

President/CEO Message - September 25, 2026

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Campus Community,

This week, I had the opportunity to visit the [Restoration Diversion Services](#) Human Trafficking Drop-In Center in Compton during a joint community event sponsored by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and the City of Compton. Compton College was well represented by employees from the Adult Education and Workforce Development Division, Counseling, Guided Pathways, and Campus Police. During the event, I spoke with one of our students and learned about the impact Compton College has had on their life, as well as the barriers and challenges they have faced. After meeting with the student, I contacted a donor about establishing a new fund within the Foundation for the Compton Community College District called "***Their Path Forward.***" The fund will support Compton College students referred through our partnership with the [Restoration Diversion Services](#) Human Trafficking Drop-In Center. In the coming weeks, I will work with the Foundation to determine the fund's criteria, disbursement process, and other details. Although much remains to be finalized, I want to move this important work forward, because it is the right thing to do for students and the community we serve. I want to thank our Campus Police Department, especially Chief Marcus Thompson, for leading this partnership.

Today's President/CEO Message includes an update on fall 2026 enrollment, information about the College's ongoing Workforce Pell planning, and details about the transition of SLO assessments from eLumen to Canvas and upcoming faculty training sessions.

Compton College Fall 2026 Enrollment Update

As of **September 24, 2026**, Compton College has generated 1,778 full-time equivalent students (FTES) for fall 2026 (1.7% more than this time last year). Currently, 13,027 seats are filled, representing 72% of available seats. Fall headcount is 6,578 students, up 8% 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. We currently have 104 sections open for enrollment.

Collaborative Governance at Compton College Handbook

As noted in the [President/CEO Messages](#) dated [June 12](#), [June 25](#), and [August 28, 2026](#), the draft Collaborative Governance Handbook continues through the campus review process. We have received feedback from constituent groups and are now beginning to finalize the handbook. Our goal remains to present the final handbook to the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees this fall for review and consideration for approval.

Compton College Workforce Pell Planning Update

As discussed in previous [President/CEO Messages](#), including the [President/CEO Message - August 6, 2026](#), Compton College continues to prepare for the federal Workforce Pell requirements. Our recent discussions and actions related to the Federal Direct Loan Program have also helped position the College to better understand and respond to the potential effects of these new requirements on our students and programs.

On **September 21, 2026**, I approved the establishment of the Compton College Workforce Pell Subcommittee under the Guided Pathways Committee. The subcommittee will bring together representatives from across the College, including:

- Two administrators, including one co-chair, with representation from workforce development and financial aid;
- Three faculty members, including one co-chair, preferably with experience related to workforce development;
- Two classified professionals, preferably with experience related to workforce development; and
- One career and technical education student.

The subcommittee will review the federal Workforce Pell provisions under H.R. 1, also known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act,” along with Senate Bill 135 and Assembly Bill 1534, assess which Compton College programs may qualify, and develop implementation recommendations. Recommendations will move through the Guided Pathways Committee and Consultative Council before being forwarded to the President/CEO. The subcommittee will also continue monitoring the implementation of approved recommendations.

We are beginning to work with our constituent groups on the subcommittee appointments. As this work progresses, I will continue to provide updates in future President/CEO Messages.

Student Learning Outcomes Assessment Transition from eLumen to Canvas

Compton College is moving Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) assessments from eLumen to Canvas. Faculty should review the [online Assessment Handbook](#) for instructions and attend a virtual training session for additional guidance. Below are the Fall 2026 Virtual SLO Training sessions, which are scheduled from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

October 8, 2026 | [Zoom link](#)

October 20, 2026 | [Zoom link](#)

November 12, 2026 | [Zoom link](#)

November 17, 2026 | [Zoom link](#)

December 10, 2026 | [Zoom link](#)

If you have any questions regarding Student Learning Outcomes, please contact Dr. Jesse Mills, Professor, at jmills@compton.edu.

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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. To register, go to www.compton.edu/campus-safety/nixle.

Are You #VoteReady?

Make sure you are ready for California’s **November 3, 2026, General Election**. Counties will begin mailing ballots by **October 5, 2026**; secure ballot drop-off locations open **October 6, 2026**; and **October 19, 2026**, is the last day to register online. Same Day Voter Registration will remain available through Election Day. Visit registertovote.ca.gov to register or update your information, and voterstatus.sos.ca.gov to check your status.

Final Thoughts

The fall semester is moving quickly, and many important projects are underway. I want to remind everyone of the importance of our [Campus Committee](#) meetings and the active participation of committee members. We are also establishing facilities planning committees for the next wave of construction projects that are outlined in [Compton College 2035](#), including the Child Development Renovation, Urgent Care/Community Health Clinic, Basic Needs Center, Vocational Technology Building Renovation, new Student Union, and Science Building. Your creative input and participation in both campus committees and facilities planning committees are critical as we make important decisions for Compton College and the community we serve.

Thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to Compton College. I wish everyone a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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