon to 3:00 p.m.** in the Multipurpose Room. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Today's President/CEO Message includes the annual Clery Report, the new Civic and Voter Empowerment Plan, a year-over-year enrollment comparison, and more.

Fall 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, October 3, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,694 FTES for the Fall 2024 term. Our fill rate for Fall is currently 69%, and seats filled is 11,643.

<i>As Census Day +23</i>	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Fall 2023	Fall 2024*
Unduplicated Headcount	4,292	4,221	4,900	5,403
Seats Filled	8,882	9,024	10,651	11,606
FTES	1,265	1,260	1,515	1,688

*As of 09/30/24 (Census Day +21)

Please encourage students to enroll in one more class at Compton College during the second eight-week session, which begins on **Saturday, October 19, 2024**. An updated list of open classes is available online at www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/docs/Open-Sections.pdf.

Eighth Annual Faculty Tenure Dinner

Just a friendly reminder, the following Compton College Faculty members will be honored for achieving tenure at the 8th Annual Faculty Tenure Dinner:

- Jovany Gaucin
- Karina Lopez

The dinner celebration is scheduled for **Thursday, October 10, 2024**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. An invitation was sent to faculty earlier this week, and **Monday, October 7, 2024**, is the last day to [RSVP](#). We will also be honoring the following faculty members for their years of service to Compton Community College District:

- **25 Years**
Andree Valdry

Pamela West

- **20 Years**

Jose Bernando
Asa Maradiaga
David Maruyama

- **10 Years**

Judith Crozier
Dr. Roza Ekimyan
Jennifer Hill
Vanessa Madrid
Pamela Richardson
Dr. Malinni Roeun
Dr. Valerie Woodward

- **5 Years**

Shannon Brown
Dr. Bradfield Conn
Corina Diaz
Liliana Huerta
Dr. Obiageli Mbanefo
Melain McIntosh
Noemi Monterroso
Brittany Olayele
Dr. Linda Thierry

Compton College District Police Department Annual Security Report 2023

The [2023 Security Report](#) includes crime statistics for 2021, 2022, and 2023, covering incidents on campus, non-campus property, and public property. The report is available online [here](#) and in hard copy at various campus locations, including Athletics, Human Resources, the Library-Student Success Center, the Public Safety lobby, the President/CEO's Office, Student Development, and the Student Services Building.

Civic and Voter Empowerment Plan

The [Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act \(SCVEA\)](#), enacted in 2019, aims to increase civic engagement and voter participation among college students in California. The Act mandates that California Community Colleges (CCCs) and California State Universities (CSUs) take specific actions to promote civic learning and engagement. Here are the key requirements:

1. Civic and Voter Empowerment Coordinator (CVEC): Each campus must appoint a nonpartisan CVEC to liaise with the California Secretary of State and oversee the implementation of civic engagement activities.
2. Voter Registration and Education: Colleges are required to provide students with voter registration opportunities and distribute voter education materials.
3. Civic Engagement Events: Campuses must host events that promote civic learning and participation, such as voter registration drives and educational workshops.

4. Partnerships and Resources: Institutions are encouraged to collaborate with the California Students Vote Project (SVP) to access resources and support for their civic engagement initiatives.

Compton College has submitted its [Civic and Voter Empowerment Plan for Fall 2024 - Summer 2026](#), detailing how it will meet these requirements and foster a culture of civic participation among its students. You can view our plan [here](#).

Project Solid Summer Shift Reporting

Title 5, Section 58010 allows flexibility in reporting summer courses that start in one fiscal year and end in the next, known as “summer shift” reporting. The 2024 Budget Act asked for information on how this affects the system. Compton College provided this information through a survey (click [here](#)), projecting our Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) for 2024-25 and 2025-26. We plan to use the summer shift in 2025-2026, meaning our FTES for that year will include summer 2025, fall 2025, winter 2026, spring 2026, and summer 2026 (for classes with a census before July 1, 2026). Consequently, a few FTES from summer 2026 will count toward 2026-2027.

Overall, a summer shift provides a strategic tool for colleges to manage their funding more effectively, but it requires careful planning to avoid negative impacts on future fiscal years. By shifting the reporting of FTES from one fiscal year to the next, we can potentially increase our reported FTES for a given year. This can help meet or exceed funding targets, allowing the college to be eligible for Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA).

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

The **October 15, 2024**, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting will be held in Room 212 in the Student Services Building. 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 **September 19, 2024** meeting are available [here](#).
2. Earlier this fiscal year, I approved \$50,000 to keep the Compton College Call Center open through **September 30, 2024**. After analysis, we will close the Compton College Call Center on **October 31, 2024**, and explore transitioning student workers to other campus jobs. More details will be shared in a future [President/CEO Message](#). Over the next couple of weeks, I am asking the [Enrollment Management Committee](#) to provide a recommendation on how we can continue to contact students regarding deadlines and events through the Welcome Center.

Final Thoughts

When asked what keeps me up at night, my response is always Budget and Facilities. We monitor the state and district budgets carefully, considering both short-term and long-term implications. Despite fiscal uncertainties, we strive to meet the many requests and needs. Please read the budget information in my weekly [President/CEO Messages](#) and reach out if you have questions.

As we update our Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan, I want to remind you of the information shared in the [President/CEO Message – December 15, 2023](#). The [Compton CCD State General Apportionment Memo](#) clarifies the protection of our Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) and summarizes the benefits received. Despite declining enrollment, our state revenues were not impacted due to our [legislative advocacy](#). The 2022 California State Budget Act includes a “**funding floor**” based on our 2017-2018 FTES of 5,980, ensuring stable funding through 2026-2027, although we do not anticipate cumulative COLA during that year. This funding floor is significant as it guarantees that our funding will not be less than the hold-harmless funding from 2024-2025 through 2026-2027.

We will continue to work transparently with the [Planning and Budget Committee](#) and will soon share an updated Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan.

In closing, I attended Kamilo Ali Curry’s football game yesterday. Although his team didn’t win, it was heartwarming to see his joy in being part of the team.

Have a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.

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President/CEO

Compton College