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Campus Community,

Happy Halloween! I hope everyone had a great week and is looking forward to your Halloween festivities or cheering on the Los Angeles Dodgers this evening. I want to begin this President/CEO Message by thanking the many faculty, classified professionals, and administrators who participated in this week's Vision 2030 Regional Convening. It was inspiring to have so many conversations about Compton College 2035 and Return on Investment/Economic Mobility. We developed several action steps that will be shared in an upcoming [President/CEO Message](#).

One action step we all instantly agreed on at the Vision 2030 Regional Convening was the need to promote [Handshake](#), our new career platform. As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – September 12, 2025](#), [Handshake](#) is our new online platform connecting students with internships, part-time and full-time jobs, career events, and employer networking opportunities.

Faculty and staff can support student success by:

- Promoting Handshake in classes and campus activities.
- Encouraging students to activate their accounts and complete their profiles.
- Sharing events and opportunities posted on the platform.

We must work together to ensure students take full advantage of this powerful career resource. For questions, contact Nicole Smith, Job Placement Specialist, at nsmith1@compton.edu. We will schedule training sessions for all employees through the Professional Development Department and explore additional ways to promote this new platform to our students.

As a follow-up to the [President/CEO Message – September 19, 2025](#), and the [President/CEO Message – October 10, 2025](#), I am pleased to announce that the Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation has approved a **\$1,777,028** grant to Compton CCD to support the Compton Community Health Professions Partnership over the next three years. This award represents another major milestone in advancing our vision to build a local, sustained healthcare talent pipeline rooted in the Compton community. The Broad Foundation's investment will fund key positions across our partner institutions:

- Compton College: A Research Analyst to track student enrollment, persistence, completion, and employment outcomes.
- Compton Unified School District (CUSD): An administrator to lead student recruitment, dual enrollment, and family engagement.
- California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH): A Program Partnership Analyst to ensure curriculum alignment and seamless transfer between Compton College and CSUDH.
- Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science (CDU): A Program Manager to coordinate mentorship, clinical placements, and culturally responsive training opportunities.

Special thanks to Dr. Adrian Trinidad, Interim Director of Adult Education and Workforce Development, for leading the effort on behalf of Compton College and our partners.

Today's President/CEO Message includes important parking and campus access information for Lots E and F, the final fall 2025 enrollment update, November 4 on-campus voting options, Compton College's plan to support SNAP recipients, and more.

Enrollment Update – October 30, 2025

- 1,736 FTES for the **Fall 2025** term. 12,445 (73%) of the available apportionment eligible Fall seats are currently filled.
- 189 FTES for the **Winter 2026** term. 1,681 (58%) of the available Winter seats are currently filled.

Fall 2025 enrollment is officially closed, and the final snapshot shows strong growth compared to last year. Unique headcount is up 9%, FTES is up 4%, and the number of seats filled is up 8%. For Winter 2026, early registration numbers are also promising, with headcount currently 26% ahead and FTES up 41% compared to the same time last year. These figures are expected to settle into single-digit gains as registration continues. The Winter term begins on **January 5, 2026**, and runs for five weeks. It's a great opportunity for students to catch up or get ahead by completing a full-credit course during the break. Students should speak with an Academic Counselor now to determine if a Winter class fits their goals and to prepare for **Spring 2026**. Priority registration for Spring begins **Tuesday, November 4, 2025**.

In-Person President/CEO Student Forum on November 12, 2025

The next President/CEO Student Forum will be held in person on **Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.** in the Student Services Building, Room 212. This is a great opportunity for students to engage directly with me, ask questions, and share their thoughts on the semester. Please share this information with your students.

Los Angeles County Vote Center

Working with the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's Office, the Compton College Multipurpose Room will serve as a Vote Center. In-person voting will be held on campus on the following dates and times:

- **Saturday-Monday, October 31 – November 3:** 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, November 4, 2025** (Election Day): 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A Vote by Mail Drop Box will also be available inside the Multipurpose Room for voters who prefer to drop off their ballots.

Supporting Students Potentially Impacted by SNAP Benefit Suspension

In response to the anticipated suspension of SNAP (CalFresh) benefits due to the federal government shutdown, Compton College is prepared to implement an immediate support plan for affected students. If benefits are suspended, students participating in our Compton College CalFresh data-sharing agreement with the LA County Department of Public Social Services and the CalWORKs program will receive an additional five meals per week. In addition, these students will receive an extra \$20 per week in farmers' market vouchers. CalWORKs participants will also receive \$50 in Grocery Outlet vouchers per week for 4 weeks, for a total of \$200. This support is made possible through a cost-sharing partnership with Everytable and our partnership with Grocery Outlet Compton.

