

**From:** Keith Curry <kcurry@compton.edu>  
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Campus Community,

*Yesterday, May 8, 2025*, I had the pleasure of dressing like a cowboy and participating in the EOPS/CARE/NextUp Spring 2025 Banquet. It was an amazing experience celebrating with our students, their families, and friends. Special thanks to the EOPS/CARE/NextUp faculty and staff for their unwavering support of our students and their success. The students were incredibly appreciative. As I reflected on the last 18 years of hosting this event, I couldn't help but recall the fall of 2005, when I first arrived at Compton College and worked with the EOPS/CARE staff to address audit recommendations from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. We have come a long way, thanks to everyone's commitment to serving our students.

I also wanted to share a copy of one of the student speeches from last evening. The speech was delivered by Shante Mumford, the Associated Student Government Vice President and an EOPS/CARE/NextUp graduate who will be graduating with seven degrees and two certificates. You can find the speech [here](#).

Today's President/CEO Message includes reminders about the upcoming student and campuswide forums, important information about on-campus public spaces, and more.

### **Enrollment Update as of May 8, 2025**

- 335 FTES for the **Summer 2025** term. 2,689 (49%) of the available Summer seats are currently filled.
- 265 FTES for the **Fall 2025** term. Our fill rate for Fall is 10% with 1,605 seats filled.

Summer 2025 registration is currently 17% ahead on FTES and 24% ahead on headcount compared to last year's equivalent day. Thirty-two of the 175 available summer sections are full and have started waitlists.

Fall 2025 open registration started on Tuesday. Enrollment counts at this early point in the term are equivalent to last year's performance.

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

Please remind students about the upcoming in-person forum with me on ***May 14, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in Allied Health Building, Room 119***. This is a valuable opportunity for them to share their experiences, discuss plans, and get answers to their questions directly from me. Please encourage them to attend and make the most of this unique chance for engagement.

### **Compton College Campuswide Forum**

I am hosting a virtual forum on ***Tuesday, May 20, 2025***, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. The focus will be on enrollment, accreditation, Commencement, the 2025-2026 Compton Community College District Budget, AI, and Compton College 2035. To participate, please use this link to register in advance: [Compton College Campuswide Forum Online Registration](#).

### **Important Reminder: Understanding Your Rights in Campus Spaces**

As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure a safe and informed campus environment, we would like to remind you of the distinctions between different campus spaces and your rights regarding access and privacy.

#### Classroom vs Office Space

- **Classroom:** Reserved for educational activities, accessible to enrolled students, faculty, and authorized staff.
- **Office Space:** Used for administrative purposes, accessible only to authorized personnel such as faculty, staff, and specific visitors.

#### Authorized Personnel vs Public Space

- **Authorized Personnel:** Includes faculty, staff, and registered students who have specific permissions to access certain areas.
- **Public Space:** Open to the general public, including lobbies, hallways, restrooms, dining areas, and outdoor spaces.

#### Access by ICE Agents

- **Public Spaces:** ICE agents can enter public areas without special permission.
- **Private Spaces:** ICE agents require a valid judicial search or arrest warrant to access private or non-public areas, including classrooms and office spaces.

**Reminder to follow [Administrative Regulation 3415 – Immigration Enforcement Activities](#):** Faculty and staff should notify the Office of the President/CEO or Campus Police immediately if an ICE agent is on campus. Any warrants, court orders, or subpoenas should be verified by the designated administrator or legal counsel before compliance. In cases of exigent circumstances, immediate compliance may be required, but Campus Police should be contacted as soon as possible. If you observe any suspicious activity or have concerns, please report them immediately to the Compton College Police Department, located at the Artesia entrance to campus, or call 310-900-1600, ext. 2790.

**Know Your Rights Red Cards:** 'Know Your Rights' Red Cards are available for pickup at the Community Relations Office, located in the Administration Building, Room 112. These cards provide important information on immigration rights and are available in both English and Spanish.

Please ensure you are familiar with these distinctions and your rights within these spaces. If you have any questions or need further clarification, do not hesitate to contact Campus Police. Similar information was emailed to all Compton College students this morning.

#### **Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting**

On **Monday, May 19, 2025**, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Board Room located 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>.

#### **President/CEO Closing the Loop**

My responses to the [Academic Senate](#) – Summary of Decisions made at the **April 3, 2025**, meeting are available [here](#).

## **Final Thoughts**

Last week, the Compton community mourned the loss of Eugene Bennett, the beloved owner of the Grocery Outlet in Compton, who passed on ***April 29, 2025***. Many of you may know that Communication Professor Liza Rios and the Compton College Support Network partnered with Eugene to provide food and supplies for our food pantry. Eugene was a steadfast supporter of the Compton College Food Pantry, and numerous events were held on our campus. He will be deeply missed. Eugene Bennett's memorial services will be held on ***Tuesday, May 13, 2025***, at 2408 North Wilmington Avenue, Compton, CA 90222, with the viewing scheduled for 9:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m., and services beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Please enjoy your weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.

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President/CEO

Compton College