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Campus Community,

We have completed week number 4 of the fall 2023 semester, and enrollment continues to increase. I want to thank everyone for their efforts to support student enrollment and retention. This week, the Division of Counseling and Guided Pathways ran a drop report for current students. We are following up with them by Guided Pathways Division to find out why they dropped. More importantly, we are encouraging these students to enroll in late-start classes. We will run this report every seven days and review the data to help us reach our [institutional-set goals](#) for enrollment, retention, and persistence.

As previously mentioned, we are not only focused on student enrollment, but we also want to make sure students are staying and completing their educational goals. Today's President/CEO Message – September 15, 2023, includes an Accreditation update, information about the annual Transfer Fair, an update on the weekly farmers' market, and more.

### **Fall 2023 Enrollment Update**

As of yesterday, *September 14, 2023*, Compton College has generated 1,474 FTES for the Fall 2023 term. Our fill rate for Fall is currently 66%, and seats filled is 10,308.

The online registration system can still be used to sign up for open "Late Start" classes, including a variety of eight-week classes that begin *October 14, 2023*. Click [here](#) for a list of open classes.

### **Compton College Virtual Campuswide Meeting**

I will host a virtual campuswide meeting on *Tuesday, September 19, 2023*, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. The focus will be on student enrollment and retention, accreditation, student basic needs, and the 2023-2024 Compton Community College District Final Budget. To participate, please use this link to register in advance: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#).

### **Los Angeles County Library**

Last week, I met with the Los Angeles County library and learned much about the various free resources and services available to library card holders. Click [here](#) to view the "Library World Tour 2023" presentation.

If you have recommendations on expanding our partnership with the Los Angeles County Library, please send them to the Dean of Student Success, Dr. Rebekah Blonshine, at [rblonshine@compton.edu](mailto:rblonshine@compton.edu).

Explore the variety of free programs and resources the Los Angeles County Library provides to kids, teens, adults, and older adults at its 85 locations at <https://lacountylibrary.org/>.

### **Annual Transfer Fair**

The annual Transfer Fair is scheduled for *Thursday, October 5, 2023*. The fair is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., followed by workshops from 2-4 p.m. Students will have a chance to connect with over 40 university representatives and learn about admission requirements and the transfer process. Current Compton College students are eligible for an opportunity drawing! For more information, click [here](#).

### **Weekly Farmers' Market**

The weekly Farmers' Market continues to be a success. Stop by some Wednesday between 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. to check out the variety of fresh fruit, produce, and prepared foods and goodies. On average, 265 students pick up their \$20 in farmers' market vouchers. Over \$273,720 has been disbursed since the *November 2, 2022* grand

opening. A first-anniversary celebration is being planned, and details will be shared as soon as they are available.

### **Compton Community College District 2023-2024 Final Budget**

At its regular meeting on *September 12, 2023*, the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees approved the 2023-2024 CCCD Final Budget. The 2023-2024 Final Budget may be viewed online:

[https://www.compton.edu/district/administration/businessadmin/docs/2022-2023\\_FinalBudgetBook.pdf](https://www.compton.edu/district/administration/businessadmin/docs/2022-2023_FinalBudgetBook.pdf)

The 2023-2024 Compton District Final Budget includes Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA); filling three faculty positions; future funding for the Compton College Enterprise Resource Planning system cost of \$3,700,000; future cost associated with the Compton District Personnel Commission of \$400,000; and a one-time augmentation for equipment for the proposed Compton College Fire Academy of \$350,000.

Additionally, the 2023-2024 Compton District Final Budget includes the following expenses to address Compton District's long-term liabilities: Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) payment of \$250,000; California Public Entity Pension Stabilization Fund State Teachers' Retirement (STRS)/Public Employees' Retirement (PERS) fund payment of \$200,000 to address future STRS/PERS obligations; and the line of credit repayment of \$1,681,841.

The proposed 2023-2024 Compton District Final Budget maintains a reserve above the minimum 10% level as required by [Compton Community College District Board Policy 6200](#).

### **Transfer Thursdays**

Every Thursday this semester, the Transfer Center team invites all Compton College faculty, classified professionals, and managers/supervisors to wear their college colors and logos representing their alma maters. Students can stop by the north entrance of the Library-Student Success Center on Thursdays between 12 and 1 p.m. to ask questions about transferring to a four-year college or university during the weekly Table Talks sponsored by the Transfer & Career Center.

### **Collaborative Governance at Compton College**

[Collaborative Governance](#) at Compton College is the cornerstone necessary to achieve our institution's mission, vision, and strategic initiatives. Decisions at Compton College result from the participation and collaboration among all constituent groups, including the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students.

Collaborative Governance ensures diverse and creative input, transparency, and accountability so that decisions made will drive student success at Compton College. That is why participation in [institutional standing committees](#), subcommittees, and workgroups is essential. All constituent groups are involved in the recommendation and decision-making process by providing input that makes Compton College an effective institution supporting student success.

All members of the college community can serve on standing committees, with the goal of achieving effective and meaningful participation of students, faculty, classified professionals, and administrators. Committee members are appointed by their respective constituency group leaders.

### **Compton College Accreditation**

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) visiting team has received our Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) and is reading it and reviewing the evidence. The ACCJC visiting team roster for Compton College can be found [here](#). The team chair, Dr. Henry Shannon, shared that the team is impressed with the organization and clarity in the ISER. The team has scheduled an Open Forum for **Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.** via Zoom. The Open Forum information will be sent out by Pilar Huffman, Director of Professional Development. Please note that the visiting team set this day and time to work within

their schedules. Additionally, the ACCJC has determined that our focused site visit will occur the *week of February 20, 2024*. They will let us know the specific dates that week as they get closer to the visit date.

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

This week, I approved for the Office of Information Technology Services to hire a new position funded by the 2023 Budget Act that authorizes \$25 million in ongoing funds for local and systemwide technology funding. Of this amount, \$12,600,000 will be provided to California Community Colleges in increments of \$175,000 annually to hire local cybersecurity staff. Compton College will hire a cybersecurity staff person with those funds.

### **Final Thoughts**

This week, I had a conversation with an employee who stressed the importance of us all saying hello to each other. As a community, we are all advocating for our students. I will continue to improve my communications and engage with all of you. One of the things I am trying to do more often (*Thank you, Prince Rashid, I can't believe I wrote that for this idea*) is to walk to offices, sit with individuals, and have a conversation. So don't be surprised if you get a knock on your door, and I want to check in with you.

Please be safe and have a fantastic Friday and weekend.

Sincerely,

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