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Campus Community,

On **January 10, 2024**, the state of California Governor Gavin Newsom released his [proposed budget for the 2024-2025](#) fiscal year. As anticipated, the proposed budget includes a projected deficit of \$37.9 billion, which is much lower than the California Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) projected revenue shortfall of \$68 billion.

For 2024-2025 California Community Colleges, the budget proposal continues to be shaped by the [Roadmap for the Future](#), introduced in 2022-2023 and intended to advance equity, student success, and the system's ability to prepare students for California's Future. The proposal provides for a 0.76% cost-of-living adjustment and a continued commitment to investment in the expansion of nursing programs at California's community colleges.

For more information, including key changes in the proposal compared to the enacted budget for 2023-2024, please review the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) [2024-2025 Joint Analysis of the Governor's Budget Proposal](#). This detailed and comprehensive tool is crafted to serve as a common factual resource to aid further analysis or advocacy. The CCCCCO once again partnered with the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), the Association of Chief Business Officials (ACBO), and the Community College League of California to release this analysis. For additional budget updates and resources, visit the CCCCCO's [Budget News page](#).

Today's President/CEO Message – January 12, 2024, includes a reminder about the **January 27, 2024**, Cash for a College event, the 2022-2023 Compton CCD Financial Audit Report, and more.

Winter and Spring 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, January 11, 2024*, Compton College has generated:

- 236 FTES for the Winter 2024 term. Our fill rate for Winter is currently 71%, and seats filled is 2,097.
- 1,039 FTES for the Spring 2024 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 43%, and seats filled is 7,224.

This is the final Winter 2024 enrollment update. Spring registration continues; Saturday classes begin **February 10, 2024**, and weekday classes begin on **Tuesday, February 12, 2024**.

January 27, 2024 Cash for College Event

The Compton College Financial Aid & Scholarship Office is hosting a Cash for College Workshop on **Saturday, January 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Students and their parents will receive hands-on support completing the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), California Dream Act Application (CADAA), and the Chafee application. An opportunity drawing will be held with a chance for students to win one of six \$500 scholarships, and a free lunch from The Habit Burger Grill will be provided. Those who plan to attend the Cash for College Fair should [RSVP online](#). The event is open to current and prospective Compton College students.

New 2024-2025 FAFSA and CADAA

Changes have been made to the 2024-2025 financial aid form, which was designed to expand student eligibility for federal student aid and streamline the application process. The new [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and [CADAA](#) (California Dream Act Application) forms have a new priority deadline as well: **April 2, 2024**.

Some of the most notable changes include:

- About 610,000 more students from low-income backgrounds will be eligible to receive Federal Pell Grants. Additionally, Pell recipients will receive more aid, and nearly 1.5 million more students will receive the maximum Pell Grant.

- Applicants will be able to skip as many as 26 FAFSA questions, depending on their circumstances. Some applicants will need to complete as few as 18 questions, taking less than 10 minutes.
- New to the form is "contributor" – anyone required to provide information, a signature, and consent and approval to have their federal tax information transferred directly into the FAFSA; this can include the student, the student's spouse, a biological or adoptive parent, or a stepparent. Contributors are not financially responsible, but their information will be used to determine your eligibility for federal aid.
- Applicants may have their FAFSA information sent to up to 20 colleges, career schools, or trade schools.

2022-2023 Compton CCD Financial Audit Report

CWDL, our independent external auditing firm, completed the 2022-2023 Compton Community College District Financial Audit Report. The Compton District Annual Financial Audit was completed and submitted to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office with an unmodified opinion of the financial statements (see page 82). Below is a summary of the results of the 2022-2023 Annual Financial Audit Report.

1. Compton CCD's general fund ending balance was \$20.3 million, above the 10% minimum reserve requirement pursuant to Compton CCD Board Policy 6200 - Budget Preparation.
2. There were no audit findings or questions about costs for the fiscal year ending *June 30, 2023*. In addition, the corrective action plans for prior year audit findings #2022-001 and #2022-002 were noted as properly implemented and corrected during Fiscal Year 2023.
3. Compton CCD complied with the 50 Percent Law for the tenth consecutive year.

April 20, 2024 "Community Day"

Compton College's "Community Day" returns on *Saturday, April 20, 2024*, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This celebration of Community College Month welcomes current students, prospective students, and community members of all ages to our campus so they can see all we have to offer. New this year – we are inviting community-based organizations, nonprofit groups, public works, and other resources to offer a more comprehensive array of services available both at Compton College and in the area.

We encourage all Compton College departments, programs, clubs, workgroups, and task forces to join the Resource Fair with an information table or host your activity – or both! This is a great opportunity to showcase on-campus services, academic and student support programs, and financial aid resources. Be on the lookout for emails inviting you to sign up for the resource fair or an activity. The deadline to sign up will be *March 22, 2024*. Questions? Please contact the director of Community Relations at hparnock@compton.edu.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

The Office of Human Resources is working on a new campuswide announcement process to introduce new, permanent Compton CCD employees upon board approval. We hope to launch the new system in the spring 2024 semester.

January 16, 2-24 Board of Trustees Meeting

On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Student Services Building, Room 212.

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>.

Connect with EASE

The January 2024 issue of the "Connect with EASE" Newsletter encourages reflection on the past, renewing and setting new intentions or aspirations, with a focus on self-improvement and prioritizing our overall well-being. To help in this process, EASE staff provide a guide for "Crafting a Wellness Plan for a Healthier You." The online newsletter includes resources to help develop healthy habits and information about the upcoming "Calm Workshops."

2023 In Words

Thank you to the faculty, Classified professionals, and managers/supervisors who submitted one word to describe Compton College. Here is a graphic representation of the determination and collaboration that made 2023 a success. May this serve as our inspiration to help every student create their own success story. The winner of the opportunity drawing will be announced in a future [President/CEO Message](#).



Final Thoughts

I wanted to make sure everyone was aware of the revisions to Compton Community College District [Administrative Regulation - 7400 Employee Travel](#). When you have a moment, please review the regulation, especially if you intend to travel on behalf of the district during the winter/spring of 2024. In next week's [President/CEO Message](#), I will share more updates on Board Policies and Administrative Regulations from the *Board of Trustees Meeting on January 16, 2024*.

In closing, I look forward to seeing many of you at the Second Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast & Celebration, which is scheduled for this *Monday, January 15, 2024*, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Center.

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO
Compton College