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Campus Community,

This weekend, I will be travelling to Sacramento, CA, with the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees and Student Trustee Cynthia Mims to participate in the Community College League of California's [Effective Trusteeship and Board Chair Workshop](#) and the [2026 Annual Legislative Conference](#). They'll join community college leaders from across the state to discuss legislative priorities, student success strategies, and emerging issues shaping the future of higher education in California.

As part of the Compton College Spring 2026 Professional Development Day, which will focus on Return on Investment and Economic Mobility, we will include a Compton College alumni panel. This conversation will give us insight into how our graduates are applying their education, navigating career pathways, and building economic stability for themselves and their families. We would like to learn more about the support that made a difference in their journey, the barriers they encountered along the way, and the opportunities we, as a campus, have to strengthen student success from enrollment to employment. For more information on Return on Investment and Economic Mobility, please review previous President/CEO Messages ([March 28](#), [May 2](#), [July 10](#), [July 31](#), [August 7](#), [August 29](#), [September 19](#), [September 26](#), [October 24](#), [November 7](#), and [November 14](#)). Furthermore, we developed a [Return on Investment \(ROI\) and Economic Mobility Framework](#) for Compton College.

The Spring 2026 Professional Development Day agenda will be included in next week's [President/CEO Message](#). As a reminder, all full-time employees (faculty, classified professionals, and managers/supervisors) must participate in the Spring 2026 Professional Development Day on **Thursday, February 12, 2026**. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. and will be held on campus in the Gymnasium.

Today's President/CEO Message includes information about Spring 2026 peak registration hours, an update from Compton College Athletics, the initial phase of rolling back Remote Work assignments, and much more.

Spring 2026 Enrollment Update

As of **January 22, 2026**, Compton College has generated 1,335 FTES for the Spring 2026 term, and 9,635 seats (57% of those available) are currently filled.

We must continue to encourage students to [check the class schedules on the Compton College website](#), meet with a counselor, and register early to ensure a smooth start to the semester. ***Every Full-Time Equivalent Student Counts!***

Spring 2026 Peak Registration Hours

Extended hours begin **Saturday, February 7, 2026**. Students can take care of last-minute spring registration needs, including registering for classes, paying fees, accessing support services, and more.

- **Saturday, February 7, 2026:** 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- **Monday–Thursday, February 9-19, 2026:** 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- **Fridays, February 20 & 27, 2026:** 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Please note the following holiday closures: The campus will be closed on Lincoln's Holiday (**February 13, 2026**) and Washington's Holiday (**February 16, 2026**). No classes will be in session on these days, and all offices will be closed.

Compton College Athletics Update

Visit comptoncollegeathletics.com for the latest stories, schedules, results, and rosters.

- Our Men's Basketball team, led by Head Coach Keith Hollimon, is currently 8–10 with league play approaching. Top scorers are Layton McGovern (16.1 ppg) and Elijah Evans (12.7 ppg).
- Our Women's Basketball team, led by new Head Coach Ollie Brent, is back to .500 at 8–8 after a 48–43 win over El Camino in Wednesday's South Coast Conference South opener. Marylou Davis, the team's leading scorer at 15.2 points per game, sealed the victory with seven straight free throws in the final minute.
- Men's Baseball opens the 2026 season this week at Ventura College after finishing last season 9–30 overall and 6–18 in South Coast Conference play.
- Women's Softball begins its 2026 campaign with momentum from standout 2025 performances, including two-time First Team selection Serena Velez and Second Team selection Audrey Garcia.
- Track and Field competition starts in **February 2026**, following strong results last season, including finals appearances from Mia Young and a 46.63 season-best men's 4x100 relay.

Workforce Pell Grant Program

As part of Compton CCD's federal legislative priorities, Compton College continues to support the expansion and implementation of the new Workforce Pell Grant program, which will allow low-income students to use Pell Grants for short-term, workforce-focused training programs. Congress recently established Workforce Pell under the newly enacted [H.R. 1](#), with eligibility beginning July 1, 2026. This expansion is designed to increase access to high-skilled, high-wage, and in-demand career pathways, aligning with our ongoing commitment to economic mobility and equitable student success. Federal rulemaking is underway, and California's Governor has designated the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to lead state-level implementation. We will continue to monitor these developments and advocate for policies that strengthen student access, program quality, and accountability.

We will include updates on the Workforce Pell Grant Program in future [President/CEO Messages](#).

2025-2026 Annual Planning Report

The annual planning process for the 2025-2026 fiscal and academic year has concluded. The [Annual Planning Report for 2025-2026](#), which summarizes the planning cycle activities conducted in 2024-2025 for the 2025-2026 academic year, and the [Annual Feedback Report](#) that details the prioritized funding recommendations and budget allocations for 2025-2026, are available on the Institutional Effectiveness [Planning webpage](#).

Thank you to everyone involved in the planning cycle activities for the 2025-2026 year.

Compton Community College District Remote Work Phase-Out Plan

Earlier this week, I informed the managers and supervisors about Compton CCD's plan to phase out Remote Work by **December 31, 2026**. This change will help strengthen coverage and expand in-person services for students and the community.

The first phase will begin in the summer of 2026, with the President/CEO Office and Administrative Services Division working on campus every day. I have asked Dr. Hiacynth Martinez, Vice President of

Human Resources, to work with area vice presidents and managers to develop the full phase-out plan, which is due to me by ***March 27, 2026***.

Managers and supervisors were asked to begin considering coverage needs and rollback planning, and to pause new remote-day approvals for Summer 2026 and beyond until additional guidance is issued by *April 16, 2026*. More information on the Compton CCD Remote Work Phase-Out Plan will be included in future [President/CEO Messages](#).

President/CEO Spring 2026 Reading List

I am currently preparing my spring 2026 reading list for release in the President/CEO Message – February 20, 2026. Please send your recommendations to kcurry@compton.edu by ***Tuesday, February 17, 2026***.

Final Thoughts

I hope everyone takes time to enjoy time with their family and friends as we begin the countdown to the spring 2026 semester and the 2026 Compton College Commencement Ceremony.

Sincerely,

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