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Campus Community,

Wow, we are inching closer and closer to the end of the spring 2025 semester, and I know we are all counting down the days to the 2025 Commencement Ceremony. As the countdown continues, I am hoping we all take some time to reflect on the amazing work we are doing in support of student success. I was looking at the tentative numbers of degree and certificate recipients, including our dual-enrollment students from our local high schools. It is amazing to see so many students from this community completing their educational goals at Compton College.

In 2021 and 2022, Compton College implemented a ***Zoom-Free Day***—a designated workday without meetings—to provide employees with uninterrupted time to focus on individual tasks and responsibilities. This initiative was well-received and aligned with a recommendation from the Academic Senate.

We are now considering reintroducing a ***Zoom-Free Day*** before the end of the fiscal year. On this day, employees would report to work as usual and classes would continue as scheduled; however, no meetings would be held. The goal is to provide a brief reprieve from the demands of virtual meetings and allow time for reflection, planning, and productivity.

The [Consultative Council](#) will be asked to select a date, and we will notify the campus community once it is finalized.

Today's President/CEO Message includes summer and fall enrollment information, one last reminder about Tuesday's Campuswide Forum, the 2025-2026 ASG election results, a joint analysis of Governor Newsom's May Revise Budget Proposal, and more.

Enrollment Update as of May 15, 2025

- 387 FTES for the **Summer 2025** term. 3,131 (56%) of the available summer seats are currently filled.
- 390 FTES for the **Fall 2025** semester. Our fill rate for Fall is 14% with 2,412 seats filled.

Summer 2025 registration is off to a strong start, currently tracking 11% ahead in FTES and 14% ahead in headcount compared to the same time last year. Over half of the available seats are already filled, with 42 out of 176 sections at full capacity and waitlists underway.

Fall 2025 registration is also showing growth, with FTES up 4% and headcount up 14% year-over-year. Already, 14% of the 16,757 available seats have been claimed, and 5 of the 559 sections are full and waitlisted.

We encourage you to remind students to:

- Review the [class schedules available on the Compton College website](#)
- Please register early to secure their preferred courses
- Meet with an academic advisor to align their course selections with their educational and career goals

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students stay on track and make the most of their academic journey.

Compton College Associated Student Government Election Results

Compton College students cast their votes in the [Associated Student Government](#) (ASG) elections held on **May 1–2, 2025**. We're pleased to announce the newly elected student leaders:

- President: Breale Johnson

- Vice President: Jasmine Stokes
- Commissioner of Athletics: Sadiq Boldenq
- Student Trustee: Cynthia Mims

Several ASG positions remain open, including:

- Commissioner of Activities
- Commissioner of Classes & Curriculum
- Commissioner of Clubs & Organizations
- Commissioner of Environment
- Commissioner of Financial Aid
- Commissioner of Public Relations
- ASG Ambassador

Students interested in leadership opportunities are encouraged to apply for the open positions and help shape the student experience at Compton College. Stop by the Student Development Office in R-61 (next to the Bookstore) for more information.

2025–2026 Governor's May Revision Budget Proposal

This week, California Governor Gavin Newsom released the May Revision proposal for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The revised budget addresses a projected \$12 billion deficit through program reductions, fund shifts, and borrowing.

For community colleges, the proposal maintains core funding and supports workforce development, with overall funding levels remaining steady. Key highlights include:

- 2.3% COLA for apportionments and additional funding for categorical programs
- \$139.9 million to support 2.35% enrollment growth
- Reductions to previously proposed one-time investments in technology and workforce initiatives
- \$68.5 million in capital outlay funding for 30 projects, including life-safety improvements

For full details, please refer to the official [2025–2026 Joint Analysis of the Governor's May Revision](#), prepared by the Chancellor's Office in partnership with the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), the Association of Chief Business Officials (ACBO), and the Community College League of California. For additional budget updates and resources, visit the [CCCCO's Budget News Page](#). In the coming week, I will be working on a letter to our statewide elected officials regarding the May Revise and our support of the Governor's May Revise Budget Proposal.

Finally, we will review the Governor's May Revision Proposal and make any necessary updates to the 2025-2026 Compton Community College District Tentative Budget before submitting it to the Board of Trustees at their **June 16, 2025**, meeting.

Help Shape Professional Learning at Compton College!

As part of our 2025–2026 planning, the Professional Development Department is aligning its efforts with the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#) and will prioritize the following strategic focus areas:

- Teaching and learning
- Integration of AI in academic, student support services, and operational areas
- Improved customer service and de-escalation strategies for frontline employees
- Targeted support for the success and retention of Black and male students of color
- Building community and connection among faculty, classified professionals, and managers
- Offering PD that is inclusive, practical, flexible, and impactful

We invite all employees to complete the 2025 Professional Development Needs Assessment. Your feedback is essential to ensuring that professional learning opportunities meet your needs and support student success. Please refer to the email sent from Dr. Pilar Huffman on **Thursday, May 15, 2025**, for more details and the links to complete the 2025 Professional Development Needs Assessment. Thank you for contributing to a culture of growth and excellence at Compton College!

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

On **Monday, May 19, 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>

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](#).

President/CEO Closing the Loop

My responses to the [Academic Senate](#) – Summary of Decisions made at the **May 1, 2025**, meeting are available [here](#).

Final Thoughts

Please have a wonderful weekend, and hopefully, you will be able to attend the many [year-end events](#) to support our students. I want to remind everyone that our campus event calendar has all the events and activities that are occurring at Compton College. In closing, please make sure to [register for the Compton College Campuswide Forum, scheduled for May 20, 2025](#).

Sincerely,

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