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Campus Community,

I hope everyone had a pleasant week despite the rain and wind.

I'm in Louisville, Kentucky, right now for the [Association of Community Colleges \(AACC\) Annual Convention](#). It is an opportunity to identify opportunities and innovations to support our students. This year's theme is "Racing Toward A Better Future." If you received an email or a text message from me the last couple of days, it's because of information I received during meetings that I am asking for follow-up information.

*Yesterday, April 4, 2024*, I saw pictures on social media regarding #TransferThursday, and many of you are wearing UC Irvine shirts. I want to thank the Transfer & Career Center for continuing the weekly #TransferThursday event this semester and for their partnership with the [Associated Student Government \(ASG\)](#). On the **first Thursday of each month**, the ASG provides food on a first-come, first-served basis at the collaborative event in support of transfer opportunities.

Today's President/CEO Message – April 5, 2024, includes an update from the Compton College Athletics Program, news about the California State Budget, and more.

### **Spring 2024 Enrollment Update**

Please note: the next enrollment update will be provided after Spring Break.

I can't wait to see the updated enrollment numbers.

### **Mobile Food Pantry is Scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 1-3 p.m.**

In collaboration with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Compton College will host a mobile food pantry every second **Tuesday - April 9, May 14, and June 11** - from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Parking Lot F. Drive-thru and walk-ups are welcome; the food bank is open to the public. Enter campus from Greenleaf Boulevard (between Santa Fe Ave. and Long Beach Blvd.) Please share this information with your family and friends.

### **2024-2025 Compton Community College District Budget Development**

In the [President/CEO Message – February 23, 2024](#), I shared some not-so-positive news regarding the California State Budget and the projected deficit. Yesterday, Governor [Gavin Newsom](#) and Democratic lawmakers reached an [agreement](#) to cut the state's massive [budget](#) deficit by \$17.3 billion through an array of cuts, delays, and deferrals. I am very concerned about the California state budget deficit, and therefore, we are making several adjustments to the [Compton Community College District Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan](#). The adjustments are reflected in the 2024-2025 Compton CCD Budget Assumptions, which is available [here](#). One adjustment being proposed includes withdrawing **\$500,000** for each of the next two years from the California Public Entity Pension Stabilization Fund (PERS/STRS) to assist with our PERS/STRS pension payments. Second, working with the California Community College Chancellor's Office, we were able to reduce the Compton CCD Repayment of the Emergency Apportionment Funding from \$1,181,841 to \$781,841.25 for the 2024-2025 year. Third, we are not proposing any new classified professionals or management positions for the 2024-2025 year. I do anticipate additional adjustments as we receive more budget information. For more information on the 2024-2025 Compton CCD Budget Development, please click [here](#) for our budget and planning timeline.

### **Compton College Faculty Teaching and Learning Action Plans**

Compton College invites all faculty members to contribute to the ongoing improvement of teaching and learning by submitting their Faculty Teaching and Learning Action Plan for the 2024-2025 academic year. A total of \$150,000 has been allocated in the 2024-2025 budget specifically for Teaching and Learning Professional Development Projects. Click [here](#) to view detailed instructions and a template for crafting your plan. Submissions are due by **May 13, 2024**.

Faculty members are encouraged to contact Dr. Pilar Huffman directly at [phuffman@compton.edu](mailto:phuffman@compton.edu) with any inquiries or for assistance. Your participation and engagement are essential as we strive for excellence in teaching and learning.

## Spring 2024 Compton College Athletics Update

- Baseball - Currently participating in their traditional sports season, the team's Overall Record is 11-17 (Conference 7-9, 6<sup>th</sup> Place). Eight-two student-athletes are in the program, with 50 on the roster for the 2024 season. Professor, Physical Education/ Head Baseball Coach Shannon Williams is leading the squad, and seven coaches are supporting the student-athletes—a committed and competitive group of athletes this year with experience playing competitive high school and travel baseball.
- Men's Basketball – Twelve student-athletes participated this season, led by Head Coach Keith Holliman and Assistant Coaches Idris Jones and Ronnie Winbush. 9-19 final record overall, 3-7 in conference play. Jake TenBerge (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference), Jontue Cooper (Honorable Mention), Malvin Payero (Honorable Mention).
- Women's Basketball – Seven student-athletes finished this season, led by Head Coach Lewis Nelson and Assistant Coach Tim Daniels. 1-22 overall record, 0-8 in the South Coast Conference. Sierra Crook (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference), Cheyenne Thomas (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference).
- Men's Cross Country – Fourteen student-athletes participated this season, led by Head Coach David Austin. The team participated in 3 events in 2023, with a top finish of 16<sup>th</sup> place at the San Diego Mesa Invite.
- Women's Cross Country – Four student-athletes participated this season, led by Head Coach David Austin. The team participated in 3 events in 2023, with a top finish of 16<sup>th</sup> place at the San Diego Mesa Invite.
- Football – thirty-five student-athletes are currently enrolled in the off-season training class. This course provides instruction, training, and practice in the advanced techniques of football. All students will engage in an off-season program emphasizing instruction, skill development, strength training, and conditioning.
- Women's Soccer – Twenty-two student-athletes participated in the fall season, led by Instructor, Physical Education/ Head Soccer Coach Jose Garcia. Overall record was 4-13-1 (1-8 in SCC), with a playoff loss at Los Angeles Harbor College to finish the season. Yareli Marquez (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference), Joseline Rivera (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference), Alyssa Ybarra (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference), Leslie Garcia (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference).
- Men's Soccer – Twenty-five student-athletes participated in the fall season, led by Instructor, Physical Education/ Head Soccer Coach Jose Garcia. The overall record was 7-9-3 (2-6-1 in SCC), with a playoff loss at Pasadena City College to finish the season. Steven Sosa-Orozco (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference), Erik Quevedo (1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference), Hugo Reyes (2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference)
- Softball – Eighteen student-athletes are currently participating in the Spring 2024 Season. The overall record is 17-10 (SCC Conference 7-6, Fifth Place). Head Coach Victoria Castillo has a committed and competitive group of student-athletes this year.
- Women's Volleyball – Head Coach Monique Scott (Guyton) is recruiting students for the Fall 2024 season. 11 verbal commitments. Team play will begin in **August 2024**.
- Women's Badminton – Instructor, Physical Education/ Head Coach Jose Garcia is leading the way for Compton this semester. The team is 0-7 overall. Six student-athletes are on the team.
- Men's and Women's (Co-ed) Esports – Head Coach Vincent Cajayon leads ten students this semester. Student-athletes are scheduled to participate in the Smash Tourney in **April 2024**.

## Spring Cleaning Activity

The [Emily B. Hart-Holifield Library](#) is asking for donations of used books for its Used Book Giveaway scheduled during Community Day on **Saturday, April 20, 2024**. All genres are welcome. Donations may be dropped off during business hours: Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## **Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting**

On **Tuesday, April 16, 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 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**

The Annual Compton CCCD Retirees Luncheon is scheduled for **Thursday, April 18, 2024**, at noon, and we are excited to welcome back Compton CCD retirees. This is a yearly event that was started a couple of years ago, and this year, we have a planning committee that includes many of the retirees.

Please remind students that [it's not too late to register for a midterm class](#) and that Priority Registration for Summer 2024 begins **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**. Registration Ticket Times are available via MyCompton.

In closing, thank you for all you do to support student success.

Sincerely,

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