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Campus Community,

Happy Friday! And the marathon continues to the Compton College Commencement Ceremony. As we push toward **June 7, 2024**, please remind your graduating students to consider attending at least one of the many graduation celebrations planned this month. For some students, this may be their first time participating in an in-person commencement ceremony, and I am extremely excited we have the opportunity to share this moment with them.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Classified Professional Development Week and Classified Professionals Day, and most importantly, thank you to the members of the planning committee who coordinated today's event. As I mentioned in my remarks this morning, I still remember when the partnership began with El Camino College. During the partnership, all the Classified Professional Development Week events and Classified Professional Day were held on their campus, and our employees had to travel to participate. It was recommended then that we host our own Classified Professional Development activities on our campus, and it may have taken a while. Still, we eventually made the transition to separate events. We have come a long way as it relates to our Professional Development Program at Compton College. I truly appreciate everyone's commitment to lifelong learning and professional growth.

As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – May 10, 2024](#), Governor Gavin Newsom released the May Revision Proposal for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. Earlier this week, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) released the [2024-2025 Joint Analysis of the Governor's May Revise Budget Proposal](#). This detailed and comprehensive tool is crafted to serve as a common factual resource to aid further analysis or advocacy. The CCCCCO once again partnered with the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), the Association of Chief Business Officials (ACBO), and the Community College League of California to release this analysis. For additional budget updates and resources, visit the [CCCCO's Budget News Page](#). In the coming week, I will be working on a letter to our statewide elected officials regarding the May Revise and our support of the Governor's May Revise Budget Proposal.

Today's President/CEO Message – May 17, 2024, includes the 2023-2024 Distinguished Faculty, Staff, and Administrator Awards, the Adjunct Faculty Awards, and Civility Champions; an Athletics Update; a reminder to complete the Professional Development Assessment survey by May 31; an update on Instructional Building 2; and more.

Summer and Fall 2024 Enrollment Update

As of **yesterday, May 16, 2024**, Compton College has generated:

- 373 FTES for the **Summer 2024** term. The fill rate is currently 54%, and seats filled is 3,010.
- 376 FTES for the **Fall 2024** semester. The fill rate is currently 13%, and seats filled are 2,132.

The Searchable Schedule of Classes is available online for summer and fall 2024.

Fall 2024 registration opened on **April 30, 2024**. Current students are advised to [meet with their counselor](#) as soon as possible to discuss course options and continued progression toward their educational and career goals.

As always, I am very concerned about enrollment, which is normal for me. Although I am encouraged about the summer 2024 enrollment numbers, we still need to remind our current students to register now before classes fill.

Distinguished Faculty, Staff, and Administrator Awards

This year's Distinguished Faculty, Staff, and Administrator awardees will be recognized at the *May 21, 2024*, Compton CCCD Board of Trustees Meeting. The award recipients will be presented with a \$500 plaque and a specially designed medallion. These individuals were invited to participate in the Commencement Ceremony as part of the Platform Party.

2023-2024 Award Recipients:

- **Distinguished Faculty** – Theresa Barragan-Echeverria, Associate Professor, Counseling
- **Distinguished Staff** – Iris Fernandez, Program Specialist, Adult Education and Workforce Development
- **Distinguished Administrator** – Antonio Banks, Director of the Black and Males of Color Success Initiative

Also being recognized at the *May 21, 2024* Board of Trustees Meeting is the 2024 **Outstanding Adjunct Faculty**: Roderick Todd, Social Sciences Guided Pathway Division.

Congratulations to this year's winners! Special thanks to Keenan & Associates for supporting this year's awards.

2023-2024 Civility Champions

The Civility Champion Award was developed to honor outstanding members of the Compton Community College District whose contributions demonstrate a commitment to self-reflection, care, empathy, and respect while acknowledging the culture and humanity of others. Civility Champion Award recipients will receive \$100 and be recognized at the *May 21, 2024*, Board of Trustees meeting. As stated in Compton College's Statement of Civility and Mutual Respect, how we interact with one another is critical to cultivating and maintaining a meaningful and effective intellectual environment, and we thus graciously thank the recipients for setting an example for the rest of the campus community and for their efforts in creating a civil and respectful space for all.

- **Civility Champion Award** - Faculty: Susan Johnson, Assistant Professor, English
- **Civility Champion Award** - Staff: Sarorth Lai, Human Resources Representative

Congratulations to this year's winners, and special thanks to Keenan & Associates for supporting this year's awards.

Compton College Campuswide Forum

I am hosting a virtual Tartar Talks on *Tuesday, May 21, 2024*, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. The focus will be on institutional standing committees, Commencement, the 2024-2025 Compton Community College District Budget, enrollment, and student success. To participate, please use this link to register in advance: [Compton College Campuswide Forum Online Registration](#).

