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Campus Community,

Happy Friday! I hope everyone had an enjoyable week. It's been an extremely busy semester, but it has been wonderful to walk around campus and see so many of you and our students. This past Wednesday, I had the opportunity to visit the Farmers' Market, and I was pleased to see many students in attendance, using their Compton College-provided vouchers to purchase fresh items. It was clear that the Farmers' Market not only supports our students' access to healthy food but also fosters a sense of community and connection on campus. I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone involved in making the Farmers' Market a success each week. I know many of you work hard to provide this valuable opportunity to our students and the community we serve.

Today's President/CEO Message includes updates on Fall 2025 enrollment trends, upcoming Mission and Vision poster distribution, Compton College Athletics highlights, financial aid reminders, a new retention initiative for Promise students, and details about the **October 13, 2025**, Board of Trustees meeting and groundbreaking ceremony.

Enrollment Update – Fall 2025

As of **October 2, 2025**, Compton College has generated 1,751 FTES for the Fall 2025 term. 12,604 (74%) of the available seats are currently filled.

Fall 2025 enrollment is trending upward, with unique headcount up 13%, FTES up 3%, and total seats filled up 8% compared to this time last year. There's still time for students to enroll in "Midterm Late-Start" 8-week classes, which begin on **October 18, 2025**. Please encourage them to explore these options.

Note: Winter 2026 registration opens **on October 21, 2025, and the class schedule will be available online the following week**.

New Mission and Vision Posters Coming Soon

Updated Mission and Vision posters will be delivered to all Vice Presidents, deans, and directors next week. These reflect the revised statements adopted in [Board Policy 1200 – District Mission and Vision \(updated November 19, 2024\)](#). You can view the new posters [here](#) and are encouraged to display them prominently in your areas. Faculty and staff who would like a poster for their office may request an unframed 12x12 copy through the Copy Center.

Student Housing Construction Update: Crane Placement Timeline Adjusted

As a follow-up to the [President/CEO Message – August 29, 2025](#), regarding the volumetric student housing units being built, we would like to provide an update on the crane placement schedule. The tentative plan was to begin placing the modular units at the housing site on **September 30, 2025**, with work continuing through **October 30, 2025**. However, the schedule has changed, and they are now tentatively scheduled to begin the modular placement on **November 3, 2025**. We will confirm the dates for crane placement in the coming weeks. This phase will significantly impact campus operations, so we are committed to keeping the campus community informed in a timely manner.

It is worth noting that of the 89 modular units, 52 have already been delivered to Southern California, and five are currently in transit. This weekend, we anticipate a delivery of seven additional modular units to Compton College, which will be stored in the fenced-off area of Lot F.

Compton College Athletics Update

Here's a snapshot of what's happening in Compton College Athletics this season. For full schedules, team rosters, scores, and stories, visit: comptoncollegeathletics.com.

Fall Sports Highlights

- Men's Football – Our 48 student-athletes are putting in the work and showing steady growth as they compete in the Southern California Football Association. While the team is currently 0–5, their commitment to development is strong. The next game is scheduled for **October 9, 2025**, at Los Angeles Valley College.
- Women's Soccer – With 18 student-athletes and Head Coach Jose Garcia at the helm, the team is off to a strong start at 4–2–1. That's a big leap from last season's 4–13–2 record—great momentum!
- Men's Soccer – Also led by Head Coach Garcia, our 28-player squad is showing flashes of brilliance with a 3–5 record. Shoutout to Giovanni Camacho, who's already netted four goals this season. Last year's team made the playoffs with an 8–9–3 record.
- Women's Volleyball – Head Coach Monique Scott and her team of 10 student-athletes are battling through a tough schedule. Their current record is 1–8, but their effort and resilience are commendable.

