

President/CEO Message - September 17, 2026

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Campus Community,

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Campuswide Forum and contributed to the discussion on [Governor Newsom's 2030 Postsecondary Attainment Goal](#) and how we can better support it. Thank you for your engagement, thoughtful questions, and willingness to share ideas as we work together to improve student success and educational outcomes. My Campuswide Forum presentation is available [here](#). During the forum, several employees provided valuable feedback and suggestions regarding strategies to increase postsecondary attainment, remove barriers to student success, strengthen support services, and enhance collaboration across the College. Several recurring themes emerged from our discussion, including:

- 1. Reducing Barriers and Simplifying the Student Experience**

A recurring theme was making it easier for students to enroll, persist, return, and complete their programs. This included reducing administrative obstacles, simplifying processes, addressing fee holds and verification challenges, improving onboarding, and ensuring students clearly understand their pathway to completion.

- 2. Flexible and Accelerated Pathways to Completion**

Many suggestions focused on helping students earn credentials faster and in ways that fit their lives. Examples included hybrid and weekend classes, short-term courses, accelerated formats, stackable certificates, work experience credit, Credit for Prior Learning, and workforce-aligned training opportunities.

- 3. Proactive Outreach and Re-engagement**

Participants recommended targeted marketing campaigns, direct outreach through multiple channels, phone banking, enrollment events, social media engagement, and personalized communications based on student status and needs.

- 4. Student Support, Relationships, and Sense of Belonging**

The focus was on providing personalized support through Guided Pathways Success Teams, counseling, academic support services, one-stop enrollment assistance, peer mentoring, and adult re-entry support. The underlying idea is that relationships and personal connections improve persistence and completion.

- 5. Communicating the Value of Completion**

Several recommendations centered on helping students understand the benefits of earning a credential. This included highlighting return on investment, career advancement opportunities, earnings potential, alumni success stories, community pride, and connections to larger institutional initiatives such as the College's centennial celebration and regional workforce needs.

Your input is important and will help inform future planning efforts as we continue developing and refining strategies to achieve the [Compton College 2035 Institutional Set-Goals](#). We are committed to reviewing the feedback received and identifying opportunities to incorporate your ideas into our work moving forward. Next, the [Guided Pathways Committee](#) will discuss these themes and provide recommendations on how we move forward.

Thank you again for your participation, dedication, and commitment to our students and community. Meaningful progress is only possible through collaboration, and I appreciate the constructive dialogue during the forum.

Today's President/CEO Message includes a link to the Online Calendar of Events, information about the 2026-2027 Compton CCD Final Budget, and recently approved Board Policies and Administrative Regulations.

Compton College Fall 2026 Enrollment Update

As of **September 17, 2026**, Compton College has generated 1,755 full-time equivalent students (FTES) for fall 2026 (0.3% more than this time last year). Currently, 12,729 seats are filled, representing 71% of available seats. Fall headcount is 6,325 students, up 5% from the same time last year.

Late-start classes begin on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**. Please encourage students who are interested in adding a class or adjusting their schedule to review the [online searchable schedule](#) for open sections in the second eight-week term.

Stay Connected with Campus Events

Compton College offers a variety of events throughout the semester that support student success, engagement, and campus connection. Employees are encouraged to review the [Compton College online calendar](#) and the MyCompton portal regularly to stay informed about upcoming activities and to share relevant events with students.

One upcoming event is the annual [Transfer Fair](#), which will be held on **Thursday, October 1, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Students will have the opportunity to meet representatives from more than 40 colleges and universities. The event is open to current Compton College students and the public.

The online calendar is updated regularly and shared with employees by email each week. Thank you for helping promote campus events and encouraging student participation.

Compton College 2035 Institutional Set-Goals

In prior messages ([May 30, 2025](#); [October 17, 2025](#); [December 12, 2025](#); [April 3, 2026](#); [August 21, 2026](#)), I shared updates on the [Compton College 2035 Institutional Set-Goals Dashboard](#). The [Compton College 2035 Institutional Set Goals](#) will continue to help align program plans, program reviews, and budget allocation with our singular goal: ***accelerating student completion with an emphasis on equity and success***.

