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Campus Community,

As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – January 18, 2024](#), we will start the spring 2024 semester with one Professional Development Day on **Thursday, February 8, 2024 (mandatory)**, via Zoom Meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Adjunct Faculty Orientation will be held on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Mandatory Professional Development Day, **Thursday, February 8, 2024** - Activities will begin with the general session at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. [Timothy Klein](#), an award-winning urban educator, clinical therapist, and school counselor, will serve as our keynote speaker.

All Compton College faculty and Staff are expected to participate in the mandatory Professional Development activities on **Thursday, February 8, 2024**.

The Compton College Spring 2023 Professional Development agendas, including Zoom Meeting registration information, are available on the Professional Development webpage:
www.compton.edu/facultystaff/professional-development/professional-development-days.

Please make sure to complete your registration for the mandatory Professional Development Day. The link to register is available on the [February 8, 2024, agenda](#).

Today's President/CEO Message – February 2, 2024, includes Welcome Week information, an update from Admissions & Records, a reminder about the **February 29, 2024**, scholarship application deadline, and more.

Spring 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, February 1, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,288 FTES for the Spring 2024 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 53%, and seats filled is 8,984.

Please continue to encourage continuing students to register for the spring 2024 semester, as **Every FTES Counts!**

Spring 2024 Welcome Week

The Office of Student Development has plenty of activities planned for Welcome Week, Monday-Thursday, **February 12-15, 2024**, from Noon to 1:30 p.m. All current students are invited to stop by the Quad and the Multipurpose Room for free lunch (the menu varies each day), a Resource Fair, and different fun activities each day. Click [here](#) to view the schedule of activities.

Black History Month – February 2024

The Associated Student Government and the Black and Males of Color Success Initiative are finalizing the schedule of activities for Black History Month. The complete schedule of activities for **February 10-29, 2024**, will be shared with the campus community soon.

2024-2025 Scholarship Applications

Please remind students to complete a [scholarship application](#) before the **February 29, 2024** deadline. If they need help with their 300-word Personal Statement, refer them to the [Student Success Center](#) (L-SSC, 2nd floor) or [Transfer & Career Center](#) (SSB, Room 266) for assistance. Applicants must also provide the name and email address of a Compton College employee who will complete an online questionnaire about the student's academic potential, in-class achievements, and character. Be on the lookout for these requests and reply promptly.

Compton Community College District Credit Rating Update

Compton CCD has experienced positive rating upgrades in the past, starting in 2009, reflecting the District's hard work in achieving accreditation and stable finances. We are in the process of selling \$35 million of 2014 Measure C Bonds for future facilities projects. Last week, we had our bond rating meetings with Moody's Investor Services and Standard and Poor's Global. This week, we were notified that the District is rated Aa3 by Moody's Investor Service and an AA- by Standard and Poor's Global. The Compton CCD Credit rating history is available [here](#). Both ratings are in the High Investment Grade.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

- In the [President/CEO Message – October 27, 2023](#), I mentioned that three positions were included in the [2023-2024 Annual Planning Report Budget](#). One was a Student Services Advisor, another was an Evaluation Specialist, and the third was a Senior Administrative Assistant for Human Resources. However, the Admissions & Records Office has requested, and I approved, a modification to their Provisional Evaluation Specialist position. The Admissions & Records Office will be repurposing some of these funds to cover department expenses, including the new Parchment diploma printing contract and administrative support.
- Due to the Accreditation Site Visit, the February Virtual Student Forum will be rescheduled to **Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.** More information will be provided in a future President/CEO Message about the next Virtual Student Forum.

Final Thoughts

As a follow-up to the [President/CEO Message – January 26, 2024](#), earlier this week, the Board of Trustees, Compton College Associated Student Government leaders, and I attended productive and positive legislative meetings in Sacramento, CA. We communicated our support for [Governor Newsom's Proposed Budget](#) for the 2024-2025 year. In addition, we shared our funding priorities, which included the request for \$15 million to build a permanent Community Health Care Facility on the Compton College campus in partnership with St. John's Community Health, which will offer 24/7 urgent care services to students and the public. Over the next couple of weeks, as a follow-up to our meetings, I will prepare a follow-up letter to our local elected officials that will be shared with the campus community.

This week, members of the Board of Trustees and I will be in Washington, D.C., participating in the [Association of Community College Trustees 2024 Community College National Legislative Summit](#). I wanted to share with you the joint [American Association of Community College and ACCT, the 2024 Community College Federal Legislative Priorities](#).

The spring 2024 semester is upon us, and we all know that it will start fast and end fast; it'll be **June 7, 2024**, before we know it – and we'll be at the Dignity Health Sports Park celebrating our students at the 2024 Commencement Ceremony.

In closing, I want to thank faculty, Classified Professionals, and managers/supervisors for what you do in support of student success. I know we have faced many challenges as it relates to the California State Budget, our student's achievement and their outcomes, facilities (***I am pushing to open Instructional Building 2 this Spring***), and other matters. However, we have achieved so much, and it is evident that we are all working together to support our students.

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend with family and friends. Sincerely,

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