

President/CEO Message - October 2, 2026

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Campus Community,

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office recently notified colleges and districts of a BankMobile security incident affecting multiple institutions. As a precaution, Compton College has temporarily paused financial aid disbursements and student refunds through BankMobile while the incident is investigated. At this time, the College has not confirmed that any Compton College students have been affected, and the Chancellor's Office has not yet confirmed that it has implemented a fix. This evening, the College is sending communications to all students about the temporary pause in financial aid disbursements.

Employees should be aware that financial aid disbursements and BankMobile refunds may be delayed. Students do not need to take action at this time and should continue monitoring their Compton College email for official updates. Please direct students with questions to the Financial Aid Office at financialaid@compton.edu or (310) 900-1600, ext. 2935. We will provide additional information as it becomes available and will contact students directly if they are affected or need to take action.

Today's President/CEO Message includes important updates on financial aid, budget planning, student housing support, campus improvements and safety, and upcoming College and District activities.

Compton College Fall 2026 Enrollment Update

No enrollment update this week. Reporting will resume next week.

Late-start classes begin on ***Saturday, October 17, 2026***. Please encourage students who are interested in adding a class or adjusting their schedule to review the [online searchable schedule](#) for open sections in the second eight-week term

Financial Aid Reminder: Help Students Apply Early

The Financial Aid Office is encouraging students to apply early for 2027–2028 financial aid to maximize their eligibility for federal, state, and institutional support. The 2027–2028 FAFSA and California Dream Act Application (CADAA) opened last week, on ***September 23, 2026***, and cover the academic year from ***July 1, 2027***, through ***June 30, 2028***. The priority deadline for California state financial aid is ***March 2, 2027***, so students should apply as soon as possible. Completing an application may also help eligible full-time Cal Grant recipients qualify for the Student Success Completion Grant.

Year-End Closing and Year-Round Budget Planning

As the Business Office completes year-end closing for 2025–2026, now is the time for each department to review its 2026–2027 budget and plan. We are already three months into the fiscal year, and budget monitoring should not wait until January, when we announce the final requisition deadlines (***Friday, March 26, 2027, is the deadline***). Please review your available balances, anticipated expenses, and purchasing timelines now and continue monitoring them throughout the year. Our shared goal is straightforward: no surprises, no overspending, and responsible use of District resources. Let us remain efficient, prudent, and proactive in managing our budgets.

Housing Support Available Through the Campus Peer Navigator

Compton College has partnered with the Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD) to provide an on-campus Campus Peer Navigator for students experiencing homelessness, housing instability, or the risk of losing their housing. Students do not need to wait until they are unhoused to ask for help. The navigator can help students identify immediate options, connect with campus and community resources, and work through barriers affecting their housing stability.

Support may include help identifying housing and emergency resources; referrals through Los Angeles County's coordinated entry system; assistance preparing documents and completing housing-related intake processes; connections to community organizations and campus support programs; help navigating systems such as financial aid and child welfare; and follow-up, problem-solving, or crisis support.

Students may contact Campus Peer Navigator Christian Perez at cperez@coalitionrcd.org or (323) 432-2240. He is available in person on Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Student Services Building, Room 230. Students may email Christian in advance to schedule an appointment or drop in during those hours. Employees may also refer students directly to Christian by email.

Employees who learn that a student is experiencing housing instability are encouraged to connect the student with the Campus Peer Navigator or the Office of Student Basic Needs & Success. Students are encouraged to seek assistance as early as possible.

Compton Community College Tenured Faculty Honorees

We are pleased to announce the list of Compton College faculty members who will be honored for achieving tenure at the Tenth Annual Tenure Dinner.

The updated list of honorees includes:

- Stefani Baez
- David Chavez
- Carlos Facio
- Sacramento Mendoza Ramos
- Victor Monroy
- Alejandra Pham
- Bria Roberts
- Mayela Rodriguez

The Tenure Dinner will take place next ***Thursday, October 8, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.*** in the Multipurpose Room. The Academic Affairs Office sent invitations to faculty on ***September 18, 2026***, and the RSVP deadline is ***Monday, October 5, 2026***. In addition to celebrating newly tenured faculty, we will recognize faculty members for their years of service to the Compton Community College District.

Annual Security Report Available

Compton College has published its Annual Security Report on the [Campus Security Statistics webpage](#). The report is shared annually with the campus community under the Jeanne Clery Act. It includes campus crime statistics for the three most recent calendar years, along with information about campus safety policies, crime reporting, emergency notifications, and available resources. Students and employees are encouraged to review the report and become familiar with Compton College's safety information and procedures.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

On ***Monday, October 12, 2026***, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Board Room in the Administration Building. All regular session meetings are open to the public. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., with

the open session commencing at 6:00 p.m. The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Agendas are posted on the BoardDocs website under the "Meetings" tab at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/compton/Board.nsf/Public>.

Final Thoughts

In *September 2026*, Governor Gavin Newsom signed [Senate Bill 1255 \(Reyes\) - Postsecondary education: Designation of California Hispanic-Serving Institutions](#) and [Assembly Bill 2374 \(Fong\) - Postsecondary education: Designation of California Asian American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander–Serving Institutions](#) into law, establishing two new statewide designations in the State of California. Both bills are modeled after [Senate Bill -1348, Postsecondary Education: Designation of California Black-Serving Institutions](#). We intend to apply for both designations when applications become available.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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