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Campus Community,

I know it's not a huge success, but it's considered a win since we have been unable to communicate with current students via email and text message for quite a while. As mentioned in the President/CEO Message - October 25, 2024, we were experiencing issues with the Ellucian Banner CRM Advise platform. We are pleased to report that the Student Services Division Office, specifically the Educational Partnerships Department, has resolved the majority of issues with the system's email/text message functions.

We successfully tested the system last week with a winter/spring registration reminder. The communications can be tracked, showing the number of successes and failures, and automated to resend to those who didn't open the email. In the case of the winter/spring email, only one failure was reported, and 3,710 text messages were sent, with a 6% click rate within one day.

Additionally, the workgroup continues to meet with the Ellucian consultant, along with the categorical programs, to identify their specific cohorts of students and streamline personalized communications. This collaboration helps categorical programs enhance their communication workflows with their specific target audiences.

On ***Tuesday, November 19, 2024***, we celebrated the grand opening of Instructional Buildings 1 and 2. These modern facilities mark a significant milestone in our campus transformation, providing state-of-the-art spaces designed to support the growth and evolving needs of our students, faculty, and staff. The new buildings, part of our "Academic Village," replace outdated structures and enhance campus flow, symbolizing our commitment to innovation and excellence in education.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the community for their unwavering support, which made these projects possible through the approval of the 2014 Measure C facilities bond. These buildings, featuring advanced smart classroom technology and sustainable design, will serve as the foundation for learning, growth, and innovation for many years to come. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this vision a reality.

On ***Thursday, November 28, 2024***, Compton College will host the annual Mozel Sanders West Coast Thanksgiving Day Meal from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. The event is open to everyone. Please feel free to join us on Thanksgiving Day for food, fun, and fellowship.

Today's President/CEO Message includes a holiday health reminder, a campus notification of COTOP procedures, an update on UndocuAlly Taskforce activities, Board-approved Board Policies and Administrative Regulations, an update on the Student Housing project, and more.

Winter and Spring Enrollment Update
As of ***yesterday, November 21, 2024***, Compton College has generated:

- 232 FTES for the **Winter 2025** term. The fill rate is currently 68%, and the seats filled is 2.047.
- 538 FTES for the **Spring 2025** semester. The fill rate is currently 22%, and the seats filled are 3,556.

Holiday Health Reminder
As we approach the holiday season, we want to remind everyone to stay safe and healthy. Here are a few important tips:

- Stay Up to Date with Vaccinations: Ensure you and your loved ones are vaccinated and have received any recommended boosters. The St. John's Student Health Center (M4, north of the gym) has flu and COVID-19 vaccinations available for students and employees.

- Wear Masks in Crowded Indoor Settings: Masks can help reduce the spread of COVID-19, especially in crowded or poorly ventilated areas.
- Practice Good Hygiene: Wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer when soap and water aren't available.
- Monitor Your Health: Before returning to campus, please check for any flu-like or COVID-19 symptoms. If you feel unwell, stay home and seek medical advice.
- Free Test Kits Available: Free at-home COVID-19 test kits are available while supplies last at the St. John's Student Health Center for students and in the Human Resources Office for employees.
- Report Positive COVID-19 Cases: The "Report a Positive COVID-19 Case" form is available via the MyCompton portal and includes questions necessary to determine quarantine and isolation guidelines and assist with contact tracing.

For more information on how to prevent respiratory virus inflections, visit the California Department of Public Health website.

Let's work together to keep our community safe and healthy. Enjoy your holidays, and we look forward to seeing you back on campus soon!

Annual Chancellor's Office Tax Offset Program
The Chancellor's Office Tax Offset Program (COTOP) helps colleges collect outstanding debts from former students who are no longer enrolled and not seeking college services. Compton College students with outstanding balances will receive a letter informing them of their debt and have 60 days to resolve it by either paying or disputing it if they believe there is an error. A second reminder will be sent 30 days from the date of the initial letter. If the debt is not resolved within 60 days, the student's information will be submitted to the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) for collection, which can intercept state tax refunds, lottery winnings, and unclaimed property to recover the debt. An additional 33.3% administrative fee will be added to the debt if it is submitted to the FTB. For more information, or if students have questions, please refer them to Dorrett Lambey, director of accounting, at dlambey@compton.edu.

California's Sanctuary Status and Its Impact on Our Community
California's sanctuary status, established under Senate Bill 54 (SB 54), limits the cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities. This policy aims to protect undocumented immigrants by ensuring they can access public services and report crimes without fear of deportation.

The sanctuary policy is designed to foster trust between immigrant communities and local authorities. It ensures that undocumented immigrants can seek help from police, access education, and utilize healthcare services without the fear of being reported to immigration authorities. SB 54 restricts local law enforcement from using resources to aid federal immigration enforcement, except in cases involving serious or violent crimes. This ensures that local resources are focused on community safety rather than immigration enforcement.

