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Campus Community,

The first week of the spring 2024 semester went by so fast! I'm looking forward to another excellent semester, including the upcoming year-end celebrations. For the past couple of days, I have been trying to walk the campus each day and talk with our students, faculty, and Classified Professionals. Student Services has multiple information tables strategically located throughout campus. If you have an hour or two available next week, please sign up with Vice President Nicole Jones' office to spend some time answering students' questions and connecting them with the resources and services on campus. Refer to the "**Welcome Week at Compton College**" email sent to all employees on **February 13, 2024**.

Today's President/CEO Message – February 15, 2024, includes a reminder about the four-day weekend, upcoming Black History Month events, a Spring 2024 Athletics update, and more.

Spring 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *today, February 15, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,398 FTES for the Spring 2024 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 63%, and seats filled is 9,862.

Just a friendly reminder that Spring 2024 Peak Registration Hours for Student Services will continue next week, **Tuesday-Friday, February 20-23, 2024**. Below are their extended hours.

- Tuesday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Compton College Closed for Four-Day Weekend

Compton College will be closed starting **Friday, February 16, 2024**, in honor of Lincoln's Day. The College will remain closed through **Monday, February 19, 2024**, in honor of the Washington's Day holiday. All offices will be closed; no classes are in session for four days.

New COVID-19 Community Guidelines

The [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#) released [new instructions for COVID-19 cases and close contacts](#). The notable change is to the amount of time a COVID-19 case in the general population is required to isolate, which was made in alignment with updated isolation guidance released by the [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#). The infectious period for COVID-19 transmission has not changed. Under the new instructions, individuals with COVID-19 who have symptoms can leave isolation once they are fever-free for 24 hours without using fever-reducing medication and other symptoms are mild and improving, provided they wear a well-fitting high-quality mask when around others for ten days following symptom onset. Individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 and did not have symptoms are not required to isolate provided they wear a well-fitting, high-quality respiratory mask whenever they are around other people for ten days following their first positive test result. It remains strongly recommended that an individual test for COVID-19 prior to ending isolation and extend isolation until day ten if they continue to test positive.

For an overview of the guidelines, go to: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/ncorona2019/covidcommunity/>

Black History Month Celebration Continues

The Associated Student Government and Black and Males of Color Success Initiative are hosting more fun and informative events next week in honor of Black History Month:

- **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**, "We Are Not Our Hair" – 12:00–1:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room.
- **Thursday, February 22, 2024**, Black Knowledge 365 Bowl, – 12:00–1:30 pm in the Little Theater
- **Friday, February 23, 2024**, Hip Hop America: The Mixtape Exhibit, Field trip to the Grammy Museum

For more information, stop by the Office of Student Development in R-61 or email studentdevelopment@compton.edu.

2024 Black Student Success Week - Building A Better Future Together: the Urgency is Now
Registration is open for this year's [Black Student Success Week](#). The annual event, observed during the last week of April, offers a time to reflect on our commitment to the academic well-being of Black and African American students. The 2024 Black Student Success Week is scheduled for **April 22-26, 2024**. **This year's theme is *Building a Better Future Together: the Urgency is Now***. The 2024 Black Student Success Week will focus on innovative approaches to ensure Black and African American students succeed in community colleges. For more information and to register for individual webinars, visit <https://blkstudentsuccess.com/>.

Compton College Professional Development

As we embark on the Spring 2024 semester, we're thrilled to announce a variety of enriching professional development opportunities tailored just for you!

Here's a snapshot of what's in store:

1. **Monthly Wellness Friday Workshops (*Starting February 23, 2024*):**
Join us for workshops focused on cultivating self-care, covering mental wellness, nutrition, fitness, and gratitude practices. Your well-being is our priority!
2. **Accessibility Series (*Beginning March 1, 2024*):**
Enhance your awareness, understanding, and implementation of best practices for creating an inclusive and accessible learning environment.
3. **Faculty Teaching & Learning Workshops & Series:**
Tailored interactive workshops for faculty, prioritizing culturally responsive teaching and learning.
4. **Data chats with Institutional Effectiveness (*Starting February 14, 2024*):**
Engage in ongoing training sessions on rotating Wednesdays to harness the power of data for informed decision-making.
5. **Black & African American Student Success Summit (*March 29, 2024*):**
Collaborate with the Professional Development team and the Black and Men of Color Initiative for an impactful summit focused on student success.
6. **Teambuilding and Service Excellence Training (Available Upon Request):**
Customize training sessions tailored to your department's needs to enhance teamwork and service excellence.

We invite you to participate and spread the word about these fantastic opportunities for growth and development. For more details, check out the [2023-2024 Professional Development Calendar](#). Additionally, keep an eye on your inbox for emails from Dr. Pilar Huffman at phuffman@compton.edu, where exciting details about upcoming professional learning opportunities will be shared. Let's make this semester one of continuous learning, collaboration, and personal growth. We look forward to seeing you at these enriching events!

Compton College Corps Program Update

The Compton College Corps program has been renewed for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Compton College Corps is a program designed to allow students to gain work experience and graduate debt-free. Students can earn up to \$10,000 by volunteering in the community with food insecurity, education, and

digital literacy. This grant will provide roughly \$1,000,000 in funding to Compton College for participating students.

I want to thank Program Manager Dana Smith for her leadership and for writing the grant proposal on behalf of Compton College Community District. We look forward to the continued implementation of this program on our campus and encourage you to share the news about this wonderful program.

