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Campus Community,

Thank you to everyone who participated in last [Friday's Compton College Commencement Ceremony](#). It was a wonderful event, and I appreciate all those involved in planning and supporting this important celebration. Please take a moment to view the [Class of 2025 Portraits](#) available on the Compton College Flickr account. You can also view photos from the [Spring 2025 Nursing Pinning Ceremony](#). Congratulations to all our graduates for a job well done!

When I joined Compton College on **August 15, 2005**, I recognized the need to enhance our athletic facilities for the benefit of our students and the broader community. I'm excited to share that almost 20 years later, we are **finally** moving forward with the \$68.8 million Physical Education Complex. Today marks the move-out day for this project, and construction is set to begin this weekend. We're also preparing for the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Complex, which is a \$23.3 million construction project.

The general contractor for the Physical Education Complex is Suffolk Construction, while Chalmers Construction will oversee the VAPA Complex. These are major milestones for Compton College, and I look forward to seeing both projects completed on time and within budget.

As we transition into the summer session, we are also preparing for the 2025-2026 academic year. Thank you for your continued dedication and support.

Today's President/CEO Message includes the link to the 2023-2024 Fact Book, the Board-approved 2035 Institutional-Set Goals, a summary of the 2025-2026 Compton CCD Tentative Budget, and more.

#### Enrollment Update as of June 18, 2025

- 550 FTES for the **Summer 2025** term. 4,499 (80%) of the available summer seats are currently filled.
- 764 FTES for the **Fall 2025** semester. Our fill rate for Fall is 29% with 4,916 seats filled.

Please continue to encourage students to register for summer and fall 2025. Every enrollment counts, and if students need registration assistance, they can visit the Welcome Center located in the Student Services Building.

#### Library-Student Success Center Summer Hours

All Compton College students are welcome to explore the resources available to improve their chances of success. The Student Success Center offers free in-person and online tutoring for individuals and small groups, study rooms (available by reservation), and a computer lab equipped with up-to-date software and printing facilities. The L-SSC is open Monday-Thursday during the summer term:

- Emily B. Hart-Holifield Library 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Computer Lab 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- Tutoring 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

#### Updated 2023–2024 Compton College Fact Book

Following the **June 16, 2025**, Board of Trustees meeting, the updated [Compton College Annual Fact Book](#) is now available. This resource provides key data on student demographics, outcomes, and instructional programs, helping inform planning and decision-making across the college. The Fact Book is presented in an interactive Tableau dashboard, allowing you to explore the data in more detail. View the 2023–2024 Fact Book [here](#). Take a few minutes to explore the latest trends and insights.

## **Compton College 2035 Institutional-Set Goals Approved**

The Compton College Board of Trustees approved the [2035 Institutional-Set Goals](#) at its meeting on *June 16, 2025*, marking an important step forward in our strategic planning efforts.

These goals are part of the recently adopted [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#), which builds on the foundation of the 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan and aligns with the California Community Colleges' Vision 2030 framework. To support this transition, the College has introduced a revised methodology for setting long-term performance targets. For goals that are part of Vision 2030, we've adopted the statewide benchmarks. For all other goals, we've calculated a five-year average (2019–2024) and increased it by five percentage points—or, if that average falls below our 2023–2024 performance, we've used a 5% increase from that year instead. This approach helps account for the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on recent data.

We've also developed a [new dashboard](#) that presents these goals in a clear, accessible format. It includes disaggregated data by age, gender, race/ethnicity, and participation in support programs and academic divisions. This dashboard will help guide the development of program- and division-level goals, ensuring alignment across the College.

Looking ahead, we'll be working with our planning consultant and the College Futures Foundation to explore new metrics focused on student return on investment. An update on program- and division-level goals will be shared with the Board by *October 31, 2025*.

Thank you for your continued commitment to student success and institutional progress.

## **2025-2026 Compton CCD Tentative Budget**

At the *June 16, 2025*, Board of Trustees meeting, the 2025-2026 Compton Community College District Tentative Budget was approved. This budget reflects our continued commitment to student success, fiscal responsibility, and strategic investment in institutional priorities.

