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Campus Community,

As we approach the end of the year, I wanted to take a moment to share some important updates and exciting events happening at Compton College. Your dedication and hard work continue to drive our success, and I am grateful for your ongoing commitment to our students and community.

As we begin planning for the winter and spring 2025 terms, we will begin developing the year-end celebration/recognition calendar for 2025. Rebekah Blonshine, acting vice president of Student Services, will work with the various programs and departments to collect information, including the budget source for all student-centered celebrations.

The Fall 2024 Nursing Pinning Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Gymnasium. Congratulations to the 26 students who have earned an associate degree in nursing!

Today's President/CEO Message includes reminders about holiday closures and events, upcoming Board of Trustees meetings, and much more.

Winter and Spring 2025 Enrollment Update

As of **today, December 5, 2024**, Compton College has generated:

- 270 FTES for the Winter 2025 term. Our fill rate for Winter is currently 74%, and seats filled is 2,369.
- 685 FTES for the Spring 2025 semester. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 29%, and seats filled is 4,652.

With one more week left in this semester, please encourage your students to register for the winter and spring classes. Every enrollment counts, and if students need registration assistance, they can visit the Welcome Center located in the Student Services Building. If they need to see a counselor, they can drop in or [schedule an appointment](#).

Update on Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan

I wanted to provide you with the final version of the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#) and the [substantive edits document](#) that outlines the edits to the version shared at the **November 19, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting**. The final version of [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#) will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their **December 10, 2024**, meeting for second reading and action.

Thank you to everyone involved in the development of the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#). Special thanks to Amari Williams, dean of Institutional Effectiveness, for taking the lead on this very important document for Compton College and Compton Community College District.

2025-2026 Financial Aid Applications Open

As we prepare for the 2025-2026 academic year, we encourage you to inform and motivate your students to apply for financial assistance through the FAFSA, CADA, and Compton College scholarship applications, which are now open. These resources are crucial in helping students manage the costs of their education, whether they plan to continue at Compton College or transfer to another institution. Your support and encouragement can make a significant difference in their ability to secure the financial aid they need to focus on their studies and achieve their academic goals. Please direct students to the Financial Aid Lab in the Student Services Building, Room 122, for assistance with their applications. Let's work together to ensure our students take advantage of these opportunities and set themselves up for success in the upcoming year.

Update on Immigration Policy Response

As a follow-up to the [President/CEO Message – November 22, 2024](#), I wanted to share that the Compton College Professional Development Department will be hosting two virtual Immigration Enforcement Activities Training sessions on **Friday, December 6, 2024**, at 2:00 p.m., and **Friday, December 13, 2024**, at noon. The sessions will provide essential guidance on complying with California law in situations involving warrants or requests for information from immigration officers while ensuring the safety of our students, faculty, and Classified Professionals. Participants will gain practical tips for interacting with immigration officers on campus and learn about the specific roles and limitations of Campus Police in immigration enforcement activities. The training will be conducted by Yesenia Z. Carrillo, Associate with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore. To register for the training sessions, please refer to Dr. Pilar Huffman, director of Professional Development, **December 3, 2024** email.

This week, we met with the [Coalition for Humane Immigrants Rights](#) (CHIRLA) to discuss current and additional services for our students. We will finalize some recommendations from the meeting, and their revised Memorandum of Understanding will be presented to the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees for review and approval on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024**. Additionally, CHIRLA will provide free immigration services to students on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024**, in the Financial Aid Office (Room 170). Students can book appointments via the [Legal Services Appointment Portal](#). Please share this information with students.

In future [President/CEO Messages](#), I will share more information on Compton College's Immigration Policy Response and CHIRLA immigration services. Thank you to everyone who has provided creative input; we truly appreciate all the recommendations.

Annual Compton College Employee Holiday Celebration

Join us on **Tuesday, December 10, 2024**, from Noon – 2:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room for our Holiday Celebration! Enjoy sweet treats, an opportunity drawing, and team connections through conversation and games. All full-time faculty, classified professionals, and managers are invited. Arrive early and wear your most festive, outrageous, or ugly holiday gear!

New Printers and Copiers Deployment

We are pleased to announce that Compton College will be upgrading its printing and copying equipment. The current Xerox fleet will be replaced with new Sharp devices. The Information Technology Department will coordinate the deployment and installation of the new units, which will begin after the fall semester and continue through the winter term. We will work closely with the vendor to minimize disruptions and ensure a smooth transition for all users. Further details regarding functionality and training will be provided as they become available. The official deployment schedule will be emailed to the campus by Mike Tu, Chief Technology Officer.

Farmers' Market Holiday Closures

The Compton College Farmers' Market will be closed on **December 25, 2024, and January 1, 2025**. They will reopen on **Wednesday, January 8, 2025**.

December 10, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting

On **Tuesday, December 10, 2024**, the Board of Trustees will meet in Room 212 in the Student Services Building. 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>.

December 17, 2024, Annual Organizational Meeting

The Compton Community College District Board of Trustees will hold its annual organizational meeting on **December 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** in the Student Services Building, Room 212, as prescribed by Education Code

Section 72000. The agenda includes the election of officers, setting meeting dates for 2025, and appointing representatives to various organizations. The agenda will be available 72 hours in advance.

New Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges Standards

In June 2024, the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) released new [Standards](#). The [ACCJC Accreditation Handbook](#) offers detailed information and rubrics for institutional alignment and transformation. The [Accreditation Steering Committee](#) is reviewing these Standards and discussing ways to inform the campus community. Committees, departments, programs, and individuals should review the new Standards and the rubrics in Appendix D of the [Accreditation Handbook](#) to identify relevant standards. The Board of Trustees will review the ACCJC Standards at their summer 2025 organizational meeting.

Input Needed for 2025 Compton College and Compton Community College District Legislative Priorities

I value the insights and perspectives of Compton College employees as we shape our legislative priorities for 2025. Your awareness of current and proposed legislation is crucial in understanding its impact on our District, including our employees, students, and campus. I invite you to share your thoughts through a [survey](#) on the issues that matter most to you and how our elected officials can best support our community. Your feedback will help guide our advocacy efforts at both the state and federal levels. Click [here](#) to access the online survey.

Final Thoughts

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) has released its [Fiscal Outlook](#) for the 2025-2026 State Budget, highlighting a generally positive outlook with increased Proposition 98 funding for schools and community colleges. The report indicates that there will be sufficient funding to cover an estimated 2.46% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and support an additional \$2.8 billion in new commitments. Additionally, a significant deposit into the Proposition 98 Reserve is expected due to increased capital gains revenue. The outlook also includes one-time funding for various projects within the California Community Colleges system, providing additional financial support for specific initiatives. However, the LAO also cautions about potential deficits in future years. For more detailed information, you can refer to the [full report online](#). As always, we will continue to monitor the California state budget and will provide updates in future [President/CEO Messages](#).

In fall 2021, Institutional Effectiveness introduced a survey to gather input from employees about classes that students are interested in but are not currently offered at Compton College for a specific term. You can access the survey [here](#). Please take a moment to complete it and request any classes that students may need but are not available at Compton College for the upcoming term.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to Compton College. Together, we are making a significant impact on our students' lives and the broader community. Please stay safe and enjoy the upcoming holiday season.

Sincerely,

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