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## President/CEO Message - May 22, 2026

Campus Community,

As our year-end celebrations continue, I find myself thinking about the many people behind each student success story. We celebrate each student, family, mentor, and member of the Compton College community who helped our students reach their goals. During Classified Professional Development Week, we are also reminded that student success is made possible by the collective work of people across our campus, each serving an important role in helping students learn, persist, and achieve their goals. As reflected in the [2024–2025 Annual Fact Book](#), student achievement is supported every day by the many programs, services, and employees who contribute to the success of our college community.

Special thanks to everyone who participated in Classified Professional Development Week and the Classified Professional Development Day Summit. It was wonderful to see so many employees engaged throughout the week. Thank you as well to everyone who helped plan and coordinate these activities.

In the [President/CEO Message – April 10, 2026](#), and the [President/CEO Message – May 8, 2026](#), employees will have an opportunity to take a brief “*quick look*” at one of the units in our student housing complex. In partnership with Gafcon, our student housing project manager, we will offer employee-only visits on **June 4, 2026**, and **June 5, 2026**, during two one-hour blocks: **9:00 a.m.** and **1:00 p.m.** Since space is limited, we are asking employees to register for the [housing quick look](#), by **Friday, May 29, 2026**.

Today’s President/CEO Message includes the latest enrollment update for Summer and Fall 2026; recognition of our 2026 Commencement student speaker, Distinguished Faculty, Staff, and Administrator awardees, and Civility Champions; reminders about upcoming holidays and the summer 4/10 work schedule; information about the newly adopted 2026-2028 Compton College Goals and the 2024-2025 Annual Fact Book; recently approved Board Policies and issued Administrative Regulations; and links to my responses to the Academic Senate Summary of Decisions.

### **May 21, 2026 Compton College Enrollment Update**

- Summer 2026: *unavailable this week*
- Fall 2026: 451 FTES generated, 3,023 seats filled (17%)

### **2026 Compton College Commencement Student Speaker**

Please join me in congratulating Liti-Ahenewa I. Zabad, who has been selected as the student speaker for Compton College’s 2026 Commencement Ceremony. Commencement will be held on **Friday, June 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** at the LBS Financial Credit Union Pyramid at CSU Long Beach, with doors opening at 4:30 p.m. for graduates and guests. Please visit the [Commencement Information webpage](#) for the most up-to-date details.

### **Distinguished Faculty, Staff, and Administrator Awards**

The 2025-2026 Distinguished Faculty, Staff, and Administrator awardees were honored at the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting on **May 18, 2026**. Each recipient received a \$500 award, a commemorative plaque, and a specially designed medallion. These individuals are also invited to participate in the Commencement Ceremony as members of the Platform Party.

2025-2026 Award Recipients:

- **Distinguished Faculty** – Alejandra Pham, Guided Pathways Counselor, Special Resource Center
- **Distinguished Staff** – Elizabeth Monterroza Perez, Senior Administrative Assistant, Academic Affairs
- **Distinguished Administrator** – Reuben James, Director, Purchasing and Auxiliary Services

Congratulations to all of this year's honorees!

### **2025-2026 Compton Community College District Civility Champions**

The Civility Champion Award recognizes exceptional members of the Compton Community College District who exemplify self-reflection, care, empathy, and respect, while honoring the culture and humanity of others. Recipients were awarded \$100 and recognized at the **May 18, 2026**, Board of Trustees meeting.

As stated in Compton College's [Statement of Civility and Mutual Respect](#), how we interact with one another is essential to fostering a meaningful and effective intellectual environment. We extend our sincere gratitude to this year's Civility Champions for setting a powerful example and helping to create a respectful and inclusive campus community.

### **2025-2026 Civility Champion Award Recipients:**

- **Faculty:** Brittany Olayele, Professor, English as a Second Language (ESL)
- **Administrator:** Dr. Bedan Kamau, Associate Dean, Distance Education and Instructional Technology

Congratulations to this year's Civility Champions!

