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Campus Community,

As we approach the end of another productive week, let's look forward to the fall semester, which is just a month away. Next week will be our last 4/10 workweek, with **Friday, August 2, 2024**, as our final summer Friday off. Let's enjoy this well-deserved break as we prepare for the exciting opportunities that await us this fall. This week, we had over 100 high school students from Compton and Lynwood unified school districts participating in the 2024 Compton College High School Band Camp. On **Saturday, July 27, 2024**, you are invited to view their final performance at the Football/Soccer Stadium at 10:00 a.m.

In the [President/CEO Message – July 11, 2024](#), I provided an update on the 2024-2025 California State Budget and the development of the 2024-2025 Compton Community College District Final Budget Assumptions. Although our initial 2024-2025 Compton CCD Final Budget Assumptions were shared with the [Planning and Budget Committee](#) this week, we will continue to make modifications. Next week, I will share the updated document in the [President/CEO Message](#). Please note, as always, we are focused on ensuring the 2024-2025 Compton CCD Final Budget is aligned with [Board Policy 1200 - Mission, Vision, and Strategic Initiatives](#), and taking into account future year budgets. As we make commitments for 2024-2025 Budget Augmentations and Enhancements for 2024-2025, we must make sure appropriate funding is available in the 2024-2025 year and in the future to continue to support Guided Pathways, Strong Workforce, Enterprise Resource Planning System, and Scheduled Maintenance Facilities Projects. The 2024-2025 Compton CCD Final Budget will be presented to the Compton CCD Board of Trustees at their **Tuesday, September 10, 2024**, Board meeting.

Today's President/CEO Message includes a reminder about fall 2024 Peak Registration hours, fall 2024 Professional Development Day, Cash for College webinars, and more.

Fall 2024 Enrollment Update

As of **today, July 25, 2024**, Compton College has generated 1,210 FTES for the fall 2024 semester. The fill rate is currently 48%, and the seats filled are 8,232.

The [Fall 2024 registration reminder postcard](#) will be mailed to all in-district residences in 2 weeks. The postcard includes information about this year's [News Student Welcome Day](#), scheduled for **Wednesday, August 21, 2024**. When you have a moment, please review the Fall 2024 registration reminder postcard; I am excited about the information we are sharing.

Fall 2024 Peak Registration Services and Hours

The Student Services Division will be open for extended hours from **August 19 – September 6, 2024**, to help students complete their admissions applications, apply for financial aid, and register for fall classes.

Admissions & Records, Welcome Center, Counseling, Transfer & Career Center, CalWORKs, Special Resource Center, EOPS/CARE NextUp, Financial Aid, Student Development Office, Veterans Resource Center, and the Bursar's Office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and two **Saturdays – August 17 and 24**—from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

Fall 2024 Professional Development Day

Once again, we are excited to announce that we will begin the fall 2024 semester with our mandatory Professional Development Day on **Thursday, August 22, 2024**. The general session will commence at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. All full-time Compton College faculty and classified professionals are required to participate in the mandatory Professional Development activities on **Thursday, August 22, 2024**. We are honored to welcome Dr. Lori Patton Davis, Professor from the University of California, Los Angeles, as our keynote speaker. Dr. Patton Davis is a highly esteemed scholar in higher education, renowned for her work on

African Americans in higher education, critical race theory, and campus diversity initiatives. She has authored over 50 peer-reviewed articles and has been featured in top journals such as *The Journal of Higher Education* and *Teachers College Record*. Her research has been cited nearly 5,000 times. As the immediate past president of the Association for the Study of Higher Education and former Equity and Inclusion Officer for AERA Division J, she has significantly influenced educational policy and practice. Dr. Patton Davis holds a Ph.D. from Indiana University and has received numerous awards for her scholarly contributions, making her a sought-after education expert.

An in-person New Faculty Orientation will be held on ***Tuesday, August 20, 2024***, in the Student Services Building, Room 212, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Adjunct Faculty Orientation will be on ***Wednesday, August 21, 2024***, from 5:00 - 7:10 p.m. and will be held virtually via Zoom.

We look forward to seeing you on ***Thursday, August 22, 2024***, for an inspiring and informative day! Please mark these events in your calendars. The agendas for these events will be provided in next week's [President/CEO Message](#).

Real #114 Leadership Academy

I am delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Iris Fernandez, Derrick Glinn, Jen Janis, Kishane Palacio, and Mark Romero for being selected to participate in the 2024 Compton College #Real114 Leadership Academy cohort. This prestigious selection highlights their dedication and potential in advancing leadership within our college.

The #Real114 Leadership Academy, held ***July 22-25, 2024***, offered an intensive hybrid experience designed to build capacity and enhance the leadership skills of our classified professionals. Throughout the 2024-2025 academic year, they will engage in designing and executing a leadership project, contributing to our community's growth, and supporting the goals of the [Compton College 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan](#).

Their participation signifies a significant step toward building a diverse and dynamic leadership culture at Compton College. I look forward to watching their collaborative work with Dr. Pilar Huffman, director of professional development, and witnessing the impact of their contributions over the coming year.

Cash for College Webinars

The [California Student Aid Commission \(CSAC\)](#) and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office are continuing their partnership to offer a [series of Statewide Cash for College Webinars](#). Compton College students and families should attend these webinars, including one on ***Monday, July 29, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.*** They will have an opportunity to connect with CSAC experts to receive key guidance on completing financial aid applications and how to address common challenges and mistakes. Additionally, CSAC continues to highlight resources to support Mixed Status Families, including FAQs (in English and Spanish) and recorded webinars on our [webpage dedicated to mixed-status families](#), as a result of federal Better FAFSA updates.

Final Thoughts

I am extremely excited about the upcoming academic year and the opportunity to interact with new and continuing students. This will be a challenging year, but I know at the end of the day, our number one priority is to continue to provide outstanding programs and services to our students and the community we serve.

This week, I provided a campus tour to a community member, and I was impressed with the cleanliness of the campus and how good our grounds look. I know there are still some areas of concern with the appearance of the campus, but we continue to make improvements. If you see an issue that is related to our facilities or something that needs to be addressed in terms of safety or accessibility, please submit a facilities work order through the online Facilities Work Order system available via MyCompton.

In closing, as a reminder, I am finalizing my fall 2024 reading list for release in the President/CEO Message – on August 15, 2024. Please send your recommendations to kcurry@compton.edu by **Wednesday, August 7, 2024**.

Sincerely,

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