



Fall 2026 Professional Development Day Agenda
"Compton 2035: Student Success at Every Level"
Thursday, August 20, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Compton College Gymnasium

- 9:00 – 9:20 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
Keith Curry, Ed.D.
President/CEO, Compton College
- 9:20 – 9:50 a.m. **Keynote Speaker**
DeRionne P. Pollard, Ph.D.
President/CEO, American Association of Community Colleges
- 9:50 – 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. **Compton College 2035 Measurement of Return on Investment and Economic Mobility**
Presenter: Diane White & Associates
- 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. **Faculty Panel: "Data in Action: Real Talk on How We Use Data to Support Students"**
Moderator: Sheri Berger, Ed.D.
Vice President, Academic Affairs
- 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Student Panel: Distance Education at Compton College**
Moderator: Bedan Kamau, Ed.D.
Associate Dean, Distance Education
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. **Breakout Sessions**
Session One
Understanding Student Investment
Facilitator: Diane White & Associates
Location: Gymnasium
- Quick Wins: Creating OER Ancillaries with AI**
Facilitator: Steven Gonzalez, M.A.
Faculty Instructional Designer/OER Coordinator,
Assistant Professor, Political Science
Location: Student Success Center (SSC), Room 108

Data for Black Student Success: Advancing Belonging and Achievement at Compton

Facilitator: Antonio Banks, Ed.D.

Director, Black and Males of Color Success

Location: Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Using UDLbot to Improve Student Success

Facilitator: Susan Johnson, M.A.

Professor of English

Location: Instructional Building 2 (IB2), Room 221

From Classroom to Career: Strengthening Workforce Pathways

Facilitator: Adrian Trinidad, Ph.D.

Interim Dean of Adult Education and Workforce Development

Location: Instructional Building 2 (IB2), Room 223

1:10 – 1:40 p.m.

Session Two

Applying the Framework to Practice

Facilitator: Diane White & Associates

Location: Gymnasium

PlayLab AI Showcase

Facilitator: Bedan Kamau, Ed.D.

Associate Dean, Distance Education

Location: Student Success Center (SSC), Room 108

Guided Pathways for Compton 2035: Advancing Student Success Together

Facilitator: Nicole Jones, Ph.D.

Vice President, Student Services

Location: Multipurpose Room (MPR)

Canvas Insights 101

Facilitator: Gayathri Manikandan, M.S.

Professor of Mathematics

Location: Instructional Building 2 (IB2), Room 221

Getting to Know Handshake

Facilitator: Nicole Smith, B.A.

Job Placement Specialist

Location: Instructional Building 2 (IB2), Room 223

1:40 – 2:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Break

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Guided Pathway Division Meetings

Location: Allied Health Building (AHB), Room 119

Counseling Department Meeting

Location: Instructional Building 2 (IB2), Room 223