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Campus Community,

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to highlight our fantastic weekly farmers' market, which continues to be a vibrant part of our campus community.

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of visiting the market, greeting our dedicated vendors, and chatting with students about their favorite items. From delicious snacks and freshly prepared foods to an array of fresh fruits and vegetables, our market offers something for everyone.

I'm excited to remind you that current students are eligible to receive **\$20 in free farmers' market vouchers each week!** (*As Lydell Willis, director of Basic Needs & Student Success continues to remind everyone, it's vouchers, not cash.*) This initiative, now approaching its second anniversary, is a proud partnership with [Food Access Los Angeles](#). It has proven to be an invaluable resource, ensuring our students have access to fresh, nutritious food. Just today, I had a conversation with a college president from the state of Colorado regarding all of our food resource programs, including the farmers' market.

I'm also thrilled to announce that our [partnership with Food Access Los Angeles \(formerly known as SEE-LA\) has been extended through June 2026!](#) This extension will allow us to continue providing this essential service to our students for years to come. I am hopeful we will secure a donor to support the farmers' market vouchers in the future.

Thank you for your continued support in making our campus a thriving, healthy community.

Today's President/CEO Message includes an update from Compton College's Athletics Department, a reminder about the online calendar of events, information about the September 11 virtual Student Forum, and much more.

### **Fall 2024 Enrollment Update**

As of *yesterday, September 5, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,643 FTES for the **Fall 2024** term. Our fill rate for Fall is currently 68%, and seats filled is 11,187.

Students have until **11:59 p.m. on Sunday, September 8, 2024**, to add full-semester courses. An "authorization code" from the class instructor is required to complete the online registration process. Please refer interested students to the list of open classes at [www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/docs/Open-Sections.pdf](http://www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/docs/Open-Sections.pdf). There are also many second eight-week midterm classes with seats available. Students can search for those specifically via the [Online Searchable Class Schedule](#).

As a reminder to faculty, students who never attended ("*no show*") or are no longer participating in the class as of census, must be excluded prior to the census date. Even though students are responsible for dropping themselves after census; faculty should drop student who are no longer participating in the classes.

### **Compton College Athletics Update**

For the latest stories, schedules, results, and team rosters, visit the [Compton College Athletics website](#).

### **Fall Sports**

#### **Men's Cross Country**

- Ten student-athletes are participating this season, led by Head Coach David Austin.
- The team participated in three events in 2023, with a top finish of 16th place at the San Diego Mesa Invite.

#### **Women's Cross Country**

- Six student-athletes are planning to participate in 2024, led by Head Coach David Austin.

## **Men's Football**

- 51 student-athletes are preparing for the 2024 football season. This is a huge accomplishment, and special thanks to everyone involved, but most importantly, Dr. Timothy Harrison. As some may recall, last year, Dr. Harrison arrived on campus prior to the beginning of the football season, and we struggled with student participation. Over the last year, working with the Football coaches, he made fielding a team his number one priority. Great job, Dr. Harrison and the entire athletic department staff.

## **Women's Soccer**

- Twenty-four student-athletes are participating this season, led by Head Coach Jose Garcia.
- The overall record is 1-1, with a recent victory over Imperial Valley College.
- The 2023 record was 4-13-1 (1-8 in SCC), with a playoff loss at LA Harbor to finish the season.

## **Men's Soccer**

- Twenty-nine student-athletes are participating in the fall season, led by Head Coach Jose Garcia.
- The 2023 record was 7-9-3 (2-6-1 in SCC), with a playoff loss at Pasadena City to finish the season.

## **Women's Volleyball**

- Head Coach Monique Scott (Guyton) brought in a great class of 13 student-athletes for the Fall 2024 season.
- The overall record is 0-3, with some solid performances so far while playing strong competition at the beginning of the year to get ready for conference play.

## **Winter Sports**

### **Men's Basketball**

- Twenty-three student-athletes enrolled this fall, led by Head Coach Keith Holliman and assistant coaches Idris Jones and Ronnie Winbush.
- The 2023-24 competitive year ended with a 9-19 final record overall and 3-7 in conference play.

