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Campus Community,

Spring break begins next week, marking the midpoint of the semester. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be attending many year-end events to celebrate our students' numerous accomplishments. A friendly reminder that **April 12-18, 2025**, is Spring Break and no classes will be held, although the campus will remain open. Please note that during this time, when the campus is open but there is no instruction, these days are considered scheduled workdays for managers and supervisors and Classified Professionals. Additionally, on **Friday, April 18, 2025**, the campus will be closed for a local holiday.

In the [President/CEO Message – March 28, 2025](#), I highlighted the many year-end events, which are also available [here](#). Additionally, the 2025 Compton College Commencement Ceremony is scheduled for **Friday, June 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Dignity Health Sports Complex in the Tennis Stadium. As always, I look forward to commencement, where I can share this special moment with our graduates and their families.

Today's President/CEO Message includes summer registration information, the Black Student Success Week schedule, the new location for Board of Trustees meetings, and more.

### **Spring 2025 Enrollment Update**

As of *yesterday, April 10, 2025*, Compton College has generated 1,591 FTES for the Spring 2025 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 70%, and 11,292 seats are filled.

### **New Enrollment Snapshot Schedule**

Commencing with Spring Break on **April 14, 2025**, the Enrollment Snapshot distributed by Academic Affairs Analyst Nelson Shiota will follow a new timeline. For the fall and spring semesters, the first snapshot will begin on the **Thursday** following priority registration. It will continue weekly until two weeks prior to the start of the semester. Starting two weeks before the semester begins, enrollment snapshots will be sent out on **Mondays and Thursdays** through the "main term census," which is the third week of the semester. After this period, the snapshots will revert to a weekly distribution every **Thursday**, continuing until the final census of the second 8-week term.

For winter and summer intersessions, the first snapshot will begin on the **Thursday** of the week that registration opens. These snapshots will continue weekly until two weeks prior to the start of the intersession. Starting two weeks before the intersession begins, enrollment snapshots will be sent out on **Mondays and Thursdays** through the "main term census." For the winter intersession, the main term census will mark the final snapshot. For the summer intersession, snapshots will revert to a weekly distribution every **Thursday**, continuing until the final census of the summer intersession.

### **Summer Registration**

Summer registration starts on **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**. The Summer 2025 Schedule of Classes, which can be searched and downloaded in PDF format, is now available online at [www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/ClassSchedule](http://www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/ClassSchedule).

### **2025 Black Student Success Week**

Compton College, along with other California Community Colleges, will celebrate [Black Student Success Week](#) from **April 21 to 25, 2025**. This year's theme is **Lift Up, Level Up: The Rise of Black Serving Institutions**. The 2025 Black Student Success Week will highlight our efforts to support and ensure the success of underserved students, including but not limited to Black and African American students in community colleges and beyond. The week's activities will be held virtually and include the following:

- Daily webinars hosted from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., called The Black Hour
- Daily small group discussion forums from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., called The After Party
- A virtual advocacy day on **Thursday, April 24, 2025**, called The BlackOut
- Daily student-centered webinars, hosted from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and called The Student Hour, will be held from **April 21, 2025, through April 24, 2025**.
- An in-person closing party, titled The Sneaker Ball (*new*), will be held at regional host sites on **Friday, April 25, 2025**, in our area at Long Beach City College.

The daily webinars will be held via Zoom and live-streamed on YouTube. **Webinar Registration is Now Open.** To view webinar descriptions and register, click on a webinar title below or visit [blkstudentsuccess.com](http://blkstudentsuccess.com).

- **Monday, April 21** - [The Rise of Black Serving Institution \(BSI\)](#)
- **Tuesday, April 22** - [Black Servingness: Maintaining Our Voice and Action](#)
- **Wednesday, April 23** - [Power Moves: Equipping Black Talent for Tomorrow's Workforce](#)
- **Thursday, April 24** - [Putting the AFRICAN in African American Student Success](#)
- **Friday, April 25** - [Live from the Front Lines of Black Student Success: Accounts from Practitioners and Executive Leadership](#)

In addition, registration is now open for **The Student Hour**, scheduled for **Monday, April 21**, through **Thursday, April 24, 2025**, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Please encourage students to [REGISTER HERE](#) for **The Student Hour** webinars.

### Compton College Wins National Gold Award

Congratulations to the Community Relations team led by Heather Parnock, director of community relations, for securing a first-place award from the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR). Compton College won the [prestigious gold Paragon Award in the Communication Success Story category](#), which recognizes our efforts in coordinating the surprise guest appearance of Kendrick Lamar at the 2024 Compton College Commencement celebration. Kendrick Lamar's sincere and motivating speech quickly went viral, launching Compton College into the worldwide spotlight. The [2024 Paragon Awards](#) drew 1,570 entries from 205 colleges across the country and was judged by 59 professionals from the marketing and public relations industry. NCMPR is the only national competition of its kind that honors excellence exclusively among marketing and public relations professionals at two-year colleges. We remain grateful to Kendrick Lamar for taking the time to speak to our students and making a lasting impact on everyone who attended our commencement celebration.

