

**From:** Keith Curry <kcurry@compton.edu>  
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**Subject:** President/CEO Message - March 15, 2024

Campus Community,

I am happy to announce that our request for designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) under Title III and/or Title V of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965 has been approved for 2024-2025. The [U.S. Department of Education's Office of Post-Secondary Education](#) approved our waiver. Click [here](#) to read the letter from Deputy Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Programs Amanda Miller. The letter grants Compton College eligibility for a waiver of the non-Federal share matching requirements under the Federal Work-Study Program (FWS), the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Program (FSEOG), and the TRIO Student Support Services Program under Title IV of the HEA. This is an annual designation that Compton College must apply for each year. Thank you, Amari Williams, dean of institutional effectiveness and the Office of Administrative Services, for working on the HSI designation application.

In the [President/CEO Message – February 9, 2024](#), I shared the Compton College Community Project Funding Request for \$8 million toward the renovation of the Vocational Technology Building. This week, we learned that \$850,000 was approved by [Congress in the 2024 Federal Budget \(See page 185\)](#) for the Compton College Vocational Technology Building Renovation project. Thank you to Congresswoman Maxine Waters (California – 43<sup>rd</sup> District) and staff for assisting us with our Community Project application and for including our facilities improvement project in her earmarks for fiscal year 2024.

Today's President/CEO Message – March 15, 2024, includes a reminder about the **March 19, 2024**, virtual Campuswide Forum, the March 16, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting, and more.

### **Spring 2024 Enrollment Update**

As of *yesterday, March 14, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,410 FTES for the Spring 2024 term. Our fill rate for spring is currently 63%, and seats filled is 10,032.

Enrollment at Compton College is continuing to increase. Just a friendly reminder, Midterm classes begin **Saturday, April 13, 2024**; students may register for [open sections](#) through the end of the day before the first class meeting. It's not too late for students to register for "One More Class!"

### **Compton College Campuswide Forum**

I will host a virtual Tartar Talks on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. The focus will be on accreditation, institutional standing committees, Commencement, the 2024-2025 California State Budget, and student success. To participate, please use this link to register in advance: [Compton College Campuswide Forum Online Registration](#).

### **Online Applause Card Nomination Form**

Employees, students, and the community may recognize a Compton CCD employee for helping to ensure the success of our students. Complete the [online form](#), and the President/CEO Office will officially recognize the employee who helped you.

### **Distinguished Administrator, Faculty, Staff, Outstanding Adjunct, and Civility Champion Nominations due April 15, 2024**

Employees, current students, alumni, and community members are invited to nominate individuals who best exemplify the qualities listed below.

- An administrator/supervisor whose contributions demonstrate commitment to excellence, professionalism, and outstanding service to Compton College and its students.
- A full-time faculty member who has demonstrated the highest level of commitment to their students, college, and profession.

- A staff member who has demonstrated commitment to academic excellence, professionalism, and outstanding service.
- An adjunct faculty member who has demonstrated the highest level of commitment to their students and teaching.
- Civility Champions are those whose contributions demonstrate their commitment to Compton College's statement of civility and mutual respect. One student, faculty, staff, and administrator may be honored with this award.

Please refer to the recent emails from Human Resources Representative Sarorth Lai for more information, including the nomination forms. The deadline to submit nomination forms is **4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2024**.

Compton College will recognize the 2024 honorees at the **May 21, 2024**, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting.

### **Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting**

On **Tuesday, March 19, 2024**, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Student Services Building, Room 212. 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>.

### **President/CEO Closing the Loop**

At the President/CEO Cabinet meeting on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**, I approved the last round of Auxiliary Services Committee funding recommendations for 2023-2024, which are available here. Next, I will be following up on my request for the Auxiliary Services Committee to develop administrative procedures, which will include the application and resource allocation process and how we evaluate Auxiliary Services-funded activities for the 2024-2025 year.

### **Final Thoughts**

In the President/CEO Message – September 22, 2023, I shared reports from the Community College Research Center at Teacher College, Columbia University, regarding guided pathways. This week, I read the following new reports on guided pathways:

1. Lessons From Two Major Evaluations of Guided Pathways
2. Whole-College Reforms in Community Colleges: Guided Pathways Practices and Early Academic Success in Three States

I have asked these reports to be shared and discussed with the Guided Pathways Committee as we continue the implementation of our Guided Pathway Divisions and Success Teams.

In closing, I know many of you were shocked and saddened when you read my President/CEO Message – March 14, 2024, regarding the passing of Dr. Donald Roach, who served as the current Division Chair for the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) division and was a full-time math faculty member since 1985. I truly appreciated today's "Coping with the Grief" session that the Human Resources Department provided. We will explore other opportunities to honor the memory of Dr. Roach and provide additional support for employees. In addition, we encourage you to look into the wellness resources offered through EASE to support employees.

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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