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Campus Community,

As yet another week of the spring semester has been completed, I ask myself, how is this semester moving so fast? I truly appreciate everyone for their hard work and dedication in supporting our students' success. In this President/CEO Message, I will not discuss the 2024-2025 California State Budget and my concerns. However, I encourage you to read the [President/CEO Message – February 23, 2024](#), which includes very important information on the projected 2024-2025 Budget Deficit. Please note that a lot of the decisions I am thinking about making to our 2024-2025 Budget are due to my obligations to the fiscal health and stability of Compton Community College District.

For those with approval from their supervisors, we invite you to attend the California Community Colleges Women's Caucus to commemorate [International Women's Day on Friday, March 8](#), from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Los Angeles Mission College. This special event, themed "Inspire Inclusion," aims to foster community, present Leadership Awards, and engage in discussions about exploring non-traditional career pathways. This event is free, and we encourage you to bring your colleagues and friends. Please mark your calendar and join us for a day of empowerment, recognition, and meaningful conversations. More details and registration information are available [here](#).

Today's President/CEO Message – March 1, 2024, includes March 5, 2024, voting center hours, #TransferThursday information, dates and times for upcoming virtual forums, and more.

### **Spring 2024 Enrollment Update**

As of *yesterday, February 29, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,376 FTES for the Spring 2024 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 62%, and seats filled is 9,779.

Although full-term courses are now closed to enrollment, please let potential students know that a variety of short-term classes are still available for registration. [Click here](#) for a list of open classes. The Spring 2024 short-term calendar is also available online at [www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/docs/Spring-2024\\_Short-Term-Calendar.pdf](http://www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/docs/Spring-2024_Short-Term-Calendar.pdf).

### **Compton College Emergency Aid Funds**

Compton College has \$35,000 that we will be disbursed through the Student Emergency Fund Program. This program will provide grants of up to \$500 to Compton College students\* who are involved in a sudden or unexpected emergency that threatens their ability to continue their education. Awards for eligible students will be paid through BankMobile. Students must apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) before applying for emergency aid.

To be eligible, students must:

- Demonstrate exceptional need resulting from a sudden, emergency event.
- Be currently enrolled in at least six units at Compton College.
- Qualify as low-income by meeting the requirements to receive a California College Promise Grant (CCPG) or be projected to receive a California College Promise Grant for the upcoming term.
- Have at least a 2.0 grade point average.
- Complete a FAFSA or CADAA application.
- Be a resident of California.

***\*Note: Dual Enrolled and Non-Credit Students are not eligible.***

Please [click here to access the application](#). For more information on the Compton College Emergency Aid Funds, please contact the Director of Financial Aid, Keith Cobb, at [kcobb@compton.edu](mailto:kcobb@compton.edu).

### **Transfer Thursdays Begin March 7, 2024**

#TransferThursdays is back! Wear your university swag and join us from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. outside the Student Services Building (west side). Gather with colleagues and students to learn about the [Transfer & Career Center](#) services and upcoming events. Can't make it in person? Participate virtually by sending a photo of you wearing university gear to [transfercareercenter@compton.edu](mailto:transfercareercenter@compton.edu) by the end of the day every #TransferThursday.

Participants will be automatically entered into an opportunity drawing to win a television. The [Associated Student Government](#) is partnering with the Transfer & Career Center every first **Thursday in March, April, and May** and will provide food on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Los Angeles County Vote Center**

The Compton College Multipurpose Room will serve as a Vote Center beginning **Saturday, March 2, 2024**, through Presidential Primary Election Day on **March 5, 2024**. The Vote Center will be open Saturday-Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday. A Vote by Mail Drop Box will also be located in the Multipurpose Room.

### **President/CEO Virtual Student Forum**

The next President/CEO Virtual Student Forum is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 6, at 2:30 p.m.** Students will have the opportunity to join via Zoom ([Meeting ID 844 7290 9389](#)) and ask me questions.

### **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](#).

### **Mervyn Dymally Institute 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Millennial and Gen-Z Symposium**

The Mervyn Dymally Institute 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Millennial and Gen-Z Symposium is set to explore the contemporary theme of "Defining Wokeness." This year's symposium aims to provide a platform for meaningful discussions and insights into the concept of "Wokeness," a term often associated with social awareness and activism. Attendees can expect engaging sessions, panel discussions, and workshops that delve into the various facets of wokeness, including its definition, evolution, and impact on societal norms. The forum will be held in the Loker Student Union, Ballroom B at California State University, Dominguez Hills, on **Wednesday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be served to attendees. Register online [here](#).

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

1. As a follow-up to the [President/CEO Message – January 18, 2024](#), the winners from the opportunity drawing to participate in a luncheon with the President/CEO from my favorite BBQ location are Dr. Tim Harrison, Christian Lopez, Wendy Wimberly, Nelson Shiota, and Amber Gillis. The luncheon will be held sometime during **March 2024**.
2. **Effective today, March 1, 2024**, the dirt area next to the Major League Baseball Urban Youth Academy and Parking Lot H (west of the Vocational Technology Building) is no longer to be used as a parking lot by employees, students, visitors, or vendors, due to safety concerns.
3. As originally noted in the [President/CEO Message – September 22, 2023](#), if a program/department does not have an updated program review completed, they will not receive additional funding through the budget and planning process. This includes new management, classified professionals, and faculty positions. Please refer to the **February 21, 2024**, "Program Review Campuswide Email" sent on behalf of Associate Professor of Political Science and Program Review Coordinator Dr. Jesse Mills for the most up-to-date Program Review deadlines and information.

## **Final Thoughts**

This week, I had the third meeting of my tenure on the [National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity](#) (NACIQI). As I serve on this committee appointed by Miguel Cardona, U.S. Secretary of Education, I look forward to sharing information with the Compton College [Accreditation Steering Committee](#). We had two full days of meetings that began on ***Tuesday, February 27, 2024***. It was interesting to learn about issues that many accrediting bodies face and how they address student outcomes and equity. During the meeting, I was thinking about our recent accreditation visit, which I also discussed in the [President/CEO Message – February 23, 2024](#), and how we need to focus on Student Learning Outcomes, Services Area Outcomes, Institutional Outcomes, and making sure Program Reviews and Program Plans are completed on time. Over the next couple of months, I will provide direction regarding our future accreditation work and how, as an institution, we can continue to improve and support student success.

In closing, next week, I will finally announce my spring 2024 reading list in the President/CEO Message – March 7, 2024. I am still choosing books, so if you have a recommendation, please send it to [kcurry@compton.edu](mailto:kcurry@compton.edu) by ***4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024***.

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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