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Subject: President/CEO Message - February 28, 2025

Campus Community,

We're wrapping up the second week of the spring semester and it's fantastic to see so many of you back on campus. The Student Services Building is buzzing with activity, and it's great to see students exploring all the services and resources available in the Library-Student Success Center.

Today's President/CEO Message includes the extended Financial Aid application deadline, a reminder about Saturday's Job Fair, Board-approved policies and regulations, and more.

Spring 2025 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday*, *February 27*, *2025*, Compton College generated 1,572 FTES for the Spring 2025 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 69%, and 11,067 seats are filled.

148 of the 557 available class sections are filled. However, there are still open seats in a variety of courses and meeting times, including sections that meet exclusively online or only meet for eight weeks beginning in April.

Important Student Deadlines

- Sunday, March 2, 2025, is the last day for students to add full-semester classes. Click here for a list of open classes.
- *Wednesday, March 12, 2025* is the last day for students to apply for Spring degrees and certificates. For more information, go to the Graduation webpage.

President/CEO Virtual Student Forum

The next President/CEO Virtual Student Forum is scheduled for *Wednesday, March 12, at 2:30 p.m.* Students will have the opportunity to join via Zoom (Meeting ID 835 3285 3976, passcode 790951) and ask me questions.

Library-Student Success Center Open House

Attend the Emily B. Hart-Holifield Library, Student Success Center, and MESA|STEM Center Open House on *March 12, 2025, from noon to 2:00 p.m.* Discover more about academic resources available to students in our library, tutoring centers, and specialized focus on STEM students. We look forward to seeing you!

Compton College Campuswide Forum

I will host a virtual Campuswide Forum on *Tuesday, March 18,2025*, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. The focus will be on accreditation, the 2025-2026 Compton Community College District Budget, and the <u>Compton College 2035</u> <u>Comprehensive Master Plan</u>. To participate, please register in advance using this link: <u>Compton College Campuswide Forum Online Registration</u>.

Financial Aid Application Deadline Extended

The state priority deadline for financial aid in California has been extended to *April 2, 2025*. Based on the delayed launch of the financial aid cycle, the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) has approved requests to extend the statewide priority aid application deadline for all students in California. If students have not yet applied for financial aid for the 2025-2026 academic year, we encourage them to do so today. Students and families can visit <u>csac.ca.gov/apply</u> to get started.

Bilingual help is available to apply for financial aid! The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is offering free webinars to help students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). These presentations are live-translated into

Spanish. Webinars are staffed by financial aid experts who can answer questions. Attendees will learn about both applications and other important information about financial aid. Students and families should sign up for these no-cost webinars at csac.ca.gov/C4C.

Free Cash for College Webinars

CSAC has four free webinars left before the extended deadline of *April 2, 2025*. Please tell your students, parents, and constituents about these free opportunities to complete their FAFSA or California Dream Act Application.

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Monday, March 3, 2025 – 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. (English with Spanish translation) Tuesday, March 11, 2025 – 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. (English with Spanish translation) Tuesday, March 25, 2025 – 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. (English with Spanish translation) Wednesday, April 2, 2025 – 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. (English with Spanish translation)
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Cash for College webinars are staffed by financial aid experts who can answer questions for students and their families about how to complete FAFSA or the California Dream Act Application. The presentation will walk through both applications and cover other aspects of financial aid. Students and their families can register for these webinars at https://csac.ca.gov/c4c.

Compton 2035 Implementation Survey

All faculty, classified professionals, and managers/supervisors are encouraged to complete the <u>institutional</u> <u>capacity and readiness assessment</u>. This survey was developed to gather insights from across the campus as we work to implement the <u>Compton 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan</u>. The survey will remain open until **4:30 p.m.**, **Monday**, **March 3**, **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 collaboration with the City of Compton and the Compton Unified School District, is thrilled to host our Career Fair *tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.* at the Art Gallery in the Library-Student Success Center. This event is a fantastic opportunity to explore diverse career paths, network with potential employers, and gain valuable professional insights.

To support your career journey, we are offering complimentary workshops on resume writing, interview techniques, and professional headshots. Enjoy refreshments from The Habit Food Truck and Agua Frescas while you connect and learn. For more information, please contact the Human Resources Department at hr@compton.edu.

Know someone seeking job opportunities at Compton College, the City of Compton, or the Compton Unified School District? Encourage them to attend this exciting event!

Join the LGBTQ+ Work Group!

We are excited to invite dedicated individuals to join the LGBTQ+ Work Group, a team committed to fostering inclusivity, advocacy, and support for LGBTQ+ employees, students, and allies. Our group plays a key role in shaping initiatives that promote equity and belonging in our workplace. If you are passionate about diversity and inclusion and want to make a meaningful impact, we encourage you to join us!

For more information or to join, please contact Sacramento M. Ramos at smendozaramos@compton.edu or Pamela Wilkerson at pwilkerson@compton.edu. We look forward to working together to create a more inclusive community!

Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

At the *February 24, 2025*, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting, the following Board Policies (BP) were approved, and the Administrative Regulation (AR) listed below was issued.

- <u>Board Policy 1201</u> Strategic Initiatives
- Board Policy 3300 Public Records
- Administrative Regulation 3333 Campus Closure

Please note: <u>Administrative Regulation (AR) 8500</u> – Illness and Injury Prevention Program was repealed because AR 8500 duplicated Administrative Regulation 8502 - Illness and Injury Prevention Program.

Final Thoughts

I wanted to close today's President/CEO Message by congratulating our Men's Basketball Team for winning the first round of the <u>California Community College Athletic Association's Men's Basketball Southern California Regional Playoffs</u> against MiraCosta College. This *Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.*, Compton College Men's Basketball will play at Mt. San Antonio College. I am so proud of our Men's Basketball Team. Watching them this past week against MiraCosta College, they played a great game and represented Compton College well.

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D. (he/him/his)
President/CEO
Compton College