President/CEO Message - November 6, 2026

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Campus Community,

Yesterday, ***November 5, 2026***, we held the 14th Annual High School Principals' Breakfast, which was well attended, and we shared information on the First-Year Experience Program, Student Basic Needs, the MESA/STEM Center, and a facilities update. I appreciate the Student Services Division's coordination of the event, with collaboration from various programs and departments. It was nice to welcome our high school partners to our campus, and it gave us another opportunity to strengthen our connections as we work together to support students' success. We also shared the link to the Compton College High School Report Cards with partnering principals; it includes enrollment and success data for regular-status students (i.e., those not participating in the dual enrollment program).

Compton College is beginning to plan its responses for two new statewide designation applications when they become available. I have been considering how this work connects to Compton College 2035, following the discussion in my President/CEO Message – October 2, 2026. In September 2026, Governor Newsom signed two bills into law establishing these California designations: Senate Bill 1255 (Reyes) - Postsecondary education: Designation of California Hispanic-Serving Institutions and Assembly Bill 2374 (Fong) - Postsecondary education: Designation of California Asian American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander–Serving Institutions.

Both of these bills were modeled after Senate Bill 1348, Postsecondary Education: Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions, which, as you know, Compton College achieved. My focus is on how we show in our application how we support these student populations, what supports will look like in the future, and how the two new designations integrate into our Guided Pathways Committee and the Completion By Design Framework. This week, I began reaching out to individuals on campus to ask for their perspective on how we support students as we work toward achieving this designation, when the application becomes available. If you have thoughts or recommendations for Compton College as we work toward these designations, please email them to kcurry@compton.edu.

This week's President/CEO Message includes curriculum priorities, next week's mobile food pantry, and important campuswide reminders.

Compton College Winter 2027 Enrollment Update

As of ***November 5, 2026***, Compton College has generated 222 FTES for Winter 2027, essentially the same as this time last year (221 FTES). Currently, 1,862 seats are filled, representing 53% of available seats. While enrollment remains approximately 5% below the same point last year, the gap has narrowed significantly in recent weeks, and current trends indicate Winter 2027 is on pace to match or exceed last year's totals by Census Day. Currently, 105 sections are scheduled, with 16 already full after just two weeks of registration activity. More than half of all available seats are already filled, with two months remaining before the term begins. Winter 2027 headcount is 1,364 students, slightly ahead of last year (+3%) and 20% higher than two years ago.

Reminder: Compton College students are encouraged to take advantage of the five-week Winter 2027 term to stay on track with their educational goals. The Winter 2027 class schedule is available online at www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/ClassSchedule.

The five-week winter intersession gives students a chance to complete a class quickly and keep making progress toward graduation.

Mobile Food Pantry Returns November 10, 2026

Need groceries, or know someone who does? Compton College partners with the Los Angeles County Food Bank to bring food to students and the surrounding community through our Mobile Food Pantry. Join us on the second Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Parking Lot F. The remaining 2026 dates are ***Tuesday, November 10, 2026,*** and ***Tuesday, December 8, 2026***. Please help spread the word to students, employees, and neighbors who could benefit from this resource.

Also on ***Tuesday, November 10, 2026***, Compton College will partner with the Juanita Anderson Foundation to distribute 300 turkeys to the surrounding Compton Community from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., alongside the monthly mobile food pantry. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis until supplies last.

Daily Parking Permit Fee Increase Begins January 1, 2027

As a reminder, ***effective January 1, 2027***, the daily parking permit fee will increase from $3 to $5 for campus visitors. This change was included in the update to Administrative Regulation 5030 – Fees earlier this year. The increase helps offset the cost of providing free student parking permits, which are available at no charge through ***June 30, 2027***. If you host guests, vendors, or community partners on campus, please let them know about the new rate before they arrive.

Required Curriculum Updates for Fall 2027

As we close out this semester, I wanted to share that we are focused on supporting faculty with required curriculum updates. There is much work that needs to be done, as faculty are often asked to review and update their course outlines of record. In addition to the required curriculum updates, we are paying particular attention to updating Work Experience Education courses and hours that are not tied to a unit.