By understanding and communicating these points, employees can better support our undocumented students and community members, ensuring they feel safe and valued. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has updated past guidance regarding California's sanctuary status and its impact on our community. The legal advisory provides an overview of California law in this area. Click here to view the advisory online.

Compton College provides information and support to undocumented students through resources like the AB 540 program, which helps eligible students access in-state tuition and financial aid. More details can be found on our website here. A new webpage is being developed to provide information about state and federal immigration rights. The webpage will go live in the next two weeks.

Update on Immigration Policy Response

Considering the potential of the new White House administration implementing immigration policy reform in 2025 and the existing provisions of Senate Bill 54, Compton College is moving forward with responses to these anticipated changes:

- **Legal Guidance:** We have engaged Liebert Cassidy Whitmore's law firm to advise the district on the potential new administration's immigration policies and assist with potential responses, which may include reviewing and/or developing Board Policies or Administrative Regulations, providing professional development for faculty, Classified Professionals, managers/supervisors, and creating communication documents for students and employees.
- **Taskforce Meeting**: I will attend the next UndocuAlly Taskforce Meeting on ***December 3, 2024***, to discuss concerns and seek creative input on the next steps related to the anticipated new administration's immigration policies.
- **Communication:** Ensuring timely communication to the campus community regarding new federal and state immigration policies and our responses.

We are committed to ensuring our campus remains a safe and supportive environment for all members of our community. More information will be included in future President/CEO Messages.

Board Policies and Administrative Regulations
At the ***November 19, 2024,*** Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting, the following Board Policies (BP) were approved, and the Administrative Regulations (AR) listed below were issued.

- Board Policy 2715 – Code of Ethics and Standards of Practice
- Board Policy 3720 – Computer and Network Use
- Board Policy 5500 – Standards of Student Conduct
- Board Policy 5510 – Off-Campus Student Organizations
- Board Policy 7345 – Catastrophic Leave Program
- Board Policy 7700 – Whistleblower Protection
- Board Policy 7500 – Volunteers
- Board Policy 7130 – Compensation
- Board Policy 7310 – Nepotism
- Administrative Regulation 3200 – Accreditation
- Administrative Regulation 3434 – Responding to Harassment Based on Sex under Title IX
- Administrative Regulation 3540 – Sexual and Other Assaults on Campus
- Administrative Regulation 3720 – Computer and Network Use
- Administrative Regulation 4225 – Course Repetition Procedure
- Administrative Regulation 6400 – Audits
- Administrative Regulation 7310 – Nepotism Prohibited Conduct
- Administrative Regulation 7345 – Catastrophic Leave Program
- Administrative Regulation 7500 – Volunteers
- Administrative Regulation 7700 – Whistleblower Reporting Protocols

Compton College Student Housing Project
In my President/CEO Message – November 8, 2024, I announced that Bernards Bros., Inc. had been selected as the contractor for the Compton College Student Housing Project. The Board of Trustees approved the contract on ***November 19, 2024***. I'm excited to share that the groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for ***Friday, January 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.*** We anticipate completion in the spring of 2027. This project, first envisioned in our revised Facilities Master Plan announced on ***August 25, 2017***, as a ***"Freedom Dream,"*** is now becoming a reality. I want to thank everyone involved since 2017.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

1. My responses to the Academic Senate – Summary of Decisions made at the ***November 17, 2024*** meeting are available here.
2. Compton College has completed the planning process for the 2024-2025 fiscal and academic year. When you have a moment, please review the Annual Planning at Compton College Report, which summarizes the Planning Cycle for the 2024-2025 Academic Year, including Prioritized Funding Recommendations. The annual report outlines the planning cycle process, the outcomes, and recommendations for funding.

DataVista
The Chancellor's Office has launched the new DataVista platform! This tool is designed to provide intuitive, user-friendly access to metrics for student achievement and outcomes across key student success programs and student groups. Users can access reports on outcomes related to Adult Education, Guided Pathways, the Student Equity and Achievement Program, Strong Workforce, and Vision 2030. You can learn more about what is available in DataVista and how to navigate this new resource by watching the October webinar.

Final Thoughts
The campus will be closed ***Thursday, November 28, 2024, through Sunday, December 1, 2024***, for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The campus, including all offices and departments, will remain open for regular business hours through ***Wednesday, November 27, 2024,*** including the weekly Farmers' Market, which is open to the public from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. in The Village. Students may pick up their $20 vouchers to buy fresh vegetables, fruit, baked goods, and other food items before the holiday.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for all your hard work and dedication. Your efforts have been instrumental in our success, and I am truly thankful for each and every one of you.

Please note that I will not be issuing a weekly President/CEO Message next week due to the holiday. I hope you all have a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with joy, relaxation, and quality time with your loved ones.

Thank you for everything you do, and I look forward to continuing our great work together after the holiday.

Sincerely,

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