Eligible students will receive an email from me this evening with full details. This plan will go into effect immediately upon confirmation of the SNAP benefit suspension. We are closely monitoring the ongoing federal litigation and will respond accordingly.

Maintaining Mascot Integrity

Effective immediately, the use of AI-generated or altered versions of the Compton College Coyote mascot is prohibited in all College-related materials. To maintain brand integrity, ensure consistent quality, and protect our intellectual property, only the official mascot artwork may be used for program signage, campaigns, and communications. The [Mascot Branding Guide](#) and [Communications Guide](#) have been updated to reflect this policy, and approved mascot files are available upon request for department use (send an email to hparnock@compton.edu).

Important Compton College Student Housing Project – Construction Update & Parking Notice

All 89 modular units for Compton College's new Student Housing facility have arrived in Southern California. Installation begins **Friday, November 7, 2025**, with a crane arriving that day. ADA stalls and 14 parking spaces at the north end of Lot E will be blocked until 4:00 p.m. From **November 10 to 26, 2025**, about 10 modules will be delivered daily between 4:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., traveling from Torrance to campus via Artesia Blvd. and Main Campus Drive. During installation, East Greenleaf Entrance and Lot E will be closed, and access to Lot F via Main Campus Drive will be blocked. Staff who usually park in Lot E should use Lot F and enter through West Greenleaf, which will remain open. A map of truck routes and affected areas is available at www.compton.edu/about/docs/Modular-Setting-Coordination-Plan.pdf.

Update On Student Fee Payment Policy (Administrative Regulation 5030 – Fees)

As initially communicated in the [President/CEO Message – July 3, 2024](#), Compton College will introduce a revised policy concerning student fee payments. Under this new policy, students must clear any outstanding balances owed to the District before they will be eligible to register for the following academic term. This change is scheduled to take effect prior to the opening of Fall 2026 registration, beginning **April 28, 2026**.

Key Changes for Fall 2026 Registration:

- **Registration Holds:** Students whose account balances exceed a specified threshold (to be determined) will be unable to register for upcoming terms until they have resolved their outstanding balance.
- **Drop for Non-Payment:** Students who do not pay their required fees by the published deadline may be removed from their currently enrolled classes.
- **Protected Status:** Students who receive financial aid, fee waivers, or third-party payment support will have their registration safeguarded to prevent unintended disenrollment.

A dedicated task force is finalizing the implementation details for these changes and will update [Administrative Regulation 5030 – Fees](#) accordingly. Further information, including the specific balance threshold and the timeline for communications, will be provided as it becomes available.

We must move forward with updating this regulation. Currently, \$4,278,812 of the District's unrestricted general fund consists of student receivables (funds owed but not yet paid). Ensuring timely fee payments is critical to the District's financial health. At the same time, we remain committed to supporting students by ensuring that those receiving financial aid or scholarships have their fees covered in a timely manner, preventing disruptions to their enrollment.

Compton College Employee Halloween Decoration Contest

Compton College employees showcased their creativity and campus spirit during this year's Employee Halloween Decoration Contest. A total of eight departments participated, including the Student Success Center, Financial Aid, Welcome Center, Allied Health Computer Lab, CalWORKs, Special Resource Center, Administrative Services, and the winning team—Admissions and Records, who brought an all-inclusive "Beetlejuice" theme to life with impressive detail and collaboration.

Honorable mentions go to the Special Resource Center and Administrative Services for their spirited costumes and decorations. Special appreciation goes to EOPS student judge Kailynn Edgley and Classified Professionals Tamara Gonzalez, Daniel Miranda, and Colleen Edwards for volunteering their time and helping make this campuswide event a fun and memorable celebration of teamwork and Halloween spirit.

Final Thoughts

I have a few Compton College jerseys in my office for employees—about six left, available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you're interested, feel free to stop by!

Friendly reminder that all employees are invited to stop by the Multipurpose Room between **Noon and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025**, to take a break, enjoy a delicious lunch, and socialize with their coworkers. To ensure everyone has a chance to enjoy the meal, each guest will receive one plate. We encourage you to drop in, share a few moments of gratitude, and then return to your day refreshed.

Also, don't forget that Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

In closing, wishing you a safe and fun Halloween weekend with your family and friends!

Sincerely,

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