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Campus Community,

As we begin Black History Month, I am reminded of the importance of commemorating the many contributions and achievements of Black and African American individuals in the United States.

Last month, the Compton College Black and Males of Color Initiative received the [Most Outstanding Program or Initiative Supporting Black Excellence Award](#) as part of the Black Educator Excellence Awards celebration. Dr. Antonio Banks, the program director, accepted the award on behalf of the program. Thank you, Dr. Banks, for your unwavering leadership in this program.

Reminder: All full-time faculty, Classified Professionals, and managers/supervisors are required to attend the mandatory [Spring 2025 Professional Development Day](#), themed "Compton College 2035: Empowering Students, Igniting Success," on **Thursday, February 13, 2025**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This virtual event will feature a keynote address by Angel Gonzalez, Ed.D. Please ensure you register for the event [using this link](#). The Adjunct Faculty Orientation will be held on **Tuesday, February 11, 2025**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Today's President/CEO Message includes a link to a list of open Spring 2025 classes, congratulations to Dr. Paul Flor on his upcoming retirement, a request for recommendations for my Spring 2025 Reading List, and much more.

Spring 2025 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, February 6, 2025*, Compton College generated 1,472 FTES for the Spring 2025 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 61%, and 10,196 seats are filled.

Please continue to encourage continuing students to register for the spring 2025 semester, as **Every FTES Counts!** Admissions & Records has posted the list of open classes at www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/docs/Open-Sections.pdf. The list is updated at least once a week through the last day to add full-semester classes.

Reminder: Saturday classes begin **February 15, 2025**, and weekday classes begin **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**.

Summer Enrichment Activities Approved

Proposals were initially announced in the [President/CEO Message - November 8, 2024](#). They were submitted to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Sheri Berger, in **December 2024**. Thank you to the faculty, Classified professionals, and departments/programs that submitted proposals. The President/CEO Cabinet reviewed the proposals and recommended approving the following activities. There are a few follow-up items for the approved activities. Dr. Sheri Berger will send separate communications to each proposer about these items.

Activity	Proposer	Amount Requested	President/CEO Recommendation
Band Camp	Isabelle Saber/Rebekah Blonshine	\$21,300	\$21,300
Explore STEM!	Lorena Fonseca	\$24,163	\$24,163
Stargazing	Glen Chung	\$4,620	\$5,137*
Voices of Tomorrow at Compton	Selene Aguirre	\$5,200	\$5,392*
	Total	\$55,283	\$55,992

*Adjusted to include benefits.

Summer enrichment activities engage K-12 students on the Compton College campus, building lifelong connections to the College and providing access to the community we serve.

Communication Protocol Regarding Trump Administration Executive Orders

All official directives and communications regarding the recent Trump Administration [executive orders](#) will come directly from the President/CEO's office. This protocol is essential to prevent misinformation and ensure accurate responses. If you have any questions or concerns, contact your vice president or me at kcurry@compton.edu. Thank you for your cooperation. Together, we will navigate these changes thoughtfully and effectively.

President/CEO Spring 2025 Reading List

This is just a friendly reminder that I am preparing my spring 2025 reading list for release in the President/CEO Message – February 20, 2025. Please send your recommendations to kcurry@compton.edu by **Tuesday, February 18, 2025**.

Compton College Addresses Student Homelessness and Basic Needs

Compton College was recently featured in an article by [Diverse Education](#), highlighting our efforts to address student homelessness and basic needs. The story delves into the motivations behind the student housing project, inspired by student leaders who recognized the urgent need for on-campus housing. Diverse Education interviewed alumni who spoke at the groundbreaking ceremony, sharing their perspectives on the importance of this facilities project. Compton College is building a 250+ bed housing facility, becoming the first community college in Los Angeles County to offer campus housing. The initiative also includes programs for food security and other essential services. You can read the full article [here](#).

Final Thoughts

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the upcoming retirement of Dr. Paul Flor, Dean of Student Learning. After an impressive tenure of nearly 28 years with Compton Community College District, Dr. Flor has decided to retire effective **June 30, 2025**. In light of Paul's retirement, we will be announcing the vacancy for the Dean of Student Learning position, with a start date of **July 1, 2025**. Please join me in celebrating Dr. Flor's remarkable contributions and in wishing him a fulfilling and joyous retirement.

Next week, members of the Board of Trustees and I will be in Washington, D.C., participating in the [Association of Community College Trustees \(ACCT\) 2025 Community College National Legislative Summit](#). I wanted to share with you the [American Association of Community College and ACCT the 2025-2026 Community College Joint Legislative Agenda for the 119th Congress](#). The Compton Community College District Board of Trustees also has [Federal Legislative Priorities](#) that we will be sharing with the elected officials who represent our service area.

Please enjoy the rest of your Friday and this weekend with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

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