The [Compton College 2035 Institutional Set-Goals Dashboard](#) was recently updated to include 2025-2026 academic year data for the following measures:

- Student headcount
- Fall-to-spring persistence rate
- Course success rate
- English and math completion in the first year
- Average units earned

The fall-to-fall persistence rate has not yet been updated because the fall term is still in progress. Information on loan and grant recipients, as well as certificates and degrees awarded, will be added once the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office provides MIS data, which is expected within the next week or two.

Compton Community College District 2026-2027 Final Budget

At its regular meeting on **September 14, 2026**, the Compton CCD Board of Trustees approved the 2026-2027 Compton CCD Final Budget, which may be viewed online [here](#). The budget is based upon the information currently available from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. The 2026-2027 Compton CCD Final Budget estimates revenue, including state and local sources, at \$57,740,983, of

which the District anticipates receiving \$51,281,795 in Total Computational Revenue Stability Funding. Compton College will offer 1,538 course sections to meet our Student-Centered Funding Formula goal for 2026-2027.

The [2026-2027 Compton CCD Final Budget](#) includes a Cost-of-Living Adjustment increase of 4.31 percent; funding to fill three faculty positions, three classified professional positions, and one management position; future funding for Compton College Guided Pathways of \$680,000 and the Compton CCD Personnel Commission of \$400,000.

Additionally, the 2026-2027 Compton CCD Final Budget includes expenses to address Compton District's long-term liabilities, including an Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) payment of \$250,000 and the final line-of-credit repayment of \$648,760. The approved budget maintains a reserve above the minimum 10% level as required by [Compton Community College District Board Policy 6200 – Budget Preparation](#).

Facilities Usage for On-Campus Events

As we continue hosting events and activities on campus, please remember that all requests to use District facilities must follow [Administrative Regulation 6700 – Civic Center and Other Facilities Use](#). This includes requests for meetings, programs, activities, and events held in Compton College. Employees should submit facility use requests through the appropriate campus process and allow sufficient time for review, scheduling, and approval before promoting or confirming event details. Following the established process helps ensure that facilities, equipment, custodial services, safety needs, and other operational considerations are coordinated in advance.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, organized, and welcoming environment for students, employees, and community members who attend events at Compton College. For more information on the Civic Center and Other Facilities Use, please contact Renee Madrid-Rios, Event Coordinator, at (310) 900-1600, ext. 2119, or via email at rmadridrios@compton.edu.

2026-2028 Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Goals

At its *September 14, 2026* meeting, the Compton CCD Board of Trustees approved the [2026-2028 Compton CCD Board of Trustees Goals](#). The goals align directly with the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#) and the [2026-2028 Compton College Goals](#). These goals support our continued focus on accelerating completion, advancing equity, and improving student success. These goals will help guide the Board of Trustees' work and support our collaborative efforts to serve our students and the community.

Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

At the *September 14, 2026*, Compton CCD Board of Trustees meeting, the following Board Policies (BP) were approved, and Administrative Regulations (AR) listed below were issued.

- [Board Policy 6320](#) – Investments
- [Board Policy 7110](#) – Delegation of Authority, Human Resources
- [Administrative Regulation 2714](#) – Distribution of Tickets or Passes
- [Administrative Regulation 3500](#) – Campus Safety
- [Administrative Regulation 6150](#) – Designation of Authorized Signatures
- [Administrative Regulation 6300](#) – Fiscal Management
- [Administrative Regulation 7110](#) – Delegation of Authority, Human Resources
- [Administrative Regulation 7330](#) – Communicable Disease - Employees

Final Thoughts

Last Saturday's home football game reminded me that athletics play an important role in building community and school pride. Although the Coyotes did not come away with a win, our student-athletes

demonstrated perseverance, teamwork, and determination throughout the game. I was also impressed by the welcoming atmosphere our Athletics staff, coaches, and volunteers created.

I encourage all employees to support our student-athletes throughout the year by attending games and events when your schedule allows and by following their accomplishments throughout the season. Upcoming opportunities include Women's Volleyball at East Los Angeles College on ***Friday, September 18, 2026***, Football's home game against West Los Angeles College on ***Saturday, September 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.***, and men's and women's soccer as they travel to Victor Valley College on ***Tuesday, September 22, 2026***. To view schedules, scores, and information about all Compton College athletic programs, visit the [Compton College Athletics website](#).

Sincerely,

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