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President/CEO Message - May 29, 2026

Campus Community,

Happy Friday. It was a short and very busy week. Several events were held on campus this week, including the annual [Compton Unified School District STEAMFest](#). It was nice to see so many elementary and middle school students on campus. I want to thank everyone involved in this event, especially the Compton College tables that provided resources, games, and information about our campus.

Also, yesterday I had the opportunity to visit the Transfer Center's "Transfer Thursday" table and the Nerdcon club bake sale near the Everytable Cafeteria. It was nice to interact with the students, but more importantly, to witness their involvement in the Nerdcon club and the community they have developed with their faculty advisors. Over the years, the Student Development Office has worked to increase the number of clubs and organizations on campus, and we have seen the number rise from 7 in 2024-2025 to 14 in 2026-2027. Thank you to the student leaders, Associated Student Government, club and organization advisors, and the Student Development Office for all they have done and continue to do to support our many clubs and organizations.

Today's President/CEO Message includes reminders about free student parking and upcoming mobile food pantry dates, as well as an overview of Compton College construction projects currently in the planning and design phases.

May 28, 2026 Compton College Enrollment Update

- Summer 2026: 488 FTES generated, 4,005 seats filled (62%)
- Fall 2026: 522 FTES generated, 3,496 seats filled (20%)

Summer 2026 enrollment indicators continue to trend slightly ahead of last year, with gains ranging from 3% to 9%. While it remains to be seen whether these increases will hold through the start of the term, current data suggest we are on track to finish very close to or slightly above last year's enrollment levels as classes begin in the coming weeks.

For Fall 2026, key measures also show early progress. Headcount is up 9%, and overall enrollment has increased by 3.6%, driven by earlier registration in several Dual Enrollment sections. Full-time equivalent students (FTES), however, are currently 3% below this time last year, and we will continue to monitor this trend as registration progresses.

2026-2027 Parking Permits

Compton College students may continue to park on campus for free through **June 30, 2027**, with a valid student parking permit. The College has provided free student parking since the 2021-2022 academic year, and I want to remind employees to help spread the word to students as they prepare for summer and fall. Additional parking information is available at www.compton.edu/about/ParkingInformation.

Mobile Food Pantry Dates

Compton College continues to partner with the [Los Angeles County Food Bank](#) to provide food for students and the surrounding community. The mobile food pantry operates on the second Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Parking Lot F, with upcoming dates on **June 9, 2026**, and **July 14, 2026**. Please share this information with students, employees, and community members who may benefit from this resource.

Upcoming Compton College Construction Projects Through 2035

It has been a very busy semester for construction projects, and over the past month, we have launched several site improvement efforts. These projects remain on schedule and on budget. The Visual and Performing Arts Project will be completed this fall; the Physical Education Complex Project is moving extremely fast; and the Student Housing Project is scheduled to open in fall 2027. Even though we currently have over \$160 million in construction projects underway, Compton College continues to move forward with additional major projects in the design and planning phases. These projects and their estimated completion dates include:

- Vocational Technology Building Renovation (2029-2030)
- Child Development Center Renovation (2028-2029)
- Urgent Care/Community Health Clinic (2028-2029)
- Building D – Basic Needs Center (2028-2029)
- Science Building (2031-2032)
- Student Union Replacement (2031-2032)

We are working with our construction management firm, Cummings, on the schedules and reviewing the budgets for each project. We anticipate selling the remaining Compton Community College District 2014 Measure C bonds, totaling \$27,000,000, sometime during the 2026-2027 year. At the **June 15, 2026**, Board of Trustees Meeting, we will provide a facilities update and request approval from the Board of Trustees on our Five-Year Construction Outlay Plan for the 2028–2032 period that will be submitted to the California Community College Chancellor’s Office in **June 2026**.

I am excited about the future construction projects for Compton College, as they reflect our continued investment in facilities that support student success, instruction, wellness, and campus life. The plan for the current Gymnasium site, once the building is demolished, is to convert it into a parking lot with electric-vehicle charging stations.

Share Your Feedback: Student Housing Naming and Branding Survey

As a reminder, in compliance with [Board Policy 3320](#) and [Administrative Regulation 3320](#) – Criteria for Naming Buildings and Other Facilities, Compton College is gathering feedback from employees and students to help inform the name and branding direction for the new student housing community opening in fall 2027. The project team seeks input on themes, name ideas, and visual branding concepts that reflect Compton College’s values, student experience, culture, and sense of community. This survey will remain open until **Friday, June 5, 2026**. Click [here](#) to complete the survey.

The next step in the process is for the Coyote Support Network to review the submissions and narrow the recommendations to five. Final voting will take place from **August 24, 2026**, through **September 18, 2026**. After voting closes, the Coyote Support Network will review the results and make a formal recommendation, including the ranking of its top choices 1 through 3, to the Facilities Committee, and then follow the process outlined in [Administrative Regulation 3320 – Criteria for Naming Buildings and Other Facilities](#). The goal is to place the recommended name on the agenda for the **October 12, 2026**, Compton CCD Board of Trustees Meeting.

Your feedback is important as we plan to open our Student Housing Facility before the fall 2027 semester.

Final Thoughts

As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – April 24, 2026](#), I have been thinking a lot about Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the transition in leadership for our AI Task Force. The AI Task Force has the following mission:

The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Task Force is a collaborative body organized to explore the impacts of AI technologies on the teaching and learning environment and operations of Compton College. The goals of the AI Workgroup are: 1) establish a shared understanding of the fundamentals of AI, 2) collate examples of applications of AI in college and university settings, and 3) develop recommendations for the use of AI that Compton College may consider incorporating into our current practices or to inform future planning.

On **Monday, June 1, 2026**, a group of faculty and staff members will visit the [FYI \(Focus Your Ideas\)](#) campus in Los Angeles, founded by will.i.am. During the visit, participants will learn more about the AI course he teaches at Arizona State University and evaluate opportunities in agentic AI while considering data privacy, FERPA, cost, and scalability. This visit is consistent with the [Memorandum of Understanding approved by the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees at its April 20, 2026](#), meeting with FYI.FYI, Inc. Last evening, I was informed that additional individuals from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office will be participating in our visit. Since I was only recently informed, I want to be clear that Compton College and Compton CCD have not made any additional commitments to FYI.FYI, Inc., outside of our current MOU, and we are not engaged in or exploring any partnerships with the Chancellor's Office related to AI or FYI.FYI, Inc. I am looking forward to hearing attendees' thoughts and, more importantly, whether any recommendations from this visit could be incorporated into the AI Task Force's recommendations.

One recommendation I have for the task force, and for their recommendations, is that we develop a Compton College 2035 AI Strategic Plan linked to [Compton College 2035](#) and [Compton College's 2035 Strategic Initiative: Return on Investment and Economic Mobility Framework](#). I don't yet know when to begin developing this plan or what to include; however, we need to be prepared for the future of AI.

The countdown to [Commencement](#) continues, with only two weeks to go until we celebrate the Class of 2026 on **Friday, June 12, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m. at the LBS Financial Credit Union Pyramid at California State University, Long Beach. I look forward to recognizing this important milestone with our graduates, their families, and the entire campus community.

Please have a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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