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Compton College Honors 2022 Distinguished Faculty and Staff

Compton College recently announced its honorees for the 2022 Distinguished Faculty and Staff awards. The annual awards recognize outstanding faculty and staff members for their commitment to Compton College and its educational mission. **Shannon Williams**, baseball head coach; **Dr. Marlow Lemons**, adjunct STEM faculty member; and **Roy Patterson**, purchasing agent, were recognized for their dedication to students, Compton College, and colleagues.

In addition, Compton College is proud to announce its 2022 Civility Champion: **Nathan Lopez**, history instructor, who is a shining example of how positive interactions with one another are critical to cultivating and maintaining a meaningful and effective intellectual environment, as stated in [Compton College's Statement of Civility and Mutual Respect](#). In 2020, the Compton Community College District introduced its Civility Champion Award to honor outstanding employees whose contributions demonstrate a commitment to self-reflection, care, empathy, and respect while acknowledging the culture and humanity of others.

Distinguished Faculty Award recipient **Shannon Williams**, baseball head coach and physical education instructor, is now in his 20th season coaching the Compton College Tartars Baseball team. Lauded as the all-time "winningest" baseball coach in Compton College's history, he is honored for his efforts to ensure his diverse students make and meet their educational goals to transfer, as well as play baseball on scholarships. During his tenure, nearly 200 players have transferred from Compton College to four-year colleges and universities; 11 have signed professional baseball contracts; and seven have been named community college All American/All Region.

Williams' colleagues and the Compton community attest to how professional, dedicated and committed he is in developing and encouraging his student-athletes. Lauded for his own professional development, the coach practices the latest online and distance teaching techniques using Canvas and participates in multiple monthly workshops to keep up to date. He actively supports Compton College improvements, serving on several committees including the Physical Education New Complex Planning and the Guided Pathways.

Williams earned master's degrees from Concordia University and the United States Sports Academy. He received a bachelor's degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and an associate degree from Compton College.

Distinguished Adjunct Faculty Award recipient **Dr. Marlow Lemons** is an adjunct mathematical sciences instructor, teaching a variety of mathematics courses including statistics, calculus, and mathematics education at Compton College since 2018.

Lemons is recognized for his commitment and service to his students, going beyond his designated duties to ensure his students are well-prepared for learning. He is known for providing lecture notes to students before

the course begins, purchasing calculators for them, and offering extended office hours to help students succeed. He effectively engages students both online and in-person, providing clear instruction and encouraging questions and dialogue.

Lemons also supports his colleagues in multiple ways. Serving as a mathematics dean for neighboring colleges, he regularly shares his experience in assessing student learning outcomes to help identify and reduce equity gaps in students' mathematics success. He helped train faculty when Compton College launched the new Canvas program for online learning.

Lemons earned his doctorate in educational research and evaluation from Virginia Tech, a master's degree in statistics from the University of Georgia, and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Georgia Southern University.

Distinguished Staff Award **honoree Roy Patterson** is the purchasing agent for the Compton Community College District's Business Office. An employee of the district for 28 years, his nominating colleagues agree, "he is one of the Compton College community's biggest stars. He is kind, supportive, understanding, knowledgeable and an overall great person. He is someone we all consider a friend as well as a mentor."

Patterson has more than 40 years of experience in dealing with all the rules, regulations, and procedures required to make every purchase needed for the district. He has led project bidding for all the new facilities construction on campus via bond measures. Always proud to be among the first to learn new processes and procedures, he is an expert in the Peoplesoft software system currently used by the district and has participated in extensive training for the upcoming transition to the Business Enhancement System Transformation (BEST) financial management system with the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Described as hardworking and loyal, Patterson is recognized for his professionalism and friendly demeanor towards students, staff, and visitors. His coworkers confirm, "Patterson is always ready to assist anyone that needs it, and often works long hours to make sure that everything needed for the students, faculty, staff, and vendors is completed."

Patterson served in United States Navy for 21 years as a leading petty officer and served in the Vietnam and Iraq (Desert Storm) wars. A resident of Compton for more than 40 years, he says he would never want to live anywhere but in his community. With his retirement pending in December 2022, he is looking forward to spending more time doing everything he loves: reading, listening to music, watching old movies, and being with his family.

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About Compton College

Compton College is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. Compton College is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.