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Campus Community,

As a huge Dodgers fan, I couldn't be more excited about the opening day at Dodger Stadium! It was nice to see the highlights of the game when I got home from work yesterday evening. As many of you may know, and for those who don't, the Dodgers are my favorite sports team. After the Dodgers, my favorite sports teams are the Compton College athletic teams, and this has been the case even before I held this position. Our student-athletes work incredibly hard, and I hope you can attend an athletic event before the end of the semester. Please refer to the [Compton College athletic schedule](#) for the dates, times, and locations of upcoming games.

We are coming close to the completion of the implementation of [Board Resolution No. 06-27-2022G - Resolution to Retire Current Mascot and Adopt New Mascot](#). Please note that all iterations of the Tartar mascot and name will be officially retired effective **July 1, 2025**. Drumroll, please. The [Mascot Development Workgroup](#) has recommended that the [new Compton College Coyote mascot](#) be implemented on **July 2, 2025**.

The [Mascot Development Workgroup](#) has been working diligently this year to finalize a mascot that will represent our entire student body and align with our mission to be a welcoming and inclusive community. The next step in the process is for the [Consultative Council](#) to review the recommendation. Once the trademark search is completed and the branding guide is published, we plan to officially unveil the new mascot at the **April 21, 2025**, Board of Trustees meeting, with a recommendation for approval.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in the process, but most importantly to the [Associated Student Government](#), which brought forward the initial recommendation during the 2021-2022 year, and to the Mascot Development Workgroup for seeing the mascot renaming through.

This is a very important reminder that our annual Ice Cream Social will be held on **Tuesday, April 1, 2025**, from 12:00 P.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. This event is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and celebrate our employees' years of service.

Today's President/CEO Message includes information about upcoming District holidays, student and community events, and updates on various topics.

#### **Spring 2025 Enrollment Update**

As of **yesterday, March 27, 2025**, Compton College generated 1,584 FTES for the Spring 2025 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 69%, and 11,237 seats are filled.

Sixty-four of the 131 'late-start' classes are already filled. However, 619 seats are still open. Click [here](#) for an updated list of open classes. Please encourage current and prospective students to register now for the spring 2025 late-start classes that begin on **April 19, 2025**.

#### **Upcoming Holidays**

- **Monday, March 31** – Cesar Chavez Holiday: non-instructional day (no classes), campus is open
- **April 12-18** – Spring Break: no classes, campus is open\*
- **\*Friday, April 18** – Local Holiday: campus closed

Please note that when the campus is open and there is no instruction, these days are still considered scheduled workdays for Managers/Supervisors and Classified Professionals.

#### **Mobile Food Pantry – Spring 2025 Dates**

In partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Compton College continues to host a monthly Mobile Food Pantry on the second Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Lot F, off Greenleaf Boulevard.

Drive-through and walk-up welcome; open to the public. The remaining Spring 2025 dates are **April 8, 2025; May 13, 2025; and June 10, 2025**. Mark your calendars and share this opportunity with friends and family who could benefit from 25-40 pounds of free, healthy food. Click [here](#) for the Spring 2025 flyer.

## **Compton College Open House - April 26, 2025**

In place of our annual Community Day, the Educational Partnerships Department is excited to host an "Open House" on **Saturday, April 26, 2025**. Community members and prospective students are invited to explore our campus and learn more about our programs and services via guided campus tours. The first 200 to RSVP will receive lunch provided by Raising Cane's. This event is open to parents, K -12 students, and adult school students. Please note that there will be no resource fair this year.

## **Spring Year-End Events**

The Office of Student Services has finalized the list of year-end events. Click [here](#) to view a PDF of the celebration schedule. As my schedule permits, I am pleased to speak at and attend events that celebrate student success. Please complete the online Event Participation Request Form at least four weeks prior to the event to coordinate speaking requests.

## **2025 Black Student Success Week**

Compton College, along with other California Community Colleges, will celebrate [Black Student Success Week](#) from **April 21 to 25, 2025**. This year's theme is **Lift Up, Level Up: The Rise of Black Serving Institutions**. The 2025 Black Student Success Week will highlight our efforts to support and ensure the success of underserved students, including but not limited to Black and African American students in community colleges and beyond. The week's activities will be held virtually and include the following:

- Daily webinars hosted from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., called The Black Hour
- Daily small group discussion forums from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., called The After Party
- A virtual advocacy day on **Thursday, April 24, 2025**, called The BlackOut
- Daily student-centered webinars, hosted from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and called The Student Hour, will be held from **April 21, 2025, through April 24, 2025**.
- An in-person closing party, titled The Sneaker Ball (*new*), will be held at regional host sites on **Friday, April 25, 2025**, in our area at Long Beach City College.

