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Campus Community,

I hope this message finds you well. I want to address the recent concerns regarding the timing of notifications about certain events and changes on our campus, i.e., the water issue that occurred on **Wednesday, August 7, 2024**.

In response to numerous inquiries from employees regarding the potential immediate closure of the campus, I must emphasize that such a significant decision requires a comprehensive understanding of the situation and its potential consequences. Our priority is to ensure the well-being of our community while carefully considering the implications of campus operations.

Please understand that the delay in disseminating information is not due to oversight or neglect. On the contrary, it is a precautionary measure to ensure that all relevant data and details are collected and verified before we share them with the entire campus community. Our commitment to providing accurate and timely information remains steadfast.

We are aware that such delays may cause temporary inconveniences, and we apologize for any confusion that may have arisen as a result. Rest assured, we diligently gather all necessary information so that when we do communicate, it is done with the utmost clarity and completeness.

Your patience and understanding in this matter are greatly appreciated. We will continue to strive for improvements in our communication processes to serve you better. Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

Now, let the countdown to the fall 2024 semester begin!

Today's President/CEO Message includes a link to the 2024-2025 Course Catalog, an update from the Chancellor's Office regarding the use of AI, and more.

Fall 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, August 9, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,382 FTES for the fall 2024 semester. The fill rate is currently 55%, and the seats filled are 9,389.

I am getting concerned about enrollment as the numbers are beginning to flatten. Some may say I shouldn't be concerned as we are still processing dual enrollment student registration. **However, I am still worried.** Please continue to share enrollment information with current and prospective students. If students need registration assistance, please refer them to the Welcome Center, located in the Student Services Building.

As a reminder, the [Fall 2024 registration reminder postcards](#) were mailed this week to all in-district residences in 2 weeks. The postcard includes information about this year's [News Student Welcome Day](#), scheduled for **Wednesday, August 21, 2024**.

New Student Welcome Day – Wednesday, August 21, 2024

All students (current and prospective) are invited to attend the New Student Welcome Day at Compton College on **Wednesday, August 21, 2024**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students will learn all about Compton College and the excellent student resources we have available to help them be successful in college, take a campus tour, participate in workshops, and have an opportunity to win prizes! For more information and to RSVP for the on-campus event, click [here](#).

Welcome Week – Informational Tables

Welcome Week is almost here, beginning **Monday, August 26, through Friday, August 30, 2024**. As part of Welcome Week, we will have information tables throughout campus from 8:00 to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays to assist our students. They will be located in parking lots A and F, as well as the quad area. We need everyone's assistance at the tables - administration, faculty, and classified professionals. Please review the available one-hour time slots via this [link](#); click on the sign-up button to select a date and time. Be an all-star and sign up for *two-time slots* if your schedule permits. Thank you in advance for your participation.

2024-2025 Compton College Catalog Now Available Online

The 2024-2025 Compton College Course Catalog is available online as a [PDF](#). The catalog includes the new Life Skills courses (pages 200-201), updated course descriptions for various academic programs, updated board policies and administrative regulations, and more. Printed copies will be available at the Bookstore for purchase later this semester. Click [here](#) to access the catalog.

Generative AI and the Future of Teaching and Learning

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office released a [semi-annual update](#) that documents progress and outlines the next steps regarding the importance of engaging with Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Strategic Direction 3, The Future of Learning, included in "[Vision 2030: A Roadmap for California Community Colleges](#)."

As described in the report's introduction, *This report provides an overview of work in the past year and future years on generative AI, discussing its impact on industry, the campus workforce, and the future of teaching and learning. It describes ongoing professional development efforts and underscores the need for ongoing training and AI literacy for all. The report also defines a framework of values and principles for the California community colleges' engagement with AI and ties these initiatives to the strategic objectives of Vision 2030.*

Click [here](#) to access the report.

Fall 2024 Professional Development Day

As a reminder, the fall 2024 semester begins with our [mandatory Professional Development Day](#) on **Thursday, August 22, 2024**. The general session will commence at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. All full-time Compton College faculty and classified professionals are required to participate in the mandatory Professional Development activities on **Thursday, August 22, 2024**. We are honored to welcome Dr. Lori Patton Davis, Professor from the University of California, Los Angeles, as our keynote speaker.

An in-person [New Faculty Orientation](#) will be held on **Tuesday, August 20, 2024**, in the Student Services Building, Room 212, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The virtual [Adjunct Faculty Orientation](#) will be on **Wednesday, August 21, 2024**, from 5:00 - 7:10 p.m. via Zoom.

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday, August 22, 2024**, for an inspiring and informative day! Please mark these events in your calendars. The agendas for these events are available [here](#).

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Retreat

The Compton CCD Board of Trustees will hold a retreat on **Monday, August 19, 2024**. The Board will discuss the results of its annual self-evaluations, which include progress toward its goals for **July 1, 2023**, through **June 30, 2024**, and draft goals for the 2024-2025 year. The retreat will be held in Room 212 of the Student Services Building.

Final Thoughts

As we conclude the summer term, I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your exceptional commitment and hard work. Your contributions have been instrumental in supporting our students' academic achievements. Looking ahead to the fall semester, I am confident that we will continue to provide an environment where our students can thrive.

Thank you to those who emailed me recommendations for my Fall 2024 Reading List. I'll publish my final list in next week's President/CEO Message.

Next week marks a significant milestone in my journey with the Compton Community College District—my 19th anniversary. Reflecting on nearly two decades, I am continually inspired by the daily learning experiences and the privilege to lead such a remarkable institution.

I vividly recall my first day, **August 15, 2005**, in room C-29, now the site of the Copy Center. As the interim dean of student affairs, my journey began with a laptop in hand and an immediate dive into work. My inaugural project involved renovating the Welcome Center—my current temporary office—and overhauling the original library to better serve our students. The original library was set to be renovated for the student services departments.

While the Welcome Center's transformation was a success, the library's renovation gave way to a grander vision: the construction of the new Student Services Building.

As I reflect on our journey to becoming an accredited community college, I am filled with gratitude. Our progress is a testament to the unwavering commitment of our faculty, Classified professionals, and the management team. The support from the community has been invaluable, and the heart of our institution—our past, present, and prospective students—remains our driving force. While we acknowledge our imperfections, we take pride in our resilience and dedication to serving our students.

It is an honor to serve as the president/CEO of Compton College and Compton Community College District. I hope you have a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.
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