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Campus Community,

This year's Spring 2024 Professional Development Day theme, "***Cultivating Authentic Connections that Support Student Success***," was a perfect way to kick off the Spring semester. From the great energy and conversations in the morning sessions to the virtual dialog with students in the afternoon, employees connected in meaningful ways. Thank you to Dr. Pilar Huffman, director of Professional Development, for a well-rounded event. Click on the links below to access the presentations from yesterday's mandatory Professional Development Day:

- [President/CEO Presentation](#)
- Keynote Speaker Presentations:
 - [First Session – Finding Our Way](#)
 - [Second Session – Not My Intention](#)

Today's President/CEO Message – February 9, 2024, includes a reminder about next week's mobile food pantry, Black History Month activities, and more.

Spring 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, February 8, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,358 FTES for the Spring 2024 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 60%, and seats filled is 9,534.

Please continue to encourage continuing students to register for the spring 2024 semester, as ***Every FTES Counts!*** Admissions & Records has posted the list of open classes at www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/docs/Open-Sections.pdf. The list is updated at least once a week through the last day to add full-semester classes.

Reminder: Saturday classes begin ***February 10***, and weekday classes begin ***Monday, February 12***.

Mobile Food Pantry On-Campus Tuesday, February 13, 2024

The public is invited to stop by Compton College (enter from Greenleaf Blvd. between Santa Fe Ave. and Long Beach Blvd.) on ***Tuesday, February 13, 2024***, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to pick up a box of free food. Food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and attendees can expect to receive 25-40 pounds of food.

Black History Month – February 2024

The schedule of Black History Month activities for ***February 10-29, 2024***, is available [here](#).

Spring 2024 Year-End Celebrations

The list of year-end celebrations is available [here](#). It looks like the students, their families, and friends will have plenty of opportunities to celebrate and receive recognition of their accomplishments.

Campuswide Participation Request

Compton College's "Community Day" returns on ***Saturday, April 20, 2024***, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This celebration of Community College Month welcomes current students, prospective students, and community members of all ages to our campus so they can see all we have to offer. New this year – we are inviting community-based organizations, nonprofit groups, public works, and other resources to offer a more comprehensive array of services available both at Compton College and in the area.

We encourage all Compton College departments, programs, clubs, workgroups, and task forces to join the Resource Fair with an information table or host your own activity – or both! This is a great opportunity to showcase on-campus services, academic and student support programs, and financial aid resources.

The deadline to sign up for the Resource Fair or add an activity to the schedule of events is 4:30 p.m. on March 22. To be included in the campuswide celebration, please contact Director of Community Relations Heather Parnock at hparnock@compton.edu.

President/CEO Spring 2024 Reading List

Just a friendly reminder, I am preparing my spring 2024 reading list for release in the President/CEO Message – February 22, 2024. Please send your recommendations to kcurry@compton.edu by *Wednesday, February 14, 2024*.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

As I mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – February 2, 2024](#), members of the Board of Trustees and I traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in the [Association of Community College Trustees 2024 Community College National Legislative Summit](#). During our legislative meetings in Washington, D.C., we shared the [California Community Colleges and the Community College League of California Legislative Priorities](#). As a follow-up, I wanted to share with you that we discussed our [Community Project Funding Request](#) for \$8 million toward the renovation of the Vocational Technology Building with our congressional leaders. We are very hopeful that this will be included in the 2024 federal budget.

Final Thoughts

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has released the [2023 IPEDS Data Feedback Report](#) for Compton College. The report contains data Compton College provided to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) in the 2022-2023 collection year. Compton College's data are displayed alongside data from a comparison group of institutions.

The timely and accurate submission of data to IPEDS is required of all Title IV institutions. IPEDS data are used to satisfy several statutory requirements. These data are publicly available in many ways:

- Much of the data appears on College Navigator (<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>), the U.S. Department of Education's college search site that receives over one million visits per month;
- The recently updated College Scorecard (<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>) utilizes several IPEDS data measures along with other federal agency data to help students and parents make smart college-choice decisions based on costs, value, and quality;
- The retention, transfer, graduation rate, and price data are displayed in the FAFSA online (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>) when students are applying for financial aid;
- The average net price and tuition and fees data are used for the lists presented in the College Affordability and Transparency Center (<https://collegecost.ed.gov/affordability>) and
- The data are publicly available for download from the IPEDS website (<https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/use-the-data/>). Institutions use them for benchmarking as well as by policymakers and reporters for addressing various higher education questions and public concerns.

When you have a moment, please review the [2023 IPEDS Data Feedback Report](#) for Compton College. Through the collaborative governance process, we will seek creative input and recommendations.

I am so excited about the beginning of the Spring 2024 semester. Next week, if you see a student looking for classes or services, please take a moment to assist them and remind them of all the services we provide in support of their success.

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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