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**Subject:** President/CEO Message - February 20, 2025

Campus Community,

Welcome to the start of the spring semester! It has been wonderful to see everyone on campus bustling with energy and excitement once again. A special thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Welcome Week resource fair and those who staffed the multiple information tables. Your efforts have made the transition back to campus smooth and welcoming for all. I want to thank everyone for all you do to support student success at Compton College and for the community we serve.

This week, I also participated in my fifth meeting with the [National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity](#), which took place over a day and a half starting **February 19, 2025**. I look forward to sharing insights with the Compton College [Accreditation Steering Committee](#). Despite the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges reaffirming Compton College's accreditation for seven years in **June 2024**, I remain concerned about the future of accreditation and our ongoing implementation of standards. We must continue to address the Compton College Accreditation Actionable Items from the [Peer Review Team's Report](#). Click [here](#) to view the **January 2025** update on our progress.

Today's President/CEO Message includes upcoming Black History Month activities, safety reminders, the grant proposal process, March 2025 student and campus forums, and much more.

### **Spring 2025 Enrollment Update**

As of **today, February 20, 2025**, Compton College generated 1,581 FTES for the Spring 2025 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 69%, and 11,021 seats are filled.

Once again, 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](http://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: Sunday, March 2, 2025**, is the final day for students to add a class or drop a full-semester spring 2025 course without a notation on their records. Additionally, students who drop by this date will receive a full refund. Please ensure this information is communicated to all students promptly.

### **Compton College Peak Registration Extended Hours**

To help students with enrollment and class preparation, the Student Services Division and other resources will continue to offer extended hours next week:

- **Monday-Thursday, February 24-27, 2025:** 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- **Friday, February 28, 2025:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### **Immigration Legal Resource Center's Red Cards Are Available for Employees and Students**

As a follow-up to the [President/CEO Message – February 14, 2025](#), my email titled "Important Information on Immigration Enforcement Activities" sent on **February 14, 2025**, and my email titled "Immigration Legal Resource Center's Red Cards - Available for Employees and Students Beginning February 20, 2025," sent on **February 19, 2025**, we are pleased to inform you that the Immigration Legal Resource Center's Red Cards are now available at department and division offices, for distribution to faculty and classified professionals. Faculty can request Red Cards from their division offices to distribute to students, and they will also be available for student pick-up at the Student Development Office (R-61). Students were informed about the availability of the Red Cards through email, text messages, and Canvas announcements this morning.

## Compton College Celebrates Black History Month

The following activities have been scheduled for Black History Month:

### February 24, 2025

Images of Black History, Noon to 1:00 p.m. – Multipurpose Room

Taste of Soul, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. – Multipurpose Room

### February 25, 2025

Welcome Black, Noon to 1:30 p.m. – Multipurpose Room

### February 26, 2025

Afro-Centric Workshop, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Multipurpose Quad

### February 27, 2025

Real Talk – Being a Black Student at Compton College with Dr. Charles Watkins, Noon to 1:30 p.m. in Student Services Building 212

## Compton 2035 Implementation Survey

All faculty, classified professionals, and managers/supervisors are encouraged to complete [the institutional capacity and readiness assessment](#). This survey was developed to gather insights from across the campus as we work to implement the [Compton 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#). The survey will remain open until **Friday, February 28, 2025**, and employees will have the chance to win a new television as a thank-you for participating.

## Compton CCD Career Fair – Saturday, March 1, 2025

Compton College, in partnership with the City of Compton and the Compton Unified School District, is excited to announce our upcoming Career Fair on **Saturday, March 1, 2025**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Art Gallery in the Library-Student Success Center. Attendees can explore various career pathways, connect with potential employers, and gain valuable insights into professional development.

To support attendees in their job search and career growth, we are offering free workshops on resume writing, interviewing techniques, and professional headshots. The Habit Food Truck and Agua Frescas will be available for refreshments. For more details, please contact the Human Resources Department at [hr@compton.edu](mailto:hr@compton.edu). If you know someone looking for employment opportunities at Compton College or with the City of Compton or Compton Unified School District, then please encourage them to attend this event.

## Spring 2025 Professional Development Schedule

The schedule of Professional Development activities for Spring 2025 includes **Friday, February 21, 2025, "Know Your Rights" virtual workshop at 11:00 a.m.**, which is hosted by the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA). Please refer to the **February 18, 2025**, or **February 19, 2025**, email from Professional Development Manager Dr. Pilar Huffman for more information and the link to the Zoom meeting. Please take a moment to review the various workshops and sessions available to support your professional growth. You can find the full schedule [here](#).

