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Pedro Pizarro, President and CEO of Edison International, to Deliver 2018 Commencement Address at Compton College

Compton College will hold its 2018 Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, June 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Football Stadium. The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be Pedro Pizarro, president and CEO of Edison International. This will be the first commencement ceremony at Compton College since it was officially named the 114th California Community College through a unanimous vote by the Board of Governors in June 2017.

“I am honored to be invited to give the commencement address at Compton College. Education is the most important gift we can give ourselves and our communities, and education should be available to everyone. That is why community colleges like Compton College are a vital part of our education system,” said Pizarro.

Edison International, the parent company of Southern California Edison (SCE), is one of the nation’s largest electric utility companies. Pizarro’s career at Edison International has spanned 19 years. He joined the company in 1999 and progressed through several leadership roles, including president of SCE. Prior to his work at Edison International and SCE, Pizarro was a senior engagement manager with McKinsey & Company providing management consulting services to energy, technology, engineering services, and banking clients.

Pizarro earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from the California Institute of Technology and held National Science Foundation and Department of Defense graduate fellowships. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Harvard University. He currently serves on the boards of Argonne National Laboratory, Electric Power Research Institute, Edison Electric Institute, and California Institute of Technology.

Pizarro was born in Puerto Rico and moved to Florida with his family when he was young. His parents valued education and wanted to provide the best educational experience possible for their children. During high school, Pizarro was challenged when his bad back required two surgeries and put him behind in his studies. However, he managed to get on track during his senior year leading to an acceptance to Harvard University. He says the experience taught him resiliency and he had to learn to be flexible and creative in how he did things, skills he has applied during his career in leadership roles.

Photo available online: Pedro Pizarro, president and CEO of Edison International, will be the keynote speaker at Compton College’s June 7, 2018 commencement ceremony.

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About Compton College

Compton College is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. Compton College is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221.