### **Key Highlights:**

- FTES Target: Budget based on 5,980 Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES), with 1,476 course sections planned.
- Total Unrestricted General Fund Revenue: \$54.45 million.
- Estimated Beginning Balance: \$14.6 million.
- Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA): 2.3%.
- New Positions: Funding to hire two full-time faculty (Culinary Arts and Fire Technology) and one restricted classified position (Apprenticeship Specialist).

### **Strategic Investments:**

- \$1.04 million reserved for the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system.
- \$680,000 for Guided Pathways.
- \$400,000 for the Personnel Commission.
- Debt & Liabilities:
  - \$775,069 for the line of credit repayment.
  - \$250,000 contribution to Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB).

### **Transfers from the General Fund:**

- \$1.5 million to Capital Outlay for ERP.
- \$600,000 to Property & Liability Fund.
- \$150,000 to Child Development Fund.

The 2025-2026 Compton CCD Tentative Budget maintains a reserve above the 10% minimum required by [Board Policy 6200 – Budget Preparation](#). The 2025-2026 Compton CCD Final Budget will be presented for adoption at the **September 8, 2025**, Board of Trustees Meeting.

### **New Special Trustee Appointment for Compton CCD**

The California Community Colleges Chancellor, Dr. Sonya Christian, has appointed [Erik Skinner as the Special Trustee for the Compton Community College District \(CCCD\)](#) in accordance with Education Code Section 71093 and Title 5 Section 58312.

Erik Skinner's role is to support the district's continued progress in fiscal stability and accreditation. His responsibilities include:

- Promoting sound fiscal management
- Supporting accreditation and recovery efforts
- Exercising "stay and rescind" authority over specific fiscal and accreditation-related actions

The Board of Trustees continues to hold local decision-making authority, and this appointment is part of the standard oversight process required by [Assembly Bill 318](#). As outlined in [Assembly Bill 2359](#), the Special Trustee role will remain in place until the district's emergency apportionment/line of credit is fully repaid. Erik Skinner's official first day is **July 1, 2025**.

### **Board Policies and Administrative Regulations**

At the **June 16, 2025**, Compton CCD Board of Trustees meeting, the following Board Policies (BP) were approved, and the Administrative Regulations (AR) listed below were issued.

- [Board Policy 2520](#) – Academic Senate
- [Board Policy 5205](#) – Student Accident Insurance
- [Board Policy 2020](#) – Student Trustee
- [Board Policy 5800](#) – Prevention of Student Identity Theft
- [Administrative Regulation 3550](#) – Drug-Free Environment and Drug Prevention Program
- [Administrative Regulation 5011](#) – Admission and Concurrent Enrollment High School and Other Young Students
- [Administrative Regulation 5520](#) – Student Discipline Procedures

### **Legislative Update**

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping the campus community informed, here is a brief overview of the State and Federal Legislative Updates shared at the **June 16, 2025**, Board of Trustees meeting:

#### State Legislative Update:

- Budget Developments: The Governor's May Revision included a 2.3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for community colleges and maintained funding for key student support programs.
- Legislation of Interest: Several bills are progressing through the legislature that could impact community college operations, including proposals related to:
  - Basic needs support and housing for students.
  - Dual enrollment expansion.
  - Faculty hiring and diversity initiatives.
- Facilities and Capital Outlay: Continued advocacy for state bond funding to support instructional and student services facilities.

#### Federal Legislative Update:

- Federal Budget Outlook: Congress is considering FY 2026 appropriations, with potential implications for Pell Grants, TRIO programs, and workforce development funding.
- Policy Priorities: The U.S. Department of Education is emphasizing:

- College affordability and simplification of financial aid.
- Support for Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs).
- Expansion of short-term Pell Grant eligibility.
- Regulatory Activity: Updates on Title IX and gainful employment regulations are expected later this year.

For more detailed information, please refer to the [Board Information Items from the June 16 meeting](#) on BoardDocs.

### **Final Thoughts**

I am already planning my fall 2025 reading list, which will be released in the President/CEO Message - August 27, 2025. Please send your recommendations to [kcurry@compton.edu](mailto:kcurry@compton.edu) by *Wednesday, August 20, 2025*.

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

Sincerely,

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