

President/CEO Message - October 23, 2026

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Campus Community,

Happy Friday! Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall 2026 Hiring Fair, hosted at Compton College this week in partnership with the Rancho Dominguez America's Job Center of California and Goodwill. The Hiring Fair brought together 256 community members, 74 Compton College students, and more than 37 employers. Hosting and partnering on job fairs will remain a priority because employment is a critical component of the Compton College 2035 Economic Value Model. To support these efforts, please remind students to activate and use [Handshake](#), Compton College's digital job board for jobs, internships, career events, and resources. Faculty and staff are encouraged to share this resource with students and incorporate it into conversations about career goals, employment interests, and professional development. Students can sign in with their Compton College credentials by selecting "MyCompton Login" at [Handshake Login](#).

Please share the Handshake flyer <https://bit.ly/ComptonHandshake> with your students and encourage them to activate their accounts to explore the opportunities and career resources available through the platform. Staff and faculty may request a Handshake staff account by contacting Nicole Smith, Job Placement Specialist, at nsmith1@compton.edu.

Today's President/CEO Message includes an enrollment update, spring 2027 priority registration information, Halloween events, and more.

Compton College Fall 2026 Enrollment Update

As of **October 22, 2026**, Compton College has generated 1,821 full-time equivalent students (FTES) for fall 2026 (4% more than this time last year). Currently, 13,449 seats are filled, representing 73% of available seats (8.4% greater than this time last year). Fall headcount is 6,913 students, up 16% from the same time last year.

Spring 2027 Priority Registration Begins November 3, 2026

Priority registration for the Spring 2027 semester begins on **Tuesday, November 3, 2026**. The online searchable and PDF versions of the schedule of classes are available at www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/ClassSchedule. Students should meet with a counselor to discuss their educational plan and be prepared to register based on their appointment date and time.

Before registration opens, students should review their account balances and address any outstanding fees. Students with a balance of more than \$200 will have a hold placed on their account and cannot register for Spring 2027 classes until the hold is resolved. Additional information about fees, account holds, and drops for nonpayment is available on the [Fees and Holds Payment webpage](#).

2026 Halloween Décor Contest

Join us for the Professional Development Department's Halloween Décor Contest on **Wednesday, October 28, 2026**. Teams must register to participate, and office visits will begin at 10:00 a.m. Judging will focus on creativity and team spirit, with a special prize for the winning team. Everyone is encouraged to join in the fun!

To participate, [please sign up by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27](#). Only one submission is needed for each department.

Get Ready for Trunk or Treat!

Join the [Associated Student Government \(ASG\)](#) for a spooktacular Trunk or Treat celebration on **Wednesday, October 28, 2026**, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in front of the Gymnasium.

This celebration is open to the entire Compton College community, including students, employees, and families from the Child Development Center. Departments, divisions, and student clubs can help make the event a success in any of the following ways:

- Donating candy, treats or other goodies
- Decorating a booth or your vehicle's trunk and handing out candy and other goodies
- Volunteering to help with setup and candy distribution

Come in costume and show your Compton Coyote spirit while enjoying free candy and family-friendly Halloween fun!

[Sign up to donate, host a booth or decorated trunk, or volunteer.](#)

"Know Your Rights" Red Cards Available

As a reminder, "Know Your Rights" red cards are available while supplies last for employees who would like copies for their office or department. Employees may stop by the Community Relations Office in the Administration Building, Room 112, to pick up cards. Employees are also encouraged to review [Administrative Regulation 3415 – Immigration Enforcement Activities](#), which outlines District procedures related to immigration enforcement activities on campus.

President/CEO Student Forum

I will host an in-person President/CEO Student Forum on *Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 2:30 p.m.* in the Student Services Building, Room 212. This forum provides students with an opportunity to share their experiences, ask questions, and learn more about what is happening at Compton College. Please encourage students to attend and participate.

Final Thoughts

This week I attended the 2026 Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) [Leadership Congress in Chicago](#) with members of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees. The Congress focused on leading meaningful change while keeping the well-being of our students, employees, and communities at the center of our decisions. I look forward to bringing back ideas (*not too many*) that support our work to advance the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#) and strengthen opportunities for our students.

In closing, I am very impressed with our fall 2026 enrollment growth. These increases compared to prior years reflect your hard work and dedication to Compton College and our current and prospective students. As we continue implementing [Compton College 2035](#) and making investments aligned with the [California Community Colleges Student Centered Funding Formula](#), each of us plays a critical role in supporting student enrollment. Thank you for all you do to support our students and help them enroll.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.
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