### **Women's Basketball**

- Head Coach Lewis Nelson is preparing for the 2024-2025 season with fifteen players in the program.
- The 2023-24 season ended with a 1-22 overall record, 0-8 in the South Coast Conference.

## **Spring Sports**

### **Women's Softball**

- Fifteen student-athletes completed the Spring 2024 season with a historic playoff appearance, the first in school history.
- The overall record was 21-18 (9-12 in SCC, 5th place).
- Head Coach Victoria Castillo returns for 2024-2025 with a new group of Compton College stars.

### **Men's Baseball**

- The 2024 overall record was 16-24 (10-14 in conference, 5th place).
- Approximately seventy-five student-athletes are in the program this fall, led by Head Coach Shannon Williams.
- A committed and competitive group of student-athletes this year.

### **Women's Badminton**

- Head Coach Jose Garcia led the team in Spring 2024.
- Recruitment is underway for an assistant coach to help grow the program.
- The team finished the season with a 0-8 overall record, with five student-athletes completing the season.

### **Men's and Women's Track and Field**

- Eight student-athletes (two women and six men) participated in 2024 at six meets led by Head Coach David Austin.

### **Men's and Women's (Co-ed) Esports**

- We are in the process of hiring a new Head Coach with plans to have a season in Spring 2025.

## **Compton College Online Calendar of Events**

The [Online Event Calendar](#) is a valuable resource for promoting and discovering the many on-campus and virtual events happening throughout the fall semester. Faculty and Classified Professionals are encouraged to [submit their events to the calendar](#), ensuring a diverse and engaging lineup of activities. The calendar is easily accessible on the [Compton College website](#) and via the MyCompton portal. We kindly ask faculty and staff to share this calendar with their students and encourage them to participate in these events. Engaging in these activities is a fantastic way for students to connect with peers, learn new skills, and make the most of their time at Compton College. Let's make this semester vibrant and memorable by actively promoting and participating in the events and meetings available to us!

### **President/CEO Virtual Student Forum**

The next President/CEO Virtual Student Forum is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 2:30 p.m.** Students will have the opportunity to join via Zoom ([Meeting ID 898 2065 2769](#)), ask me questions, and share their thoughts on the fall semester.

### **September 10, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting and Public Budget Hearing**

The public is invited to the upcoming Compton Community College District Board Meeting and Budget Hearing on **Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Student Services Building, Room 212. The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Agendas are posted on the BoardDocs website under the "Meetings" tab at <https://www.compton.edu/district/board-of-trustees/meetings.aspx>.

The Budget Hearing will allow the public to comment on the proposed 2024-2025 Compton Community College District final budget, which is now on file and available for public inspection online [here](#).

### **Final Thoughts**

With the NFL season kicking off last night (*and my fantasy football team is already in trouble*), we're excited to announce that our Compton Football Team will be playing its first **home game** of the season this **Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** against Los Angeles Pierce College. We invite everyone to come out and support our team! For up-to-date information on Compton College Athletics, please visit their website at [www.comptoncollegeathletics.com](http://www.comptoncollegeathletics.com).

In closing, during my monthly meeting with Campus Police yesterday, I asked them to ensure they are out and about on their bikes for the next couple of weeks. Chief Marcus Thompson was excited about this request. If you see them, make sure to say hi and thank them for all they do to support student success.

When we [re-established our police department](#) due to the pending termination of the partnership with El Camino College, I didn't know how everything would go, from budgeting to purchasing equipment and hiring. Now, I am so appreciative of our police department and the direction they are moving in. Their focus is on community policing and ensuring everyone is safe while at Compton College.

In a future [President/CEO Message](#), I will share more information on the Compton College Police Department's partnership with [Restoration Diversion Services \(RDS\)](#), which serves as a vital refuge for victims of sex trafficking. They are working with RDS to enroll former victims of sex trafficking at Compton College and ensure those students receive various Los Angeles County and Compton College resources.

Thank you for your continued dedication and hard work. As we navigate this heat wave, please take extra care to stay hydrated and cool. Your safety and well-being are our top priority.

Sincerely,

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