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Campus Community,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable first two weeks of the semester, as I know it has been very busy for everyone. First, I would like to thank everyone for their work and support of the Compton College Accreditation efforts, especially with the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) visit that occurred this week. I am truly proud of the outcome of the visit and look forward to the next steps. More information is included in this President/CEO Message.

Now for some not-so-positive news: on **February 20, 2024**, the [California Legislative Analyst's Office \(LAO\)](#) released the [2024-2025 Budget Deficit Update](#), which projects the state deficit for 2024-2025 at **\$73 billion** and mentions that "[the] Budget problem is likely to be higher at the time of the May Revision." In addition, the LAO released the [2024-2025 California Community Colleges Brief](#), which analyzes Governor Gavin Newsom's budget proposals relating to California Community Colleges enrollment, apportionments, and nursing education. I am very concerned about the California state budget deficit, and therefore, we will make several adjustments to the [Compton Community College District Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan](#). The adjustments will be reflected in the 2024-2025 Compton CCD Budget Assumptions, which will be completed in **March 2024**. For more information on the 2024-2025 Compton CCD Budget Development, please click [here](#) for our budget and planning timeline.

Today's President/CEO Message – February 23, 2024, includes a reminder, an invitation to a local health forum, final Black History Month events, approved Summer Enrichment Proposals, and more.

Spring 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, February 22, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,378 FTES for the Spring 2024 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 62%, and seats filled is 9,714.

Reminder: **Sunday, February 25, 2024**, is the last day for students to add full-semester classes.

February 24, 2024, Community Health Forum

The [Compton Community Health Professions Partnership \(CCHPP\)](#), established to address the disparities in healthcare access and improve educational attainment for Compton area residents, is holding its first public forum **tomorrow, February 24, 2024**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The forum will focus on health issues and concerns.

Compton College and other agencies in the community, including Compton Unified School District (CUSD), Charles R. Drew University (CDU), California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH), St. John's Community Health, and Kedren Health, have been working to create a seamless pipeline for health profession education and training. The pipeline will start with students in CUSD, who will go into health profession degree programs at Compton College, CSUDH, and CDU, while the healthcare partners (St. John's and Kedren) provide clinical training/rotation sites and eventual employment opportunities for the CCHPP graduates.

You are cordially invited to join and participate in this first-of-its-kind community health forum.

Black History Month Celebration Continues

Black History Month activities wrap up next week.

- **Tuesday, February 27, 2024**, "Compton Conversations: Love in the Black Community" – 12:00-1:00 p.m. SSB, Room 211
- **Wednesday, February 28, 2024**, A Taste of Black Culture – 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the Quad

- **Thursday, February 29, 2024**, "Wait Til I Get My Money Right," A Crash Course on Financial Literacy in the Black Community, 12:00-1:00 p.m. SSB, Room 211

For more information, stop by the Office of Student Development in R-61 or email studentdevelopment@compton.edu.

Accreditation-Focused Site Visit

The ACCJC site visit team concluded their two-day visit to Compton College *yesterday, February 21, 2024*. I am proud to say that there were *no recommendations* from the team. In addition, they noted the following commendations:

1. The leadership of the CEO (IV.B.1, IV.B.3, and IV.B.6)
2. Providing transformative student support services (II.B.1 and II.C.3)

Please note this is preliminary information and is not final till the ACCJC commissions meeting in June 2024. We anticipate receiving the draft report within the next 30 days from the team chair. Special thanks to Dr. Sheri Berger, vice president of Academic Affairs, and Amber Gillis, Accreditation Faculty Coordinator, for leading our accreditation efforts.

Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

At the **February 20, 2024**, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting, the following Board Policies (BP) were approved, and the Administrative Regulations (AR) listed below were issued.

- [Board Policy 7600](#) – Police Departments
- [Administrative Regulation 4105](#) – Distance Education
- [Administrative Regulation 5010](#) – Admissions*
- [Administrative Regulation 7600](#) – Police Departments

***Note:** This Administrative Regulation 5010 is newly issued to align with the CCLC template. The current Administrative Regulation 5010 is becoming [Administrative Regulation 5011](#) with no changes. The Academic Senate is reviewing proposed changes to Administrative Regulation 5011 for Concurrent Enrollment of High School and Other Young Students. Once their review is complete, the regulation will be brought forward for issuance in keeping with the College's governance process.

To access all Board Policies, [click here](#). For all Administrative Regulations, [click here](#).

Final Thoughts

This week, I had the opportunity to provide the closing remarks at this year's [California Dual Enrollment Equity Conference](#). At the conference, I acknowledged the many employees who have been involved in our dual enrollment efforts. At the same time, I want to share with you the recent dual enrollment report prepared by [UC Davis Wheelhouse](#), titled "[A Strong Start for College and Career Dual Enrollment Participation from 9th to 12th Grade](#)" by Elizabeth Friedmann, Sherrie Reed, Michal Kurlaender, and Kramer Dykeman.

Last **Saturday, February 17, 2024**, we kicked off the Compton College Faculty Prep Academy in partnership with the [University of Southern California Race and Equity Center](#). I want to acknowledge Jennifer Burchett, Director of Diversity, Compliance and Title IX, for her work on the implementation of this program, and Dr. Minodora Moldoveanu, President of Compton College Academic Senate, for working to identify Compton College faculty to participate on the Faculty panel last Saturday; and for working to identify Compton College faculty to serve as mentors for the program participants. The Compton College Faculty Prep Academy has a cohort of 30 California community college graduates who are currently enrolled in a master's or doctoral program and who will participate in a series of workshops from **February through September 2024** to help prepare them on how to become a community college faculty member.

We intend to keep the campus community informed on the Compton College Faculty Prep Academy with updates in future [President/CEO Messages](#).

I am pleased to announce that the 2023-In-One-Word drawing winner is Shannon Williams, Professor/Baseball Coach. He will receive a 55-inch Samsung television from Best Buy. Congratulations, and hopefully, next year, we can have multiple prizes for this drawing.

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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