The daily webinars will be held via Zoom and live-streamed on YouTube. **Webinar Registration is Now Open.** To view webinar descriptions and register, click on a webinar title below or visit [blkstudentsuccess.com](http://blkstudentsuccess.com).

- **Monday, April 21** - [The Rise of Black Serving Institution \(BSI\)](#)
- **Tuesday, April 22** - [Black Servingness: Maintaining Our Voice and Action](#)
- **Wednesday, April 23** - [Power Moves: Equipping Black Talent for Tomorrow's Workforce](#)
- **Thursday, April 24** - [Putting the AFRICAN in African American Student Success](#)
- **Friday, April 25** - [Live from the Front Lines of Black Student Success: Accounts from Practitioners and Executive Leadership](#)

## **President/CEO Closing the Loop**

1. My responses to the [Academic Senate](#) – Summary of Decisions made at the **March 6, 2025** meeting are available [here](#).
2. A Collaborative Governance Workgroup has been established and will report to the [Consultative Council](#). The workgroup will be co-chaired by Sheri Berger, vice president of Academic Affairs, and Academic Senate President Sean Moore. The focus of the workgroup will be to review the [Collaborative Governance Recommendations](#) prepared by Dr. Ding-Jo Currie, former Chancellor of Coast Community College, and Dolores Davison, former statewide Academic Senate President, and to develop a plan for moving forward with potential next steps. In addition, the workgroup will revise the [Collaborative Governance at Compton College Document](#). The goal is to complete this work by **December 31, 2025**.

3. An email was sent to all currently enrolled students on my behalf, providing an update on immigration enforcement activities within our District (with no reported incidents at this time) and available resources, including free legal assistance from CHIRLA (appointments can be scheduled online at [findyourally.com](http://findyourally.com)). Additionally, please note that CHIRLA will be present at the Compton College Farmers' Market on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. to answer questions and provide resources to the immigrant community.

### **New California Index Ranks 4-Year Institutions Delivering on Economic Mobility.**

The [College Futures Foundation](#) prioritizes economic mobility through postsecondary education for underserved learners in California. They recognize that higher education is a critical pathway to economic well-being, especially for first-generation college students, students of color, adults seeking to reskill or upskill, and low-income communities. Last year, College Futures partnered with Michael Itzkowitz of the HEA Group to release two reports: [Golden Opportunities: Measuring Return on Investment in California Higher Education for Low- and Moderate-Income Learners](#) and [California College Programs That Pay: Measuring ROI Across Majors and Credentials](#). These reports examined the time it takes low- to moderate-income learners to recoup their educational costs across various types of institutions and specific college majors and programs. They found that nearly four out of five institutions allowed these learners to recoup their costs in less than one year; however, many institutions with the quickest return on investment (ROI) enrolled very few low- and moderate-income learners.

To address this, College Futures and the HEA Group launched the [California Mobility Index \(CMI\)](#), a new ranking system for California's four-year colleges and universities. The CMI evaluates institutions based on inclusivity and economic outcomes, focusing on the proportion of low- and moderate-income learners they enroll and the ROI they provide. The index includes 82 four-year institutions that together enroll nearly 800,000 undergraduate students.

### **Final Thoughts**

I am pleased to provide an update on the District's [Emergency Operations Plan \(EOP\)](#). We are currently collaborating with Keenan & Associates to update the EOP this spring. Our goal is to present the revised plan to the Board of Trustees for review and approval at their meeting on **June 16, 2025**, in accordance with [Board Policy 3505, Emergency Response Plan](#). It is crucial to have an EOP that is up-to-date and accurately outlines the procedures the District implements in the event of an emergency. This ensures that we are prepared to respond effectively and protect the safety and well-being of our campus community.

Additionally, we have established a [policy statement regarding Campus Closures](#). This policy, which has been shared with the [Health, Safety, and Parking Committee](#), the Deans and Directors Council, and the [Consultative Council](#), is available online [here](#). It outlines clear protocols and communication methods for emergencies or unexpected/unplanned events that necessitate campus closure.

Furthermore, I encourage everyone to [sign up with Nixle](#) to receive real-time alerts and advisories directly from the Compton College District Police Department. Staying informed is a key component of our emergency preparedness efforts. Together, we can ensure the safety and resilience of our campus community.

In closing, please have a wonderful weekend. Additionally, April is Community College Month.

Sincerely,

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