

President/CEO Message - October 9, 2026

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Campus Community,

On Monday afternoon, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Sheri Berger launched a campuswide presentation series on the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) at the Managers and Supervisors meeting. Dr. Berger and I presented the information to the Consultative Council, and she later presented it to the Guided Pathways Committee. Moving forward, we will present this information at upcoming meetings of the Planning and Budget Committee, Enrollment Management Committee, and Core Planning Committee. This outreach supports [Compton College's 2026–2028 Goal 1](#), Objective 1: setting enrollment management goals that support the Vision 2030 Goals, maximize the College's SCFF allocation, and align with the College's vision, mission, and goals. Building a shared understanding of the SCFF will help employees see how enrollment, student success, and our daily work directly affect institutional funding. [The presentation is available online.](#)

As I have mentioned in previous [President/CEO Messages](#) and as noted in the SCFF presentation (slide 8), Compton College's Total Computational Revenue has increased by 45%, or \$15.8 million, since 2017–2018. As former Chancellor of the California Community Colleges Eloy Ortiz Oakley said during a **November 2018** Chancellor's Office Listening Tour town hall at Compton College, the SCFF was developed for colleges like Compton—and he was *absolutely correct*.

Please mark your calendars, as we have scheduled the grand opening ceremonies for the following facilities construction projects: Visual and Performing Arts Complex – **February 19, 2027**, at 3:00 p.m.; Physical Education Complex – **Friday, May 21, 2027**, at 3:00 p.m.; and the Student Housing – **Thursday, July 29, 2027**, at 3:00 p.m. If we need to change the grand opening ceremony dates, we will communicate that in a future [President/CEO Message](#).

Today's President/CEO Message includes fall enrollment and late-start class updates, Winter 2027 registration information, Compton College's recognition as a 2026 Pathway Champion, a campus construction notice, the new Compton College Student Housing webpage, the upcoming Board of Trustees meeting, and responses to recent Academic Senate decisions.

Compton College Fall 2026 Enrollment Update

As of **October 8, 2026**, Compton College has generated 1,829 full-time equivalent students (FTES) for fall 2026 (4.3% more than this time last year). Currently, 13,536 seats are filled, representing 73% of available seats. Fall headcount is 6,922 students, up 16% from the same time last year.

Seventy-one late-start sections remain open. Students may register online through MyCompton until the night before class begins. Add and drop deadlines vary by class start date and are listed in the [Fall 2026 Short-Term Calendar](#). Please continue encouraging students to enroll in the late-start session beginning **Saturday, October 17, 2026**.

Winter 2027 Registration Opens October 20, 2026

Compton College students are encouraged to take advantage of the five-week Winter 2027 term to stay on track with their educational goals. Registration opens **Tuesday, October 20, 2026**, and the class schedule is now available online at www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/ClassSchedule. Winter intersession is a great opportunity to complete one class quickly and maintain momentum toward graduation.

Students should review their account balances as soon as possible. Holds will be placed on accounts with an outstanding balance of more than \$200, and students with a hold will not be able to register for Winter 2027 classes. Information about fees, account holds, and nonpayment drops is available on the [Holds and Fee Payment webpage](#).

Compton College Named a 2026 Pathway Champion

I am proud to share that the Campaign for College Opportunity has named Compton College a [2026 Pathway Champion of Placement](#) for our growth in transfer-level English success. This statewide recognition honors colleges that have made significant gains in student completion and advanced equitable pathways to student success. Our progress reflects the collective work of our English faculty, counselors, classified professionals, managers, administrators, and Institutional Effectiveness team to identify barriers, connect students with support, and help them complete transfer-level English during their first year. Thank you to everyone whose collaboration and commitment made this recognition possible.

The College will be recognized during the Campaign for College Opportunity's virtual Pathway Champions celebration on **Thursday, October 22, 2026**, at 11:00 a.m., in conjunction with [National Transfer Student Week](#). I will provide remarks focused on the importance of student completion, Compton College's implementation of [Assembly Bill 705](#) and [Assembly Bill 1705](#), and the campuswide collaboration that has supported this work.

Campuswide Construction Update

Beginning **today, October 9, 2026**, the south entrance of the Math/Science Building will be closed for several weeks while the contractor, KYA, removes and replaces concrete and bollards along the walkway from the south atrium door to the ADA ramp. Temporary construction fencing will block the area, and no one will be able to enter, exit, or pass through the south atrium door. For accessible entry from Parking Lot A, please follow the pathway along the west side of the Math/Science Building to the ADA-accessible doors on the north side of the atrium. Students, employees, and visitors are asked to follow posted signs and use caution near the work area. Thank you for your patience as we continue improving and beautifying the campus.

New Compton College Student Housing Webpage

Compton College Student Housing is coming soon. A new [Compton College Student Housing webpage](#) is now available with preliminary information about affordable on-campus living, anticipated applications in early spring 2027, and a [Student Housing Interest Form](#). Please share the webpage with students who would like to receive future updates. Completing the interest form does not guarantee housing placement. Questions may be sent to housing@compton.edu.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

The Compton Community College District Board of Trustees will meet on **Monday, October 12, 2026**, in the Board Room in the Administration Building. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by the open session at 6:00 p.m. Regular session meetings are open to the public, and agendas are posted on the [BoardDocs website](#) at least 72 hours in advance.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

My responses to the Academic Senate Summary of Decisions are available for the **September 17, 2026**, and **October 1, 2026** meetings.

- In the [President/CEO Response to Academic Senate – Summary of Decisions made at the September 17, 2026 meeting](#), I accepted the curriculum items and most policy and regulation recommendations as presented. I will forward the Academic Senate's Kahoot recommendation to the Distance Education Department for consideration through the 2027–2028 annual planning

process. Board Policy 4300 – Field Trips and Excursions was accepted with modifications to retain the legally required Community College League of California template language.

- In the [President/CEO Response to Academic Senate – Summary of Decisions made at the October 1, 2026 meeting](#), I accepted the curriculum items as presented. I also accepted the Compton College 2035 Economic Value Model, with a modification affirming Compton College’s commitment as both a California Black-Serving Institution and Hispanic-Serving Institution, placing equitable access, completion, and economic mobility at the center of this work while advancing success for all students. The finalized Economic Value Model will be presented to the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees at its **October 12, 2026** meeting.

Final Thoughts

Last night, we celebrated Compton College’s newly tenured faculty members and faculty recognized for their years of service to the Compton Community College District. To our newly tenured faculty: congratulations. We are proud of you, grateful that you chose Compton College, and excited to see the many ways you will continue helping our students succeed. To our faculty service honorees, thank you for your continued dedication to our students, College, and community. Please view the [2026 Faculty Tenure Dinner Program](#) for the complete list of honorees.

In closing, maintaining a welcoming and well-kept campus remains a priority for our students and the community we serve. In addition to the new facilities funded through the [Compton CCD 2014 Measure C](#) and [2024 Measure CC](#) bond programs, we are committed to addressing repairs across campus. If you notice something that is broken or needs attention, please submit a facilities work order (via MyCompton) so the issue can be addressed promptly. Thank you for helping us keep Compton College safe, functional, and welcoming.

Sincerely,

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