### 2024 IPEDS Data Feedback Report for Compton College

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has released the [2024 IPEDS Data Feedback Report for Compton College](#). The report contains data Compton College provided to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) in the 2023-2024 collection year. Compton College's data are displayed alongside data from a comparison group of institutions. All Title IV institutions are required to submit data to IPEDS in a timely and accurate manner. IPEDS data are used to satisfy several statutory requirements. This data is publicly available in many ways:

- Much of the data appears on College Navigator (<https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>), the U.S. Department of Education's college search site that receives over one million visits per month;
- The recently updated College Scorecard (<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>) utilizes several IPEDS data measures along with other federal agency data to help students, parents, and guardians make smart college-choice decisions based on costs, value, and quality;
- The retention, transfer, graduation rate, and price data are displayed in the FAFSA online (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>) when students are applying for financial aid; • The

average net price and tuition and fees data are used for the lists presented in the College Affordability and Transparency Center (<https://collegecost.ed.gov/affordability>) and

- The data are publicly available for download from the IPEDS website (<https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/use-the-data/>). Institutions use them for benchmarking as well as by policymakers and reporters for addressing various higher education questions and public concerns.

When you have a moment, please review the [2024 IPEDS Data Feedback Report for Compton College](#).

### Grand Opening Celebration

A grand opening ceremony will take place on **Monday, April 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building lobby. Although Human Resources, Administrative Services, Community Relations, and the President/CEO Office have already been operating out of the building, a ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held with the Board of Trustees. Compton College employees are invited to enjoy light refreshments and take guided tours of the new offices.

### Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

On **Monday, April 21, 2025**, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Board Room in the Administration 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>.

### Final Thoughts

In the [President/CEO Message - March 21, 2025](#), I provided an update on the development of the 2025-2026 Compton Community College District Budget. In my update, I mentioned that as we develop the 2025-2026 Budget and the Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan, we are reviewing every object code in the budget, asking departments and programs about their expenditures, and requesting managers and supervisors to stay within their allocated budgets. Transparency is key, and we are committed to asking the necessary questions. Due to future fiscal uncertainties, I am currently making the following recommendations as we prepare for the next couple of years:

1. **Low-enrolled athletic sports will be suspended for the next two years.** Funding for the suspended athletic sports will be reallocated to another athletic sports budget within the athletic department. The official announcement of which athletic sports will be suspended will be made before **May 1, 2025**.
2. **Reducing the unrestricted part-time casual/temporary classified budgets over the next three years.** Working with the managers and supervisors, we will develop a plan to reduce the part-time casual/temporary classified budgets, and the reductions will be priorities that have the least impact on students. The goal is to have the plan developed and finalized by **June 2, 2025**.
3. **Reducing the unrestricted contracts services and operating expenses budgets over the next three years.** Working with the managers and supervisors, we will develop a plan to reduce the contract services and operating expenses budget. These reductions will also be prioritized based on their impact on students. The goal is to have the plan developed and finalized by **June 2, 2025**.

In the [President/ CEO Message – October 4, 2024](#), I shared the [Compton CCD State General Apportionment Memo](#), which clarified the protection of our Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) and summarized the benefits received. Please note that our state revenues were not impacted due to our legislative advocacy. The 2022 California State Budget Act includes a "**funding floor**" based on our 2017-2018 FTES of 5,980, ensuring stable funding through 2026-2027, although we do not anticipate cumulative COLA during that year. This **funding floor** is significant as it guarantees that our funding will not be less than the hold-harmless funding from 2024-2025 through 2026-2027. The proposed reductions are being developed with the anticipation that Compton CCD will not receive COLA during the 2026-2027 year from the state of California. We will present the proposed reduction plans to the [Planning and Budget Committee](#) and [Consultative Council](#) for creative input

on the recommendations. Finally, the details of the above recommendations will be shared with the campus community in future [President/CEO Messages](#).

As a reminder, in the [President/CEO Message – June 6, 2024](#), I mentioned that Compton College students and employees may continue to pick up one free meal daily from the Everytable Cafeteria with their Compton College ID through **June 30, 2025**. By **May 1, 2025**, a decision will be made and communicated to the campus community regarding whether employees will be able to continue to participate in the one-free meal program. Student participation in the one-free meal program will continue through **June 30, 2026**.

In closing, have a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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