Interested students may request more information on the Compton College Corps program [here](#).

Spring 2024 Compton College Athletics Update

- Baseball - Currently participating in their traditional sports season – Overall record 0-3. Eighty-two student-athletes are in the program, with 50 on the roster for the 2024 season. Coach Shannon Williams is leading the squad with seven coaches supporting the student-athletes. We have a committed and competitive group of student-athletes this year with experience playing competitive high school and travel baseball.
- Men's Basketball – Twelve student-athletes are currently participating this season, led by Coach Keith Holliman and assistant coaches Idris Jones and Ronnie Winbush. The 7-17 record overall, and the 1-5 in conference play. Sophomore night ***Friday, February 16, 2024***, in the gym for the men at 5:00 pm.
- Women's Basketball – Eight student-athletes are finishing this season, led by Coach Louis Nelson and assistant coaches Tim Daniels and Yaya Hart. 1-21 overall record, 1-6 in the South Coast Conference. Sophomore night is ***Friday, February 16, 2024***, in the gym for the women at 7:00 pm.
- Men's Cross Country – Fourteen student-athletes participated this season, led by Coach David Austin. The team participated in three events in 2023, with a top finish of 16th place at the San Diego Mesa Invite.
- Women's Cross Country - Four student-athletes participated this season, led by Coach David Austin. The team participated in three events in 2023, with a top finish of 16th place at the San Diego Mesa Invite.
- Football – Thirty-two student-athletes are currently enrolled in the off-season class. They are learning football skills, commitment to being a student-athlete, and life-long skills.
- Women's Soccer – Twenty-two student-athletes participated in the fall season, led by Coach Jose Garcia. Overall record was 4-13-1 (1-8 in SCC), with a playoff loss at LA Harbor College to finish the season.
- Men's Soccer – Twenty-five student-athletes participated in the fall season, led by Coach Jose Garcia. Overall record was 7-9-3 (2-6-1 in SCC), with a playoff loss at Pasadena City College to finish the season.
- Softball – Eighteen student-athletes are currently participating in the Spring 2024 Season with an overall record of 4-1. Coach Victoria Castillo has a committed and competitive group of student-athletes this year with experience playing competitive high school and travel softball.
- Women's Volleyball – Head Coach Monique Scott (Guyton) is recruiting students for the Fall 2024 season. Team play will begin in August 2024.
- Women's Badminton – Coach Jose Garcia is leading the way for Compton this Spring, 2024. Six student-athletes are on the squad, and practice is in full swing.
- Men's and Women's (Co-ed) Esports – Coach Vincent Cajayon is working on forming a team for Spring 2024. The plan is for student-athletes to participate in tournaments this year (3-5 contests) versus other colleges.

Accreditation-Focused Site Visit

Four members of the Visiting Team will be at Compton College on ***Tuesday and Wednesday, February 20-21, 2024***, for their Focused Site Visit. Their one-and-a-half-day visit will include an Open Forum on Tuesday in AHB 119 from 2:30-3:30 pm, a Campus Tour, and an Exit Report on Wednesday in AHB 119 from 11:00 am to noon. The campus community is invited to attend the Open Forum and Exit Report. In addition, the team members will be engaging in meetings with selected faculty, staff, students, and administrators to learn more

about the items identified in the four [Core Inquiries](#) and the [College's responses](#) to them. A brief information sheet has been created to provide more information about the visit. Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Sheri Berger, sent it out campuswide via email this afternoon.

February 23, 2024, CHIRLA DACA and Citizenship Event

The [Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights](#) is hosting a DACA and Citizenship Event on *Friday, February 23, 2024*, from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the CHIRLA Compton location (700 N. Bullis Road, #1A, Compton, CA 90221). Naturalization and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) assistance and information will be available. Registration is required to attend. For more information, including what documentation is required for attendees and to register, visit bit.ly/chirla24.

Summer Enrichment Activities Approved

Initially announced in the [President/CEO Message – October 27, 2023](#), proposals were submitted to Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Sheri Berger, in *December 2023*. Thank you to the faculty, Classified professionals, and departments/programs that submitted proposals. The President/CEO Cabinet reviewed the proposals and recommended to approve the following activities. There are a few follow-up items for the approved activities. Dr. Sheri Berger will send separate communication to each proposer about these items.

Activity	Proposer	Amount Requested	President/CEO Recommendation
Band Camp	Rebekah Blonshine	\$21,300	\$21,300
Explore STEM!	Lorena Fonseca	\$43,000	\$43,000
Parent and Me Class	Michelle Amado	\$17,865	\$9,500
Biotech Summer Experience	Sewite Negash	\$8,300	\$7,100
	Total	\$90,465	\$80,900

The purpose of summer enrichment activities is to engage K-12 students on the Compton College campus. These activities will build lifelong connections to the College. Additionally, these activities provide access to the community we serve.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

On *Tuesday, February 20, 2024*, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Student Services Building, Room 212. All regular session meetings are open to the public. The closed session begins at 5:00 pm, with the open session commencing at 6:00 pm. 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

This was a longer-than-anticipated President/CEO Message, so next week, I will announce the winner from the 2023-In-One-Word drawing and will send the individuals who won the lunch drawing from the [President/CEO Message – January 18, 2024](#).

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.
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President/CEO