### **Upcoming Holidays**

- **Monday, May 25:** Memorial Day (campus closed, classes not in session)
- **Friday, June 19:** Juneteenth (campus closed, classes not in session)
- 4/10 Work Weeks: **June 22 – August 7** (campus is closed on Friday)

### **2026-2028 Compton College Goals**

[Compton College has developed its 2026–2028 goals](#) to guide the college's priorities and resource allocation over the next two academic years. These goals were developed collaboratively by faculty, staff, and administrators through the Core Planning Team and Consultative Council and are aligned with the Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan and the California Community Colleges Vision 2030 framework.

Additional information is available in [Institutional Effectiveness' May 18 Board of Trustees presentation](#).

### **Compton College FactBook**

The updated [2024–2025 Compton College FactBook](#) is now available on the College website. It serves as an important resource for sharing institutional information with our campus community, external partners, and the broader public. The FactBook provides accessible, user-friendly information about the College, including student demographics, enrollment trends, student achievement outcomes, transfer and completion data, financial aid, and other institutional data.

As Compton College continues implementing the goals outlined in the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#), tools such as the 2024–2025 FactBook help promote transparency, support

informed decision-making, and communicate the impact of the College's work to the communities we serve.

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

At the **May 18, 2026**, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting, the following Board Policies (BP) were approved, and the Administrative Regulations (AR) listed below were issued.

- [Board Policy 2430](#) – Delegation of Authority to the President/Chief Executive Officer
- [Board Policy 3440](#) – Service and Emotional Support Animals on District Premises
- [Board Policy 5050](#) – Student Success and Support Program
- [Board Policy 7330](#) – Communicable Disease - Employees
- [Administrative Regulation 2761](#) – Board of Trustees Recognition
- [Administrative Regulation 3440](#) – Services and Emotional Support Animals on District Premises
- [Administrative Regulation 3501](#) – Campus Security and Access
- [Administrative Regulation 3540](#) – Sexual and Other Assaults on Campus
- [Administrative Regulation 5050](#) – Student Success and Support Program
- [Administrative Regulation 5300](#) – Student Equity
- [Administrative Regulation 5530](#) – Student Rights and Grievances

### **President/CEO Closing the Loop**

1. My responses to the Academic Senate Summary of Decisions are available for the **[March 19, 2026](#)**, **[April 2, 2026](#)**, and **[May 7, 2026](#)** meetings.
2. I wanted to provide a brief update on the negotiated faculty and Classified Professional retro payments. At this time, the tentative payout dates for faculty are **June 15, 2026**, or **June 22, 2026**. These payments will be issued as a separate check and not as part of the regular payroll cycle. The tentative projected payout timeline for Classified Professionals is **August 31, 2026**. However, we are actively working with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to accelerate the timeline for the Classified Professionals project. Please note that these dates remain tentative for both faculty and Classified Professionals and are subject to final confirmation from LACOE.

### **Final Thoughts**

*Yesterday, May 21, 2026*, I had the privilege of attending the expungement hearing for Compton College alumnus [Terrance Stewart](#), which the judge approved under [Senate Bill 731 - Criminal records: relief](#). This groundbreaking legislation was shaped in part by Terrance's advocacy during the 2022 legislative cycle. If you do not know Terrance's story, he enrolled at Compton College just two weeks after his release from prison. He decided to enroll after meeting our outreach staff at the Metro Station on Compton Boulevard. I witnessed Terrance graduate from El Camino College Compton Center and later earn both his bachelor's and master's degrees from UC Riverside. Watching his journey continue has been a powerful reminder that education, opportunity, and persistence can open new doors. Today, Terrance Stewart serves as National Training Director for the [TimeDone](#) project, where he helps people with past convictions access resources, leadership development, and opportunities to move forward.

His story reflects the power of second chances and the impact our students can have in their communities and beyond. We all have stories of students and alumni whose accomplishments remind us why this work matters. I often think about the negative perceptions held by people outside our community, but my view is very different. I have always been proud to say that I am from Compton, proud to work at Compton College, and proud that we help create opportunities for people in this community to pursue higher education.

In closing, please enjoy your three-day weekend with family and friends. I'll be attending several year-end events over the next two weeks, so I may need to watch what I eat. I've already been to a few, and yes, the food has been amazing.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.  
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