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Campus Community,

This week, I was able to attend some on-campus events and want to thank everyone who coordinated, supported, and participated in them. On **March 25, 2026**, I attended the Annual Passport to Your Career Job & Resource Fair, hosted by the Adult Education and Workforce Development Department in partnership with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services and the State of California Employment Development Department. We had 148 employees and resources and 974 attendees at this event, including 384 on-site registrations, which is amazing, especially when we continue our focus on Return on Investment and Economic Mobility.

Today, I attended the 2nd Annual Women of Color Action Network Conference Leadership Conference at Mt. San Antonio College. The theme is “From Seeds to Sisterhood: Cultivating Collective Power.” They had well over 1,000 attendees, and we had over 50 Compton College employees and students in attendance. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Ashanti Hands, the president of San Diego Mesa College; her speech was amazing and inspirational. An overview of her keynote speech is available [here](#).

Today’s President/CEO Message includes the list of year-end celebrations, upcoming holidays, mobile food pantry dates, and more.

Preparing for Summer and Fall Registration

The Summer 2026 Schedule of Classes, both the PDF and the searchable online version, will be posted next week on the [Class Schedule webpage](#) in preparation for registration on **April 14, 2026**.

In addition, students with outstanding balances of \$200 or more were notified last week that they must resolve their balances by **April 6, 2026**, to avoid being prevented from registering for the Fall 2026 term. Students were directed to the Bursar’s Office for assistance and additional information. The message was sent intentionally and is part of the College’s new drop-for-nonpayment process.

This communication represents the first step in implementing the recommendations of the Student Payment and Registration Policy Task Force. The updated [Administrative Regulation 5030 – Fees](#) outlines the College’s authority to place registration holds and affirms students’ responsibilities to resolve outstanding financial obligations.

Spring Year-End Events

The Division of Student Services has finalized the list of year-end events. Click [here](#) to view a PDF of the celebration schedule. As my schedule permits, I am pleased to speak at and attend events that celebrate student success. Please complete the online [Event Participation Request Form](#) at least four weeks prior to the event to coordinate speaking requests.

Upcoming Holidays

- **Tuesday, March 31, 2026** – Cesar Chavez Holiday: non-instructional day (no classes), campus is open
- **Saturday-Friday, April 10, 2026 through April 16, 2026** – Spring Break: no classes, campus is open*
- ***Friday, April 17, 2026** – Local Holiday: campus closed

Please note that when the campus is open, and there is no instruction, these days scheduled workdays are still considered for Managers/Supervisors and Classified Professionals.

In addition, in compliance with [Assembly Bill 2156 \(Holidays: Farmworkers Day\)](#), signed by Governor Newsom on **March 26, 2026**, I will ask the Compton College [Calendar Committee](#) to convene to review a recommendation to rename the Cesar Chavez Holiday (a non-instructional day) to Farmworker Day. Because this holiday is included in both classified and certificated bargaining agreements, any proposed change would require negotiation with the Compton Community College Federation of Employees and the District. I am hopeful this recommendation can be presented to the Compton CCD Board of Trustees for review and action at the **April 20** or **May 18, 2026**, meeting.

Mobile Food Pantry – Spring 2026 Dates

In partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Compton College continues to host a monthly Mobile Food Pantry on the second **Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in Lot F, off Greenleaf Boulevard. Drive-through and walk-up welcome; open to the public. The remaining dates are **April 14, 2026, May 12, 2026, and June 9, 2026**. Mark your calendars and share this opportunity with friends and family who could benefit from 25-40 pounds of free, healthy food. Click [here](#) for the Spring 2026 flyer.

2026 Black Student Success Week

Compton College, along with other California Community Colleges, will celebrate Black Student Success Week from **April 20, 2026, to April 24, 2026**. The 2026 theme is [Revolution: \(Re\)Defining Black Student Success](#). This year's focus centers on redefining Black student success through institutional responsibility, data, economic mobility, and systemic change across California's Community Colleges.

The week's activities will be held virtually and include the following statewide events:

- Daily webinars from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m., known as #TheBlackHour
- Daily small-group discussion forums, from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m., referred to as #TheAfterParty, provide an opportunity for participants to debrief and reflect on topics and themes highlighted during #TheBlackHour
- #TheStudentHour is a student-centered series that focuses on the needs and resources available to help current and prospective college students succeed. The webinars occur Monday-Thursday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- #TheBlackOut Advocacy Day is scheduled for **Thursday, April 23, 2026**. This is an opportunity for stakeholders and interested parties to engage virtually with local elected officials and key higher education policymakers to discuss priorities to ensure Black student success. No prior legislative advocacy experience is needed. All resources, training, and support are provided to participants.

All webinars will be held via Zoom and live-streamed on YouTube. Webinar registration is now open. To view session descriptions and register, visit <https://blkstudentsuccess.com>.

2026 Black Student Success Week Webinar Schedule (All sessions are held from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.)

- **Monday, April 20, 2026**- From Designation to Declaration: BSIs Lead in California
- **Tuesday, April 21, 2026** - ROI as Economic Liberation: Higher Education's Moral Obligation
- **Wednesday, April 22, 2026** - No More Gatekeeping: Redesigning Math Pathways for Servingness
- **Thursday, April 23, 2026** - Basic Needs Support Is Institutional Infrastructure, Not Intervention
- **Friday, April 24, 2026** - Black Data Is Black Power: Reclaiming the Story of Black Student Success

President/CEO Closing the Loop

As a follow-up to the [President/CEO Message – December 12, 2025](#), which included the approval of projects that would be funded from the [2002 Measure CC Bond Fund](#), I wanted to share that we will have a recommendation on the **April 20, 2026**, Board of Trustees agenda to replace the roof on the Library-Student Success Center. The replacement of the roof is critical, and the goal is to have the repair completed prior to **June 30, 2026**

Final Thoughts

On *Wednesday, April 1, 2026*, we will host our annual Ice Cream Social from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., an opportunity to enjoy ice cream and honor Compton Community College District employees for their years of service to the District.

This week, I had the opportunity to provide a campus tour to staff from the [Foundation for California Community Colleges](#), who were impressed with our new facilities, particularly the Student Housing Project. They were also able to visit the Farmer's Market and attend the Harbor District Parole and Community Team (PACT) meeting, which is held on the Compton College campus once a month, gaining a firsthand look at the services and partnerships that support our students and the broader community. After attending the Farmers' Market, I ran into Dr. Rodney Murray, the former dean of Student Learning, who reminded me that many of these efforts, including the Farmers' Market and our partnership with Harbor District PACT meeting, were the result of ideas and collaboration started years ago by dedicated employees such as Dr. Joseph Lewis and himself (*just for the Farmer Market, and for [Assembly Bill – 318: Community colleges: Compton Community College District](#)*)

That conversation served as an important reminder that many people have shaped the transformation at Compton College over time, some retired, some no longer with us, but all contributing to the positive work we continue today in service of our students and community.

This work is not easy, but our focus remains clear: *accelerating student completion with an emphasis on equity and success*.

Please enjoy your weekend with family and friends. On *Saturday, March 28, 2026*, I look forward to attending the [Honors Transfer Council of California's 26th Annual Building Bridges Research Conference](#) at UC Riverside. I am especially excited for our students and for Nathan Lopez, Honors Transfer Program Faculty Coordinator.

Sincerely,

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