President/CEO Message - November 13, 2026

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Campus Community,

As a fan of the movie, I always approach ***Friday the 13th*** with a little caution, but this week the bad luck seemed to arrive a day early. Yesterday's issues with Microsoft impacted many of us, and I appreciate everyone's patience. We will continue to monitor the situation and keep the campus informed as we receive more information. I hope everyone had a good week despite the disruption.

As mentioned in the President/CEO Message of October 30, 2026, we had planned to meet with representatives from Moody's and Standard & Poor's, the agencies that evaluate the district's creditworthiness, on ***Thursday, November 12, 2026***. After conversations with the district's financial advisors, we ultimately met only with Standard & Poor's. Following the meeting, we gave the representatives a tour of the campus, including the Student Housing Facility. I felt the visit went very well, and I look forward to receiving our credit rating. Once we receive the rating from Standard & Poor's, we will update the Compton CCD Credit Rating History.

This week's President/CEO Message includes Winter and Spring 2027 enrollment updates, progress on the Compton College 2035 Institutional Set-Goals, the upcoming Campuswide Forum and Board of Trustees meeting, the Collaborative Governance Handbook, the student housing name recommendation, a Student Services leadership update, and a reminder about the free Los Angeles Phil Neighborhood Concert.

Winter 2027 Enrollment Update
As of ***November 12, 2026***, Winter 2027 enrollment indicators are up compared to the same point in previous years. Compton College has generated 265 FTES, up 5% from 251 in Winter 2026 and up 31% from 202 in Winter 2025. Currently, 2,223 seats are filled, flat compared to 2,219 last year and up 25% from 1,778 two years ago. Unduplicated headcount is 1,613 students, up 5% from 1,538 in Winter 2026 and up 20% from 1,339 in Winter 2025.

Reminder: The five-week Winter 2027 intersession gives students a chance to complete a class quickly and stay on track toward graduation and their educational goals. The Winter 2027 class schedule is available online at www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/ClassSchedule.

Spring 2027 Enrollment Update
As of ***November 12, 2026***, Spring 2027 enrollment indicators are down compared to the same point last year. Compton College has generated 280 FTES, down 18% from 339 in Spring 2026. Currently, 1,754 seats are filled compared to 2,276 last year (down 23%), and the unduplicated headcount is 774 students compared to 951 (down 19%). Priority registration began on ***November 3, 2026***, so please encourage students with priority registration appointments to register now for the classes they need at the times that work best for them.

Compton College 2035 Institutional Set-Goals Update
Building on updates shared in prior President/CEO Messages (May 30, 2025; October 17, 2025; December 12, 2025; April 3, 2026; August 21, 2026; and September 17, 2026), the Office of Institutional Effectiveness has updated the Compton College 2035 Institutional Set-Goals with 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 data, and the results show strong momentum. Compton College has already surpassed several of its long-term targets well ahead of schedule:

- **Dual Enrollment:** 3,104 students against a 2034-2035 goal of 2,434
- **Transfers:** 274 against a 2034-2035 goal of 224
- **Students Completing Nine or More CTE Units:** 528 against a 2034-2035 goal of 465

- **Pell and California College Promise Grant Recipients:** 3,064 against a 2034-2035 goal of 2,682

For the first time, this year's equity update applies the goal-setting methodology approved by our Board of Trustees to every age, gender, and race/ethnicity group of 10 or more students. That gives each of these populations its own 2034-2035 target, which shows where students are thriving. It also points to where gaps remain, such as course success, transfer-level English and math, and degree completion. Those gaps show where we need to refocus our efforts so that every student population benefits equally. Because the College and several student populations have already surpassed their 2034-2035 goals, the Core Planning Team will review the Institutional Set-Goals this year to consider whether some long-term targets should be reset so they keep driving our work for students.

Compton College Virtual Campuswide Forum
I am hosting a virtual Campuswide Forum on ***Tuesday, November 17, 2026,*** at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. The forum will provide an opportunity to ask questions, stay informed, and engage in topics related to student success, including the Student-Centered Funding Formula, Compton CCD Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan, the Compton College 2035 Economic Value Model, the Compton College 2035 Institutional Set-Goals, and the follow-up items from the ***September 15, 2026***, Campuswide Virtual Forums. Please register in advance using this link: Compton College Campuswide Forum Online Registration.

Collaborative Governance Handbook
Collaborative governance is the cornerstone of how we achieve our mission, vision, and strategic initiatives, ensuring that the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students all have a voice in the decisions that drive student success. On ***March 10, 2025***, the Consultative Council established the Collaborative Governance Workgroup to revise our Collaborative Governance at Compton College document, now titled the Collaborative Governance Handbook. On ***November 9, 2026***, I accepted the Handbook with modifications, and it is on the Board of Trustees agenda for ***Monday, November 16, 2026***, with a recommendation for approval effective ***July 1, 2027***. Thank you to the workgroup members for their thoughtful work.

Student Services Leadership Transition
I want to share that Vice President of Student Services Dr. Nicole Jones is relocating and has resigned from her position, effective ***December 31, 2026***. I am grateful to Dr. Jones for her support and dedicated service to Compton College and, more importantly, to the Student Services Division. In the coming days, we will announce the interim Vice President of Student Services. In winter 2027, we will begin a national recruitment for the permanent Vice President of Student Services, with an official start date sometime in spring or summer 2027.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting
The Compton Community College District Board of Trustees will meet on ***Monday, November 16, 2026,*** in the Board Room in the Administration Building. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by the open session at 6:00 p.m. Regular session meetings are open to the public, and agendas are posted on the BoardDocs website at least 72 hours in advance.

President/CEO Closing the Loop
1. Thank you to everyone who helped name our new Student Housing Facility. After reviewing name submissions from students and employees, campuswide voting from ***September 11, 2026, through October 2, 2026***, and our collaborative governance process, the Consultative Council recommended the name **"Coyote Village,"** which students suggested most often. The Board of Trustees will receive this recommendation at its meeting on ***Monday, November 16, 2026***.

2. Following a fall 2026 proposal process that included an extended deadline through ***November 2, 2026***, no proposals were received for the $100,000 in available enrollment management funding. Moving

forward, the College will transition from an open proposal process to allocating the funding through the Enrollment Management Committee, with funding aligned with the Compton College 2026–2028 Outreach and Recruitment Plan and the College's enrollment priorities.

Final Thoughts
As a reminder, members of the Los Angeles Philharmonic will perform a free Neighborhood Concert at Compton College on ***Friday, December 11, 2026,*** at 7:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium. Tickets are free, but you must reserve them online by clicking Buy Tickets and entering the promo code **COMMUNITY**. I hope you will join us for this special evening of music and community.

In closing, I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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