

President/CEO Message - September 4, 2026

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Campus Community,

As we close out the second week of the fall 2026 semester, I want to thank our employees for the work you do each day to support students and our campus community. Your commitment is appreciated, and it makes a difference at Compton College. We have many events and activities happening on campus, and I encourage us all to continue submitting and reviewing the [Compton College online calendar](#).

As we continue to address Return on Investment and Economic Mobility and develop the Compton College 2035 Economic Value Model, Compton College students, faculty, and staff can access Lightcast career and labor market data directly on our [program webpages](#). This labor market information supports students as they explore academic programs and career pathways. This interactive tool connects programs to related careers and provides information on median wages, job openings, current employment demand, in-demand skills, and projected 10-year employment. This information helps our students and prospective students make informed decisions about their education and career goals.

I encourage the entire campus community to become familiar with these data so we can help students interpret labor market information and connect their academic choices to specific career opportunities. The wage information represents the median wage for the selected occupation, regardless of educational level, rather than an expected starting salary for a Compton College graduate. Students can compare data for opportunities within 10 miles of Compton (90221) with the national outlook; an additional Los Angeles County toggle, representing a 50-mile radius from Compton, will also be added to provide a broader regional perspective. For additional questions regarding this labor market widget, please contact Dr. Adrián Trinidad, Interim Dean of Adult Education and Workforce Development at atrinidad1@compton.edu.

This week's message includes an update on fall enrollment, information about next week's President/CEO Student Forum, the first home game for the Compton College Coyotes football team, and details about upcoming campus and Board meetings.

Compton College Fall 2026 Enrollment Update

As of **September 3, 2026**, Compton College has generated 1,662 full-time equivalent students (FTES) for fall 2026 (0.3% less than this time last year). Currently, 11,801 seats are filled, representing 67% of available seats. Fall headcount is 5,777 students, up 4% from the same time last year.

Fall registration is still underway, and while many 16-week classes will close to enrollment Monday night, students still have options. Late-start 8-week classes, which begin in October, may still be added online if seats are available.

Please encourage students with authorization codes to use them as soon as possible to secure their seats. Students should also complete any adds or drops without a "W" before the deadline for each class. For many sections, that deadline is Monday. Although the campus, including the Admissions & Records Office, will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday, online registration will remain

available. To avoid any last-minute issues, students are encouraged to complete their registration transactions by the close of business tomorrow.

President/CEO Student Forums

Next week, I will host an in-person President/CEO Student Forum on ***Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 2:30 p.m.*** in the Student Services Building, Room 212. This forum provides students with an opportunity to share their experiences, ask questions, and learn more about what is happening at Compton College. Please encourage students to attend and participate in the conversation.

Compton College Athletics

Tomorrow, September 5, 2026, the Compton College Coyotes football team plays at Santa Monica College; the game begins at 5:00 p.m. Also, join us on campus for the first home game of the season as the Compton College Coyotes take on San Bernardino Valley College! This opening game is **free** for all employees and guests. Kickoff is at ***6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12, 2026***, at the Compton College football field. Come out to support our team, show your school spirit, and enjoy an exciting evening of college football. Let's cheer on the Coyotes together!

Please check the [Compton College online calendar](#) for all athletics events and visit the Compton College Athletics website for more information on all of our athletics teams, which is located [here](#).

Compton College Campuswide Forum

I am hosting a virtual Campuswide Forum on ***Tuesday, September 15, 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 Accreditation, the 2026–2027 Compton CCD Budget, the Student-Centered Funding Formula, the Compton College 2035 Economic Value Model, and the [Compton College 2035 Institutional Set Goals](#). Please register in advance using this link: [Compton College Campuswide Forum Online Registration](#).

Compton Community College District 2026–2027 Final Budget

As a reminder, at its regular meeting on ***September 14, 2026***, the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees will receive the [2026–2027 CCCD Final Budget](#) for review and recommended action. The proposed budget is designed to maintain a reserve above the minimum 10% level required by [Compton CCD Board Policy 6200 – Budget Preparation](#). Estimated revenue, including state and local sources, is \$57,740,983, of which the District anticipates receiving \$51,281,795 in Total Computational Revenue Stability Funding. Compton College will offer 1,538 course sections to meet our Student-Centered Funding Formula goal for 2026–2027. The budget also assumes a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA); funding for three faculty positions, three classified professional positions, and one management position; \$680,000 for Compton College Guided Pathways; and \$400,000 for the Compton CCD Personnel Commission. It also includes expenses to address long-term liabilities, including a \$250,000 Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) payment and the final \$648,760 repayment toward the line of credit.

Please note that we are currently closing the financials for fiscal year 2025–2026. Final figures will not be available until the annual financial audit for that period is complete.

September 14, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting and Public Budget Hearing

The public is invited to the upcoming Compton Community College District Board Meeting and Public Budget Hearing on ***Monday, September 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.*** in the Board Room in the Administration Building. The Board Agenda will be posted 72 hours before the meeting. Agendas are

posted on the BoardDocs website under the "Meetings" tab on the [Board of Trustees Meetings webpage](#).

The Budget Hearing will allow the public to comment on the proposed 2026-2027 Compton Community College District Final Budget.

Final Thoughts

Now that we are two weeks into the fall semester, please continue encouraging students to take advantage of the Library-Student Success Center. The center offers a quiet place to study, tutoring, computer lab access, and other academic support services to help students stay on track and finish the semester strong. Thank you for continuing to connect our students with the resources available to support their success

Thank you to everyone who submitted recommendations for the President/CEO Reading List for fall 2026. This fall, I am reading the following books:

- [America's Historically Black Colleges & Universities](#), by Bobby L. Lovett
- [Mental Health in College: What Research Tells Us About Supporting Students](#), by Alexis Redding
- [The Great Upheaval](#), by Arthur Levine and Scott Van Pelt

As we approach Labor Day weekend, I also want to recognize our students, many of whom continue to balance their education, jobs, families, and other responsibilities. I truly believe that ***Every Student is a Success Story***.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.
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