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Campus Community,

As we approach the end of January 2024, I must admit that this winter term started early and is ending very quickly. Starting this weekend, I will be attending the [Community College League of California Legislative Conference](#) in Sacramento, CA, and participating in legislative meetings with the Compton CCD Board of Trustees and members of the Compton College Associated Student Government. During our advocacy meetings, we will share the good work that is happening at Compton College in support of student success. More information on our advocacy efforts is included in today's President/CEO Message.

The Compton College Financial Aid & Scholarship Office is hosting a Cash for College Workshop *tomorrow, January 27, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.* Students and their parents will receive hands-on support completing the 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), California Dream Act Application (CADAA), and the Chafee application. An opportunity drawing will be held with a chance for students to win one of six \$500 scholarships, and a free lunch from The Habit Burger Grill will be provided. The event is open to current and prospective Compton College students.

Today's President/CEO Message – January 26, 2024, includes an update on the Los Angeles Regional Consortium, Peak Registration Hours, an updated Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan, and more.

COVID-19 Update and Compton College COVID-19 Protocol

According to the recently updated [Los Angeles County COVID-19 Response Plan](#), Los Angeles County (LAC) will continue to use the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) COVID-19 hospital admission levels to guide assessment of risk across the county and inform the adoption of prevention strategies. LAC will implement COVID-19 mitigation strategies in response to an increase in hospital admission levels when new hospital admissions move into the High Level for at least fourteen (14) consecutive days. Strategies will revert to a lower hospital admission level when the hospital admission rate has fallen below the threshold for the higher level for at least seven consecutive days or the hospital admission rate has been declining consistently for the prior fourteen (14) days. Los Angeles County's current [CDC COVID-19 Hospital Admission Level is Low](#).

Please be mindful of [Compton College's current COVID-19 protocol](#) and recommended methods of prevention.

- All Compton College employees, students, and visitors should conduct a health self-screening for COVID-19 symptoms before arriving on campus.
- Free at-home COVID-19 test kits are available while supplies last at the St. John's Student Health Center for students and in the Human Resources Office for employees.
- COVID-19 vaccines, boosters, and testing are available to Compton College students, employees, and the public at the [St. John's Student Health Center](#) (M4, north of the gym).

Compton College's online reporting tool is available via MyCompton ("Report a Positive COVID-19 Case" tile). Employees and students are still required to report when they have tested positive for COVID-19 and follow the Los Angeles Department of Public Health's [COVID-19 Community Guidelines](#) (update January 2024).

Spring 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, January 25, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,199 FTES for the Spring 2024 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 49%, and seats filled is 8,359.

The first day of Spring 2024 classes is *Saturday, February 10, 2024*. Please encourage students to check out the [searchable class schedule](#) for open classes.

Peak Registration and Extended Student Services Hours

Winter 2024 Extended Hours: *January 2 – 12, 2024*

- Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Spring 2024 Peak Registration: *February 3 – 23, 2024*, including two Saturdays

- Monday-Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- *Saturday, February 3, 2024*, from 8:00 a.m. to noon
- *Saturday, February 10, 2024*, from 8:00 a.m. to noon

Please continue to encourage continuing students to register for the spring 2024 semester, as *Every FTES Counts!*

Los Angeles Regional Consortium Update

Compton College is a member of the [Los Angeles Regional Consortium](#) (LARC), a consortium of 19 California community colleges focused on promoting career and technical education. LARC was formed to better connect career technical education programs at community colleges with the current and future needs of employers, specifically within Los Angeles County. LARC guides and supports curricula and professional development within the 19 colleges so that the education students receive is responsive to the realities of an ever-evolving and changing regional economy. I wanted to take this opportunity to share the [LARC 2024-2027 Strategic Plan](#), which is now the strategic direction for the LARC Consortium and the Compton College Workforce Development Department.

In November 2023, LARC released the final reports of two studies that measured the economic impacts of community colleges across Los Angeles County and the [specific economic contributions of Compton College and its graduates](#) in our immediate service area and the broader region. The findings highlight the important role that community colleges play in building a strong regional economy and opportunities for continued growth. The reports and other regional data are available on the Institutional Effectiveness webpage: <https://www.compton.edu/about/institutional-effectiveness/regional-reports.aspx>.

Please note we will be sharing the [LARC 2024-2027 Strategic Plan and The Economic Value of Compton College Report during our legislative meetings](#).

Compton College Legislative Update

Over the next couple of weeks, the Compton CCD Board of Trustees and I have various meetings scheduled with our state and federal elected officials. For your information, here are the following documents:

1. [2024 Compton Community College District Legislative Priorities](#)
2. [Compton CCD Advocacy Handbook – January 2024](#)

We will keep the campus community updated on the outcomes of our various meetings. As you know, our top priority is protecting the funding for Compton CCD for future years. Over the years, we have done an outstanding job at developing relationships with our local and federal elected officials, and in general, we are supportive of [Governor Newsom's Proposed Budget](#) for the 2024-2025 year.

Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan

As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – December 15, 2023](#), we have updated the [Compton CCD Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan](#) and included information from [Governor Newsom's 2024-2025 proposed budget](#).

I anticipate additional changes to our five-year fiscal management plan, which will be communicated with the [Planning and Budget Committee](#), [Consultative Council](#), and the [Compton CCD Board of Trustees](#). Additionally, I will include information in future [President/CEO Messages](#).

Final Thoughts

The [U.S. Government Accountability Office \(GAO\)](#) will be visiting California to gather information for a federal study on food insecurity and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits for college students. The USDA has decided to make one of their stops here at Compton College on **Thursday, February 1, 2024**, to learn more about our partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and how we promote and assist our students in applying for [CalFresh](#).

As promised in the [President/CEO Message – January 18, 2023](#), here is a [link to view photos from the Second Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast & Celebration](#). I am looking forward to next year's fun-filled and inspirational event.

Kamilo Ali Curry turned **14** years old this week, which means he will begin high school this coming fall. I remember him being on campus at the Abel B. Sykes Child Development Center and hanging out in the different programs/departments on campus. In just a few more years, he will be going to college. I cherish my memories of Kamilo's time at Compton College, and he never lets me forget how much he loves Compton College.

In closing, please have a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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