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Campus Community,

We are now in April, and the semester is moving very fast. I want to share some exciting opportunities and important reminders that align with our commitment to equity and community engagement.

First, I encourage all our faculty and staff to take advantage of the professional development programs available to us. These opportunities not only enhance our skills but also empower us to better support our students. I would like to highlight our Professional Development program in particular. You can find the schedule of spring 2025 activities [here](#).

Next, I want to emphasize the importance of community involvement. Our students have the potential to make a significant impact in their communities. One way to get involved is through the [Associated Student Government](#) (ASG) elections. All Compton College students are members of the ASG, and their governing group, the ASG Student Council, plays an important role in determining how student activity fees will be used to coordinate college activities and represent student views on relevant issues. Applications are accepted online through **April 24, 2025**, and the election will take place on **May 1, 2025**, and **May 2, 2025**. I encourage all students to participate and cast their votes. For more information about ASG or the election, please visit the [ASG webpage](#) or stop by the Office of Student Development in R-61, located next to the Bookstore.

To view some of our students' amazing achievements, I invite you to visit our [Student Success webpage](#). Let's continue to support and inspire each other as we strive for excellence.

Today's President/CEO Message includes an update on Compton College's spring athletics program, summer registration information, and more.

### **Spring 2025 Enrollment Update**

As of **Monday, March 31, 2025**, Compton College has generated 1,585 FTES for the Spring 2025 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 69%, and 11,239 seats are filled.

### **Summer Registration**

Summer registration opens on **Monday, April 15, 2025**. Current Compton College students and cccApply applicants will be emailed a reminder next week so they can prepare to register online or stop by the Welcome Center for assistance. The online searchable and PDF versions of the Summer 2025 Schedule of Classes are now available online at [www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/ClassSchedule](http://www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/ClassSchedule).

### **Upcoming Holidays**

- **April 12-18** – Spring Break: no classes, campus is open\*
- **\*Friday, April 18** – Local Holiday: campus closed

Please note that when the campus is open and there is no instruction, these days are considered scheduled workdays for Managers/Supervisors and Classified Professionals.

### **Mobile Food Pantry – Spring 2025 Dates**

In partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Compton College continues to host a monthly Mobile Food Pantry on the second Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Lot F, off Greenleaf Boulevard. Drive-through and walk-up welcome; open to the public. The remaining Spring 2025 dates are **April 8, 2025; May 13, 2025; and June 10, 2025**. Mark your calendars and share this opportunity with friends and family who could benefit from 25-40 pounds of free, healthy food. Click [here](#) for the Spring 2025 flyer.

## Compton College Athletics Spring 2025 Update

- **Women's Badminton** – Coach Jose Garcia, Assistant Coach Luis Montoya, and our team are nearing the end of the season with an overall record of 2-5. They celebrated an 11-10 victory over El Camino on **April 2, 2025**. The decisive moments came in the No. 1 doubles and No. 4 singles matches, both of which Compton won in three sets.
- **Men's Baseball** – Head Coach Shannon Williams and the team are battling through the 40-game baseball season with an overall record of 7-21 and a South Coast Conference record of 4-9. A highly anticipated rivalry game against El Camino is coming up this week. Top sluggers Deegan Grgas and Nathan Dodero are leading the charge for Compton College.
- **Women's Softball** – Head Coach Victoria Castillo and the team are two-thirds of the way through a competitive schedule, holding an overall record of 9-16-2 and an SCC Conference record of 7-9. Sophomores Serena Velez, Audrey Garcia, and Evelyn del Campo are standout performers.
- **Men's and Women's Track and Field** – Head Coach David Austin and the team are showing strong performances across over 10 events this year. Upcoming competitions include the UC San Diego and Cerritos Invites over the next two weekends.

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

## Interim Director of Admissions and Records

We are pleased to announce that Brian Dean has been appointed as the interim director of Admissions and Records, effective **Monday, April 7, 2025**. Please join me in congratulating Brian Dean on this appointment. I have asked Human Resources to announce the interim Associate Registrar position to fill the vacancy left by Brian's current position.

## Reallocation of Enrollment Management Funds

The original list of approved proposals for the 2024-2025 academic year was shared in the [President/CEO Message on December 13, 2024](#). Due to savings in the Educational Partnerships Department for Student Ambassadors, \$10,000 will now be repurposed to support our upcoming [Open House event on Saturday, April 26](#). This reallocation will help enhance the event and provide a better experience for prospective students and their families.

## Reminder: Nominations Due for Distinguished Awards

Compton College is committed to recognizing and honoring our distinguished administrators, faculty, staff, outstanding adjuncts, and recipients of the Civility Champion Award. ***Please submit your nominations to Human Resources by April 21, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.***

### Award Categories:

- **Administrator/Supervisor:** Demonstrates commitment to academic excellence, professionalism, and outstanding service.
- **Full-Time Faculty:** Shows the highest level of commitment to students, the college, and the profession.
- **Staff Member:** Exemplifies commitment to academic excellence, professionalism, and outstanding service.
- **Adjunct Faculty:** Demonstrates the highest level of commitment to students and teaching.
- **Civility Champions:** One student, one faculty, one staff, and one administrator who embody Compton College's statement of civility and mutual respect.

Honorees will be recognized at the Compton Community College District Board meeting on **May 19, 2025**. For more details and the nomination form, please refer to the email sent by Human Resources on **March 28, 2025**.

## Final Thoughts

This week, I attended the “Celebrating & Accelerating Attainment 2025 & Beyond” conference in Washington, D.C., alongside numerous national educational and philanthropic leaders. The celebration was connected to the Lumina Foundation’s 2008 national goal to have **60%** of working-age adults earn college degrees, certificates, or industry-recognized certifications by 2025. Since then, the proportion of adults aged 25 to 64 with educational attainment after high school has increased from **38% to 55%**. Additionally, the conference focused on the new goal of the Lumina Foundation. By 2040, **75%** of adults in the U.S. labor force will have college degrees or other credentials of value leading to economic prosperity. This goal was included in the Lumina Foundation's Strategic Plan, released in **March 2025**, and is available [here](#).

While attending this conference, I had conversations with numerous foundations about [Compton College 2035](#) and our singular goal: to accelerate student completion while advancing equity and success. There was a lot of discussion about federal policy and many of the Presidential Executive Orders, and how they will shape the direction of higher education over the next couple of years. Over the next few weeks, I will schedule follow-up meetings with many of the foundations to explore opportunities for partnership on the objectives outlined in Compton College 2035.

Now, on to some good news, but also some bad news. This week, I authorized moving forward with awarding the facilities construction bids for the Physical Education Complex and the Visual and Performing Arts Project, pending approval by the Compton CCD Board of Trustees at their meeting on **April 21, 2025**. The bad news is that both bids came in much higher than the budgeted amount. Therefore, we will be making adjustments to the [2014 Measure C](#) and the proposed 2024 Measure CC budgets. If we wait or rebid the projects, we anticipate that both projects, which include state funding, will face increased costs due to inflation, tariffs, and the impact of the Los Angeles fires. We will be making budget adjustments to cover the additional costs for both of these projects. As we make these adjustments, we will share them with the [Facilities Committee](#), the [Planning and Budget Committee](#), and the [Consultative Council](#). The plan is to revise the 2014 Measure C Bond Fund budget and provide it to the Board of Trustees for their review and approval at the **April 21, 2025**, meeting.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work. Have a wonderful weekend!

Sincerely,

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Compton College