To support this work, the Office of Academic Affairs, in collaboration with Curriculum Committee Chair Nathan Lopez, has posted the Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 Course Review Schedule on the Curriculum Committee webpage. The schedule lists course outlines of record due for review this academic year. A 15-page listing of past-due course outline updates is also available. As mentioned, Work Experience Education is another priority as Compton College begins implementing the Compton College 2035 Economic Value Model, approved by the Board of Trustees on ***October 12, 2026***, and this was cited as an action step from the Vision 2030. These courses connect students with workforce training opportunities in their programs of study by awarding credit for paid employment. Last year, several disciplines updated their course outlines or created new courses to comply with Title 5, Sections 55250-55254. However, several Work Experience Education course outlines still need updating before these courses can be offered. As curriculum updates are being made, faculty need to ensure that all hours in their course outlines of record are tied to a unit, as required by the California Community Colleges Standardized Attendance Accounting Method. Hours not tied to a unit—known as "dangling hours"—appear in various classes offered at Compton College. Beginning in fall 2027, classes in these areas with dangling hours may no longer be scheduled.

I have asked the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Sheri Berger, to work with the Curriculum Committee, Academic Affairs Dean, and the Division Chairs as it relates to following up with faculty members in these disciplines about updating course outlines of record, Work Experience Education courses, and the impact on "dangling hours." Finally, during Spring 2027 Professional Development Day, we will include a general session presentation on Curriculum. More information on the Spring 2027 Professional Development Day will be included in future President/CEO Messages.

For assistance regarding curriculum matters, please contact Nathan Lopez at nlopez11@compton.edu or Maya Medina, Curriculum Analyst, at mmedina@compton.edu.

Compton College is a Smoke-Free Campus

As a reminder, Compton College is a smoke-free campus. Under Board Policy 3570 – District Smoking Policy, smoking and the use of tobacco or nicotine products, including electronic cigarettes, are prohibited in all District buildings, vehicles, and facilities, and on District grounds.

Please report any sightings of smoking on campus to Campus Police. Thank you for helping maintain a healthy, smoke-free environment for our students, employees, and visitors.

Help Shape Our 2027 Legislative Priorities

All Compton CCD employees are invited to share their insights through our 2027 Legislative Priorities Survey. Your feedback will help guide our advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels, including developing talking points for meetings with elected officials in early 2027. Please submit your responses by ***Thursday, November 12, 2026***. Click here to access the survey.

Compton College Virtual Campuswide Forum

I am hosting a virtual Campuswide Forum on ***Tuesday, November 17, 2026,*** at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. The forum will provide an opportunity to ask questions, stay informed, and engage in topics related to student success, including the Student-Centered Funding Formula, Compton CCD Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan, the Compton College 2035 Economic Value Model, the Compton College 2035 Institutional Set Goals, and the follow-up items from the ***September 15, 2026***, Campuswide Virtual Forums. Please register in advance using this link: Compton College Campuswide Forum Online Registration.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

The Compton Community College District Board of Trustees will meet on ***Monday, November 16, 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.

Final Thoughts

We had another great President/CEO Student Forum, with meaningful dialogue and much to consider. Thank you to the students who shared their experiences, questions, and ideas. These conversations remind us to listen closely and keep students' perspectives at the center of our work.

I also want to share that Amari Williams, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, will be leaving Compton College on ***March 2, 2027***, as he relocates. I have asked the Human Resources Department to announce the position so we can complete the hiring process before ***March 2, 2027***, allowing time for a smooth transition.

Finally, I ask all employees to remind students to check their Compton College email regularly so they stay informed about important college updates and opportunities. Thank you for helping our students stay connected.

As a reminder, the campus will be closed on ***Wednesday, November 11, 2026***, in observance of Veterans Day. Thank you for all you do for our students and the community we serve.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.
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President/CEO
Compton College