Community Symposium to End Illegal Street Takeovers and Street Racing – May 18, 2024

On *Saturday, May 18, 2024*, the County of Los Angeles is bringing together community members, county departments, community-based organizations, and political leaders to share perspectives, brainstorm solutions, and create recommendations for ending illegal street racing and takeovers.

This event is free and open to all residents. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Join Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell (Second District) for this important conversation and to be a part of the solution to create safer communities where everyone can thrive. Please register now using the link below and share this information with your networks and colleagues.

When: *Saturday, May 18, 2024* from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where: Compton College, 1111 E. Artesia Blvd., Compton, CA 90221

Click [here](#) to register and for event details.

Summer Four-Day Workweek

- The 4/10 workweek (four 10-hour work days per week) for classified and administrative employees begins **Monday, June 17, 2024**.
- The first Friday off is **June 21, 2024**, and the last Friday off is **August 2, 2024**.

A reminder with information about Remote Work was emailed to all managers on **May 14, 2024**, from the vice president of Human Resources, Dr. Hiacynth Martinez.

Annual Professional Development Assessment

We're excited to announce the launch of the 2024 Professional Development Needs Assessment! Your insights are crucial in shaping the future of our professional development programs. We invite you to participate in this anonymous survey to share your thoughts, experiences, and aspirations regarding professional growth.

Your feedback will guide us in tailoring resources and opportunities that meet your needs and support your career advancement. Whether you're seeking new skills, mentorship, or specific training, your input will help us craft a comprehensive development plan that benefits everyone.

Your input is vital to shaping our professional development initiatives. Dr. Pilar Huffman, Director of Professional Development, sent out the original links on **May 15, 2024**.

If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete a survey. Your responses are confidential, and your anonymity is ensured. Let your voice be heard, and help us create a vibrant learning environment where everyone can thrive.

- [Faculty Survey](#)
- [Classified Professionals and Managers Survey](#)

Please provide your feedback by **Friday, May 31, 2024**. Your responses are anonymous and instrumental in tailoring resources to meet your needs. Thank you for your participation in advancing our collective growth!

Compton College Athletics Update

- Women's Softball – Fifteen student-athletes completed the Spring 2024 Season with a fantastic ending in the playoffs for the first time in Compton College's Athletic history. Overall record of 21-18 (SCC Conference 9-12. 5th Place). Head Coach Victoria Castillo had a committed and competitive group of student-athletes this year, with three students recognized as all-conference honors: Serena Velez, Venezia Uribe, Destiny Vega, and Danielle Varela.
- Men's Baseball - Completed their traditional season – Overall record 16-24 (Conference 10-14, 5th Place). Eight-two student-athletes are in the program, with 50 on the roster for the 2024 season. Coach Shannon Williams led the squad with seven coaches supporting the student-athletes. We had a committed and competitive group of student-athletes this year with experience playing competitive high school and travel baseball. Two students were awarded all-conference: Catcher Emilio Morales and Designated Hitter Jalen Ringwood. Coach Williams will be recognized by the Los Angeles Dodgers for Teacher of the Year on **Sunday, May 19, 2024**, at Dodger Stadium during [Teacher Appreciation Day](#).
- Men's Football – Forty-two student-athletes are currently enrolled in the Summer 2024 pre-season football class. Recruiting is going well, and the plan is to have 65+ students in the program for Fall 2024. They are learning football skills, committing to being student-athletes and acquiring life-long skills in spring football and weight training classes.

Closing the Loop

The inaugural Dean's List Celebration was held last **Thursday, May 9, 2024**. The Dean's List recognizes students for academic excellence upon completion of twelve or more units with a grade-point average of 3.0 or higher in one semester. A total of 457 students made the Dean's List for Spring 2023 and Fall 2023. Fifty-two students made the Dean's List for both terms. There was a great turnout, with approximately 80 students attending the celebration and receiving certificates and pins. They were each given the opportunity to be publicly recognized and take a picture with our academic deans. Approximately 50 Compton College employees and community members attended the ice cream social and acknowledged the accomplishments of these students.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

On **Tuesday, May 21, 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

Over the next couple of weeks, we have several year-end activities scheduled to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. Please consider attending one or more of these celebrations. Click [here](#) to view the list of year-end events. We also have a lot of workshops, information sessions, and tutoring opportunities to help students finish the semester strong. The event calendar is available online at www.compton.edu/events/.

Now for some good news (at least I hope it is for some). The move-in plan for Instructional Building 2 has been finalized. The Academic Affairs Division Office will move in beginning **May 31, 2024**; faculty will move into their offices **June 14, 2024**. The building will be open on **June 3, 2024**, and classes may be scheduled in the building beginning with the first summer sessions that begin on **June 17, 2024**. The Maintenance and Operations Department will be distributing boxes, labels, and instructions in preparation for the move. Thank you to everyone for your patience and support through the completion of this long-awaited facilities project.

Sincerely,

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(pronouns: he/him/his)
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