Winter Sports Preview

- Men's Basketball – Practice officially began **October 1, 2025**, for our 18 student-athletes, led by Head Coach Keith Hollimon and assistants Idris Jones, Marcus Bryant, and Ronnie Winbush. The team recently showcased their skills at Cerritos College in front of NCAA and NAIA coaches—an exciting opportunity for transfer prospects.
- Women's Basketball – Under new Head Coach Ollie Brent and assistants Riki Harada, Tre Layne, and Di'Onte Chappell, our 10-player squad is gearing up for the season. They also participated in a showcase event, gaining valuable exposure to college recruiters.

Financial Aid Reminder: Help Students Apply Early

The Financial Aid Office is encouraging students to apply now for 2026–2027 financial aid to maximize their eligibility for federal, state, and institutional support. The FAFSA and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) are now open, covering the Fall 2026 through Summer 2027 academic year. The priority deadline for Cal Grant and Chafee Grant consideration is **March 2, 2026**; therefore, early action is crucial. Employees are encouraged to remind students to check their GPA records and attend [upcoming FAFSA/CADAA workshops](#) hosted by the Financial Aid Office. These applications also support eligibility for Compton College Foundation scholarships and the Student Success Completion Grant for full-time Cal Grant recipients.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

On **Monday, October 13, 2025**, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Board Room in the Administration Building. All regular session meetings are open to the public. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., with the open session commencing at 6:00 p.m. The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Agendas are posted on the BoardDocs website under the "Meetings" tab at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/compton/Board.nsf/Public>.

Prior to the Board of Trustees meeting on **October 13, 2025**, a groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Quad, just north of the Physical Education and Visual and Performing Arts construction projects. Join the Compton CCD Board of Trustees as we celebrate the start of these transformative campus improvements.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

1. **Reallocating Resources to Boost Promise Student Retention:** This week, I approved the Department of Educational Partnerships' request to use approximately \$9,050 in \$50 gas cards that were originally intended through the [2022-2023 Compton College Annual Plan](#) (see page 11, Enrollment Management Funding #1) to support student ambassadors through a mileage reimbursement alternative. Since that initiative did not move forward, the department is now proposing to repurpose the gas cards to assist Compton Promise students who are persisting into the upcoming semester. This effort is designed as a

retention strategy to help alleviate transportation-related barriers and provide meaningful support to students continuing their academic journey. By reallocating these existing resources, the department aims to reinforce Compton College's commitment to equity, access, and student success.

Final Thoughts

This week, the American Association of Community Colleges released its [*Resilient by Design: The Future of America's Community Colleges* report](#), which serves as both a vision and a toolkit for community colleges. The report is available for your review [here](#). I believe the work we are implementing at Compton College, particularly through our [Compton College 2035](#) framework, aligns well with this vision. As I have continued to emphasize, we must remain focused on student completion and ensure that we connect our students to meaningful employment opportunities.

I told myself I wouldn't mention Return on Investment (ROI) and Economic Mobility in this President/CEO Message, especially since I've already addressed these topics in previous messages ([March 28](#), [May 2](#), [July 10](#), [July 31](#), [August 7](#), [August 29](#), [September 19](#), and [September 26](#)). However, I would like to note that yesterday I received several thoughtful recommendations from the [Compton College Academic Senate](#) regarding ROI and Economic Mobility. I will review and respond to these recommendations. I appreciate the ongoing conversations and insights I anticipate receiving as we continue to work together to support our students and their educational journeys.

Final reminder, the Ninth Annual Tenure Dinner will take place on **Thursday, October 9, 2025, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** in the Multipurpose Room. An invitation was sent to faculty two weeks ago, with an RSVP deadline of **Monday, October 6, 2025**. In addition to celebrating newly tenured faculty, we will also honor faculty members for their years of service to the Compton Community College District.

This week is the first week that Kamilo Ali Curry doesn't have a football game. I am so proud of him; he is now a 6'1 and 305-pound defensive tackle, and all he talks about is football, football, and the Dodgers. He is really enjoying football season, and I have become the football dad, responsible for recording his games for the team, which is a stressful responsibility.

In closing, I hope you enjoy a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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The first 10 people to respond to this message are invited to a luncheon with me sometime this month in the Boardroom. I plan to order BBQ!