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Campus Community,

As we started the spring semester, our campus community showed up in every sense of the word. I want to extend my sincere thanks to the many employees who staffed information tables and braved the extremely rare cold, wind, and rain to welcome our students as they arrived for their first week of classes. Because of your commitment, students were greeted with friendly faces, helpful guidance, and a clear message that they belong here. Special appreciation goes to the Office of Student Development and the Associated Student Government for coordinating Welcome Week activities and making it all happen despite the challenging weather. Our students also pushed through the elements to take advantage of the weekly farmers' market and collect their \$20 in vouchers. Kudos to the farmers' market team for continuing to support student basic needs without missing a beat. Simply put, everyone pitched in to make the first week a success.

At the same time, the weather reminded us of the importance of staying attentive to our facilities. We did experience a few issues, including leaking roofs and an elevator that is currently out of service. If you see something that needs attention, please let us know. Submitting a Facilities Work Order is the critical first step. Once submitted, be sure to notify your supervisor so they can determine whether the issue needs to be elevated. Addressing concerns promptly and transparently helps us maintain a safe, welcoming campus for everyone and ensures small issues don't become bigger ones. At the same time, we must be responsive to ensure that submitted Facilities Work Orders are resolved in a timely manner, which we will continue to monitor closely. Thank you for your partnership in caring for our campus and for one another.

Today's President/CEO Message includes important updates on Spring 2026 enrollment, reminders about how we can continue supporting students as the term gets underway, highlights of upcoming professional development opportunities, and more.

Spring 2026 Enrollment Update

As of *February 19, 2026*, Compton College generated 1,632 FTES for the Spring 2026 term. Our fill rate is currently 72%, with 11,864 seats filled.

As classes are now underway, please continue to encourage students to register for late-start classes and to act quickly if they are adding or dropping first eight-week spring courses—every FTES counts. Beginning on the first-class meeting day, students are required to obtain an authorization code from the instructor to add a section, and add deadlines that occur quickly, typically by the close of business on the day prior to a class's census date. Employees are encouraged to help students navigate the add/drop process and direct them to the "How to Register with an Authorization Code" guide and the Spring 2026 Short-Term Registration Calendar for detailed deadline information.

Professional Development Schedule

Please take a moment to review the various Spring 2026 workshops and sessions available to support your professional growth. You can find the full schedule [here](#).

Summer Enrichment Activities Approved

Initially announced in the [President/CEO Message – December 5, 2025](#), proposals were submitted to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Sheri Berger, in *January 2026*. Thank you to the faculty, Classified professionals, and departments/programs that submitted proposals. The President/CEO Cabinet reviewed the proposals and recommended approving the following activities. There is one other proposal still under consideration as we get clarification.

Activity	Proposer	President/CEO Recommendation*
Band Camp	Rebekah Blonshine	\$25,500
Voices of Tomorrow at Compton	Selene Aguirre	\$10,500
	Total	\$36,000

*All amounts adjusted to include benefits.

The purpose of summer enrichment activities is to engage K-12 students on the Compton College campus. These activities will build lifelong connections to the College. Additionally, these activities provide access to the community we serve.

Compton College Accreditation Summit

The Accreditation Steering Committee invites you to the 2026 Accreditation Summit on *Friday, April 24, 2026*, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Join us for an engaging, interactive morning designed to get us moving, talking, and connecting about accreditation across campus. The summit will feature a fun “Compton College Trivia Walk” highlighting key milestones since restoration, a visual look at where we stand under the 2024 ACCJC Standards, and hands-on activities that make accreditation clear and approachable. You will also have time to connect with colleagues, explore how committee work aligns across the institution, and identify simple, practical steps you can take in your own role. Whether you are new to accreditation work or have been involved for years, this session is designed to be welcoming, informative, and energizing. Please sign up using the [RSVP link](#) to reserve your spot.

Compton College Safety Reminders

- **In case of an on-campus emergency at Compton College, dial 911 or 310-900-1600, ext. 2999, immediately.** For non-emergencies, you can reach the Compton College District Police Department at 310-900-1600, ext. 2790. On the weekends and after 10:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, call 310-554-2978.
- The Police Department is located in the Public Safety Building, at the Artesia Boulevard entrance (park in Lot A). Sign up to receive emergency notifications at Compton College Campus Police via Nixle, a free service that informs you of campus and community safety alerts. Through this system, you will receive alerts/notifications via cell phone, text message, and/or email. I cannot stress enough how important it is for you and your students to sign up for Nixle. To register, go to www.compton.edu/campus-safety/nixle.

Compton CCD Career Fair – Saturday, March 7, 2026

Compton College, in partnership with the City of Compton and the Compton Unified School District, is excited to announce our upcoming Career Fair on *Saturday, March 7, 2026*, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Art Gallery in the Library-Student Success Center. Attendees can explore various career pathways, connect with potential employers, and gain valuable insights into professional development.

To support attendees in their job search and career growth, we are offering free workshops on resume writing, interviewing techniques, and professional headshots. Refreshments and lunch will be provided. For more details, please contact the Human Resources Department at hr@compton.edu.

If you know someone looking for employment opportunities at Compton College, the City of Compton, or Compton Unified School District, please encourage them to attend this event.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

On *Monday, January 23, 2026*, 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>.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

This week, I caught up on my responses to the Academic Senate - Summary of Responses, for their *September 18, 2025*, *October 2, 2025*, *October 16, 2025*, and *November 6, 2025*, meetings are available [here](#), and for their *November 20, 2025*, and *December 4, 2025*, Meetings are available [here](#).

President/CEO Spring 2026 Reading

Each semester, I share books I am reading via a President/CEO Message. This Spring, I am reading the following books:

- [The Nickel Boys](#) by [Colson Whitehead](#)
- [South Central Dreams](#) by [Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo](#)

Final Thoughts

As we begin the Spring 2026 semester and continue our focus on the [Student-Centered Funding Formula](#), return on investment, and economic mobility, I want to share a few simple ways we can better support our students:

- Ask students whether they have an educational plan. If they do not, refer them to the Counseling Division Office in the Student Services Building to schedule an appointment.
- Ask students if they have applied for federal financial aid and the California College Promise Grant. If they have not, please encourage them to visit the [Financial Aid webpage](#) or to stop by the Financial Aid Department in the Student Services Building for assistance.
- Remind students about the basic needs services available on campus, including daily meals at the Everytable Cafeteria and the weekly farmers' market.

In closing, this was a great week. I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

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