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Campus Community,

Another summer 2023 week is about to be completed, and we are **23** days from the beginning of the fall 2023 semester. Next week is our last 4/10 workweek. **Friday, August 4, 2023**, is the last Friday off for the summer 2023 term.

An official notification from the vice president of Human Resources will be sent to all employees via email **next week** regarding the five-day work week, which begins **Monday, August 7, 2023**, to allow full-time employees sufficient time to plan and make the necessary arrangements to work on a campus five (5) days per week.

The Remote Work Policy will also remain in effect. Where feasible, with the immediate supervisor's approval, an employee could work four days in the office and one day remotely. For your reference, you may access [BP 7170](#) and [AR 7170](#) to reacquaint yourself with what is allowable.

I am excited and nervous as we prepare for the semester and the continued push for student enrollment. As I write this [President/CEO Message](#), I await Nelson's email with the enrollment update like many of you. Every enrollment opportunity counts right now, so if you see or talk to a student. Please ask, "Did you enroll for fall 2023 classes? If they say **"no,"** please encourage them to enroll and visit the Student Services Building for registration assistance.

Today's President/CEO Message – July 27, 2023, includes the Final 2023-2024 Budget Assumptions, Fall 2023 Class Cancellation reminder, the new Vision 2023 plan from the Chancellor's Office, and more.

Fall 2023 Enrollment Update

As of **today, July 27, 2023**, Compton College has generated 1,010 FTES for the Fall 2023 term. Our fill rate for Fall is currently 40%, and seats filled is 6,676.

Please note that registration for fall 2023 opened a full two weeks earlier than last year, and our enrollment continues to grow.

Fall Classes and Cancellations

We need to encourage continuing students to register for classes now. This is critical as the cut-off date for fall 2023 full-term and first eight-week classes is **Tuesday, August 15, 2023**. Classes with enrollment under ten students will be subject to cancellation. This is necessary for the College to continue implementing the FCMAT recommendations from the [January 2022 report](#). Per the FCMAT report, the College needs to "improve the current districtwide classroom efficiency." In 2021-2022, the College generated 16.5 Full-time Equivalent Students (FTES) per Full-time Equivalent Faculty (FTEF). Per the state Chancellor's Office standards, we should generate 35 FTES per FTEF. We aim to slowly build back our average class size to meet expected statewide standards.

Final Summer 2023 Mobile Food Pantry Event

Compton College welcomes the summer Mobile Food Pantry program, which will be on campus on **August 8, 2023**, from 1-3 p.m. Hosted by the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, the Mobile Food Pantry is open to the public with a drive-thru and walk-up services in Parking Lot F. Please enter campus from Greenleaf Boulevard (between Santa Fe Ave. and Long Beach Blvd.) FREE healthy food items, including fresh fruits and vegetables, canned meats, beans, soups, rice, pasta, sauces, and more, will be offered! Click [here](#) for more details.

Volunteers are needed to assist with food distribution. If you have time between 12:45 and 3:15 p.m. on **August 8, 2023**, please email the Tartar Support Network at tartarsupport@compton.edu.

Vision 2030 - A Roadmap for California Community Colleges

On **July 24, 2023**, Dr. Sonya Christian, Chancellor of California Community Colleges, unveiled the preliminary framework of *Vision 2030 – A Roadmap for California Community Colleges* at the Board of Governors meeting. Click [here](#) to view version 9 of the plan. More information about Vision 2023 is available at CCCVision2030.org.

Compton Community College District to Hold Community Meeting in Paramount on August 10

The Compton Community College District (CCCD) will hold a Community Meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2023, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Progress Park at 15500 Downey Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723.

CCCD Board of Trustees Vice President Juanita Doplemore will host the meeting. Topics to be covered include fall 2023 registration, academic programs offered, dual enrollment options for local high school students, the expansion of the Oliver W. Conner College Promise fee waiver program, Compton College's many student support services, and student housing and basic needs programs and services for Compton College students.

This community meeting allows students, parents, and community members to learn more about what Compton College offers and participate in a discussion with the Board of Trustees Vice President Juanita Doplemore. More information is available online [here](#).

President/CEO Closing the Loop

I wanted to share the 2023-2024 Compton CCD Final Budget Assumptions, available [here](#). In the coming weeks, we will finalize the 2023-2024 Compton CCD Final Budget in preparation for the Board of Trustees' review and recommended approval at the **September 12, 2023**, Board of Trustees meeting.

Final Thoughts

As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – October 31, 2022](#), and the [President/CEO Message – November 3, 2022](#), I mentioned the development of workgroups to address specific issues and concerns that address student success. In the next couple of weeks, we will discuss establishing 3-4 workgroups for the 2023-2024 year. The workgroups aim to identify issues and provide solutions to one of the campuswide committees so that they can be implemented through the collaborative governance process. If you have a recommendation of an issue or concern that hinders student success that a workgroup should address during the 2023-2024 year, please send your recommendation to kcurry@compton.edu. I am hopeful that this year, during the second year of the "pause," we can solve various issues and concerns that hinder student success.

I am preparing my fall 2023 reading list for release in the President/CEO Message – August 18, 2023. Please send your recommendations to kcurry@compton.edu by **Wednesday, August 10, 2022**.

In closing, I have been reading the Compton College Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) for the past few days as we prepared to submit the report to ACCJC in the next few hours. The introduction paragraph about our institution articulates who we are:

Every student is a success story at Compton College. This adage underscores the College's transformation over the last several years, as it adopted a new, independent structure designed to serve students from the cities of Compton, Lynwood, Paramount, and Willowbrook, as well as portions of Athens, Bellflower, Carson, Downey, Dominguez, Lakewood, Long Beach, and South Gate. Through its difficult history of losing accreditation, the College rebuilt with an unrelenting and unapologetic commitment to its student body, who are almost all students of color. The College has established new policies and processes to effectively execute Title 5 requirements for California Community Colleges and meet accreditation standards. After intentional work with campus stakeholders, the College has established robust planning processes, opened fresh and new facilities with plans for student housing, and restructured the programs to be more student-centric to meet students' basic needs and support their academic goals.

Thank you to everyone involved with developing and submitting the Compton College ISER report. Special thanks to the [Accreditation Steering Committee](#) co-chairs, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Sheri Berger, Accreditation Faculty Coordinator Amber Gillis, and our former Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Lauren Sosenko.

Please enjoy the rest of today, and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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