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**Subject:** President/CEO Message - January 5, 2023

Campus Community,

Happy New Year, and I hope everyone is staying safe. Due to the heavy rain, we decided yesterday, **January 4, 2023**, to move the EOPS/CARE office to Tartar Village 3.

Other than the havoc the weather has played on some of our buildings, it has been a relatively quiet return to campus after the winter break. A steady stream of students is looking for add codes for the [open winter 2023 classes](#), which is good news. Students have until **Sunday, January 8, 2023**, to attend a class meeting or contact the instructor for an add code. They can stop by the Welcome Center for assistance.

Today's President/CEO Message – January 5, 2023, includes COVID-19 information and other campus-related updates.

### **Los Angeles County COVID-19 Update**

Los Angeles County's Daily COVID-19 Data webpage reports 2,138 newly recorded confirmed cases in Los Angeles County (and cases reported by Long Beach and Pasadena health departments) as of noon on **January 3, 2023**. For more information, go to [publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/data/](http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/data/). Los Angeles County's current CDC Community Level is Medium. Visit the [LACDPH Post-Surge Dashboard and Strategies](#) webpage for more information.

### **Winter and Spring 2023 Enrollment Update**

As of *today, January 5, 2023*, Compton College has generated the following:

- 227 FTES for the **Winter 2023** term. Our fill rate for Winter is currently 66%, and 1,948 seats are filled.
- 651 FTES for the **Spring 2023** term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 29%, and 4,524 seats are filled.

Click [here](#) to view today's enrollment snapshot.

### **Spring 2023 Registration Reminder**

The spring 2023 semester begins **Saturday, February 11, 2023**, with weekday classes starting on **Monday, February 13, 2023**. Students may apply and register 24/7 online at [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu).

It's always a good idea for students to [meet with a counselor](#) to answer academic questions and periodically check in on their progress. Students can also track their degree or certificate progress by checking their educational plan via the MyCompton portal, reviewing their major's [program map](#) for suggested course pathways, and consulting the [course catalog](#) to learn more about specific classes and programs. If a student is undeclared or thinking about switching majors, they can [explore Compton College's Program Maps](#) and ensure they take the right classes each semester. Click [here](#) for more information on the "What-If" feature of Degree Works. The video explains how Compton College students may check to see where they are completing their degree(s) and run an audit for other potential degrees/certificates. Please remind students of the valuable resources available in the Counseling Department.

### **Inaugural Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Breakfast**

All Compton College employees are invited to attend the first-ever Compton College MLK Breakfast & Celebration on **Monday, January 16, 2023**, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Multipurpose Center (former Student Lounge). This event is open to Compton College employees and special guests only. Please RSVP by noon on **January 9, 2023**, so we have an accurate headcount: <https://bit.ly/CCMLKBreakfast>. The agenda for the event was emailed to employees by Nicole Jones, Vice President of Student Services, before the winter break.

## 2021-2022 Compton CCD Financial Audit Report

EideBailly LLP, our independent external auditing firm, completed the [2021-2022 Compton Community College District Financial Audit Report](#). The Compton District Annual Financial Audit was completed and submitted to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office with an unmodified opinion of the financial statements (see page 90). Below is a summary of the results of the 2021-2022 Annual Financial Audit Report.

1. Compton CCD's general fund ending balance was \$20.4 million, above the 10% minimum reserve requirement pursuant to [Compton CCD Board Policy 6200 - Budget Preparation](#).
2. Compton CCD reported two audit findings for the 2021-22 fiscal year compared to seven findings in the prior year.
3. Compton CCD complied with the 50 Percent Law for the ninth consecutive year.

## Weekly Farmers' Market on Wednesdays

All current Compton College students are eligible to receive \$20 each week in farmers' market vouchers. Students may stop by the farmers' market between 3:00 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays with their Compton College Student ID card and receive \$20 vouchers to spend at the market. The farmers' market is located along the Main Loop, near the north entrance to the Math/Science Building, east of the Library-Student Success Center.

The weekly, on-campus farmers' market is managed by Sustainable Economic Enterprises of Los Angeles (SEE-LA). It provides an opportunity for students, employees, and the community to purchase locally-grown fruits, vegetables, and other food items. CalFresh EBT cards are accepted, and the Compton College/SEE-LA Farmers Market offers Market Match.

## City of Compton Artesia Bridge Update

An update provided by Assistant City Manager Triphenia Simmons announced the design to repair the Artesia Bridge is due to the City of Compton in *April 2023*. There will be security enhancements for the area, and an RFP for construction will be released in early *Summer 2023*. Construction to repair the bridge will take 6 to 9 months, and the bridge should be reopened by *Spring 2024*. If we receive additional updates on the City of Compton Artesia Bridge, we will share them with the campus community.

## How Would You Describe Compton College-2022?

How would you describe 2022 in terms of what Compton College has accomplished? If you could use one word to illustrate how we have helped students succeed this year, what would it be? Please send **ONE WORD** to Sylvia Barakat, [sbarakat@compton.edu](mailto:sbarakat@compton.edu), by 4:00 p.m. *tomorrow, January 6, 2023*. We will create a word cloud and include it in a future [President/CEO Message](#).

## President/CEO Closing the Loop

1. I have selected Dr. Hiacynth D. Martinez as the new vice president of Human Resources for Compton College. Dr. Martinez's first day of employment is *January 9, 2023*. Dr. Martinez currently serves as an Educational Leadership Consultant/Associate with Hazard, Young, & Associates. Previously, Dr. Martinez served as the assistant superintendent of Human Resources for Santa Ana Unified School District and the chief personnel officer for Lennox School District.
2. I have selected Dr. Mercedes Luna as the new Director of Student Development and Athletics for Compton College. Dr. Luna has served as the interim Director of Student Development and Athletics since *August 8, 2022*.
3. My responses to the [Academic Senate](#) – Summary of Decisions made at the *December 1, 2022*, meeting are available [here](#).

## January 17, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet in the Little Theater on *Tuesday, January 17, 2023*. 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**

We are hiring in several areas. Please share our employment opportunities with your friends and colleagues. The open positions are listed on the [Human Resources "Employment Opportunities" webpage](#).

The [2023 APAHE \(Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education\) Conference: Amplifying Our Voices For Unity and Action](#) will be held **April 26-29, 2023**, in Oakland, CA. I want to send a team of Compton College employees to Oakland this Spring to hear about the latest research on AANHPI communities, DEIA efforts, and promising practices for Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander student well-being and student success. Additionally, the APAHE will again host their annual AANAPISI Pre-Conference Institute for emerging/eligible/and designated Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions with representatives from the U.S. Department of Education. Pilar Huffman, Professional Development Manager, will provide more information about the Compton College team's participation in the APAHE Conference.

Please be safe and have a fantastic Friday and weekend.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.  
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President/CEO  
Compton College