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Campus Community,

On **Saturday, March 2, 2024**, in the Compton College Art Gallery, they showcased a diverse range of employment opportunities. Attendees had the chance to explore full-time positions in various fields, such as HVAC, Cosmetology, Nursing, and Accounting. The event attracted over 130 participants and received media coverage from ABC 7 News. The Compton College Human Resources Department coordinated this year's event in collaboration with the City of Compton and Compton Unified School District. Thank you to our hiring managers/administrators, faculty, and community partners who took time out of their weekend to provide insights and guidance to potential applicants. Your participation and support were greatly appreciated.

Yesterday, March 7, 2024, I had the opportunity to provide a presentation, which is available [here](#) at the Compton College [Academic Senate](#) Meeting. In my presentation, I provided updates on the [2023-2024 President/CEO Priorities](#), Facilities Update, and items the administration and the Academic Senate will be working on together this spring semester.

Also, this week, our students received a personalized individual email message from our calfresh@compton.edu address. The email gives information regarding all the CalFresh services. Please remind your students to check their @compton.edu email address and read this very important message about CalFresh. For more information on CalFresh, please visit <https://www.compton.edu/student-support/calfresh/calfresh.aspx>, or contact Myrna Reyes, student services advisor, at mreyes13@compton.edu.

Today's President/CEO Message – March 8, 2024, includes information about next Wednesday's Basic Needs Fair, the **March 19, 2024**, virtual Campuswide Forum, an update on the use of the Weight Room by employees, and more.

Spring 2024 Enrollment Update

As of **yesterday, March 7, 2024**, Compton College has generated 1,394 FTES for the Spring 2024 term. Our fill rate for spring is currently 63%, and seats filled is 9,894.

Midterm classes begin **Saturday, April 13, 2024**; students may register for [open sections](#) through the end of the day before the first class meeting. It's not too late for students to register in **One More Class**.

Inaugural Basic Needs Fair

On **Wednesday, March 13, 2024, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm**, Compton College will be hosting its first Basic Needs Fair. This will be an opportunity for students to gather information on community resources that deal with employment, housing, health, legal services, and food insecurity. Non-profit and community-based organizations will be available to answer students' questions. The Basic Needs Fair will be held on the west side of the Gym. For more information, please email tartarsupport@compton.edu.

Compton College Campuswide Forum

I will host a virtual Tartar Talks on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**, at 2:30 pm via Zoom. The focus will be on accreditation, institutional standing committees, commencement, the 2024-2025 California State Budget, and student success. To participate, please use this link to register in advance: [Compton College Campuswide Forum Online Registration](#).

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

On **Tuesday, March 19, 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>.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

Use of the Weight Room by Employees – I was asked last week about the on-campus weight room and when employees will be allowed to use it. The discussion to reopen the weight room for employees beginning with the fall 2024 semester will begin this semester with the [Health, Safety, and Parking Committee](#). They will review current/past procedures regarding employee use and will make a recommendation on how to reopen the weight room for employee use, including the liability waiver, hours of operation, and other considerations. In the meantime, I know there are a handful of employee walking groups already in existence, and I think we should take advantage of those to offer a safe, physical, and social activity on campus. For those of you who are in one of these worksite walking groups, please provide the days, times, and distance or route you walk, along with your membership and designated 'leader' to Dr. Pilar Huffman, director of professional development, via email at phuffman@compton.edu. Dr. Huffman will develop a way to organize and promote the various walking groups.

Spring 2024 Reading List

Each semester, I share my reading list with the campus community. This spring, my reading list includes:

- [Breaking Barriers, How P-Tech Schools Create Pathway from High School to College to Career](#) by Stanley S. Litow and Tina Kelly
- [Level-Up, How to Get Focused, Stop Procrastinating, and Upgrade Your Life](#) by Rob Dial (*Started in the Winter and will finish this spring*)
- [Artificial Intelligence & Blockchain in 2040: Predictions for Healthcare, Higher Education, and Urban Administration](#) by Marco De Prosperis
- [The Pros and Cons of Online Learning in Higher Education](#) by Dr. John G. Turner

Final Thoughts

This week, I spent a lot of time thinking about some of our facilities' challenges, which we will continue to address. In addition, I was thinking about the [Compton College Student Equity Plan](#), which includes the following equity statement:

Equity refers to achieving parity in student educational outcomes, regardless of race and ethnicity, background, or identity. Equity processes ensure that all people have an equal opportunity to engage and succeed in a high-quality educational experience while providing all students with the tools to support their academic, career, and personal goals. Compton College students identify needs and solutions to equity problems on campus. Compton College identifies and removes barriers that produce inequity and intentionally designs new programs or refines services to provide each student with what they need to be successful in their college experience.

We must continue to have conversations about our Student Equity Statement and the 2022-2025 Equity Plan Target Student Populations and Outcomes that are outlined in the Compton College Student Equity Plan. Equity should always be at the center of our work here at Compton College.

Please mark your calendars for **June 3, 2024**, at 4:00 pm. We have scheduled the groundbreaking ceremony for the Compton College Student Housing Project. More information will be included in a future [President/CEO Message](#).

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable weekend with family and friends. For me, Kamilo Ali Curry has his first baseball game of the season tomorrow, **March 9, 2024**, so I will be there to cheer for him, and hopefully, they win.

In closing, it is truly an honor to serve as the President/CEO of Compton College and Compton Community College District.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.

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President/CEO

Compton College