## Compton College Safety Reminders

- **In case of an on-campus emergency at Compton College, dial 911 or 310-900-1600, ext. 2999, immediately.** For non-emergencies, you can reach the Compton College District Police Department at 310-900-1600, ext. 2790. On the weekends and after 10:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, call 310-554-2978.
- The Police Department is located in the Public Safety Building, at the Artesia Boulevard entrance (park in Lot A).

- Sign up to receive emergency notifications at Compton College Campus Police via Nixle, a free service that informs you of campus and community safety alerts. Through this system, you will receive alerts/notifications via cell phone, text message, and/or email. To register, go to [www.compton.edu/campus-safety/nixle](http://www.compton.edu/campus-safety/nixle).

### **Compton College Grant Application Process**

Compton College strategically and intentionally pursues grants that align with the institution's mission, existing grants, and current and upcoming priorities. The process to apply for a grant is documented in [Administrative Regulation 3280 - Grant Applications](#). If you are interested in applying for a grant, please complete the Compton College [grant proposal application](#) as the first step. All grant proposals we pursue must be linked to the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#). As I mentioned during my [Spring 2025 Professional Development Day Presentation](#):

*"We can't do it all, and we will have to decline potential partnerships and grant opportunities if they are not in alignment with Compton College 2035."*

Your request will be reviewed by the Cabinet and the President/CEO, and you will be notified about whether the College will proceed with the formal proposal to the outside agency or foundation.

### **Legislative Update**

The California Legislature reconvened on **January 6, 2025**, for the 2025-2026 session, with the deadline for new bill introductions set for **February 21, 2025**. Out of 111 pending bills, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) is monitoring 55 Tier 1 bills that could significantly impact community colleges, faculty, and students. For detailed information, please refer to the full Legislative Matrix on the [Tracked Legislation webpage](#). Additionally, please review the [chaptered 2024 Legislation](#) that the President/CEO Cabinet is monitoring, as it may affect your area.

As mentioned in [previous President/CEO Messages](#) this month, we have had several productive meetings with our elected officials and key stakeholders in Sacramento and Washington D.C. We participated in bipartisan meetings to advocate for Compton College, Compton Community College District, and most importantly, our students. Follow-up meetings are scheduled over the next couple of weeks, and I am working on the many follow-up items from these discussions, which is a positive sign of their interest in more information.

### **President/CEO Spring 2025 Reading**

I share books I am reading via a [President/CEO Message](#) each semester. This Spring, I am reading the following books:

- [Teacher By Teacher: The People Who Change Our Lives](#) by John B. King
- [The Great Upheaval: Higher Education's Past, Present, and Uncertain Future](#) by Arthur Levine and Scott Van Pelt
- [Higher Education Leadership: Challenging Tradition and Forging Possibilities](#) by Rozana Carducci, Jordan Harper, and Adrianna Kezar

### **February 24, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting**

On Monday, February 24, 2025, the Board of Trustees will meet in Room 212 in the Student Services 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>.

### **Final Thoughts**

In closing, I recognize that the recent Trump Administration [executive orders](#) and the most recent [Department of Education's "Dear Colleague Letter"](#) are adding pressure to our work and concerns for the students and our

community. I want to assure you that I am focused on these issues and committed to protecting our students, employees, and the community within the law. As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – February 7, 2025](#), all official directives and communications regarding these [executive orders](#) will come from my office to prevent misinformation and ensure accurate responses. Please be patient with us during these times. If you have any questions or concerns, contact your vice president or me at [kcurry@compton.edu](mailto:kcurry@compton.edu). Thank you for your cooperation. Together, we will navigate these changes thoughtfully and effectively.

The next President/CEO Virtual Student Forum is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 12, 2025**, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom, where students can ask me questions and share any issues or concerns they may have. A separate email communication will be sent to students regarding the virtual student forum, which will include the Zoom meeting information. Additionally, I will host a virtual Campuswide Forum on **Tuesday, March 18, 2025**, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom, focusing on accreditation, the 2025-2026 Compton Community College District Budget, and the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#). To participate, please register in advance using this link: [Compton College Campuswide Forum Online Registration](#).

Please have a wonderful Friday and a fantastic weekend.

Sincerely,

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