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Subject: President/CEO Message - January 13, 2023

Campus Community,

On **January 10, 2023**, Governor Newsom released his [proposed budget for the 2023-24 fiscal year](#). As anticipated, the proposal tackles a budget deficit while seeking to keep prior year promises.

For California Community Colleges, the budget proposal continues to be shaped by the [Roadmap for the Future](#), introduced in 2022-23 and intended to advance equity, student success, and the system's ability to prepare students for California's Future. It includes roughly \$778 million in Proposition 98 augmentations over the prior year, with nearly all of it as ongoing spending. The proposal provides an 8.13% cost-of-living-adjustment and another round of investments in strategies to increase student retention and enrollment rates.

Please review the [2023-2024 Joint Analysis of the Governor's Budget Proposal](#) to assist your review of the recently released budget proposal. This detailed and comprehensive tool is crafted to serve as a common factual resource to aid further analysis or advocacy. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) once again partnered with the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), the Association of Chief Business Officials (ACBO), and the Community College League of California to release this analysis. For further budget updates and resources, visit the CCCCCO's [Budget News page](#).

Today's President/CEO Message – January 13, 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 1,716 newly recorded confirmed cases in Los Angeles County (and cases reported by Long Beach and Pasadena health departments) as of noon on **January 11, 2023**. For more information, go to 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.

Reminder: Masks are Required While Indoors

Everyone – employees, students, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask in all indoor public spaces on campus, except when eating or drinking (preferably outdoors).

Winter and Spring 2023 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, January 12, 2023*, Compton College has generated the following:

- 207 FTES for the **Winter 2023** term. Our fill rate for Winter is currently 65%, and 1,787 seats are filled.
- 782 FTES for the **Spring 2023** term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 34%, and 5,413 seats are filled.

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

Saturday classes begin on **February 11, 2023**; weekday classes begin **Monday, February 13, 2023**. Please encourage potential students to review the Schedule of Classes at: <https://www.compton.edu/studentservices/admissionandrecords/ClassSchedule.aspx> and apply or register today.

Enrollment Trends

The College is beginning to see a flattening out of enrollment. Vice President Sheri Berger has shared that the College saw a 17% increase in headcount for winter 2023 compared to winter 2022 and a 6% increase in headcount compared to winter 2021. The seats filled also increased by 21.8% and 8.2%, respectively.

For spring 2023, the College is seeing a 12% increase in headcount compared to spring 2022 and a 4% over the spring 2021 headcount. Additionally, students are taking more classes than they were 1-2 years ago. The seats filled for spring 2023 compared to spring 2022 is up 12.8% and 5.1% compared to spring 2021. Vice President Berger has also reported that asynchronous classes fill faster than remote, synchronous, in-person classes. The deans continue to monitor enrollment and are adding classes as demand indicates when possible. These numbers are encouraging, but we all need to bring new and returning students to the College.

Winter 2023 Bookstore Vouchers

Students who enrolled in one or more units for the winter 2023 term by **January 8, 2023**, will receive a \$50 Bookstore voucher/credit. The credit will be issued after Census. The \$50 Bookstore voucher will be available online at <https://www.bkstr.com/comptonstore/home> or in person at the Bookstore on campus, Monday-Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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 today** so we have an accurate headcount: <https://bit.ly/CCMLKBreakfast>.

Community Day and Grand Opening Celebrations

We are planning our Community Day/Open House for **Saturday, April 22, 2023**, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We will host the grand opening ceremonies for Instructional Building 1, Instructional Building 2, and the Student Services Building. This open house will provide community members and prospective students and their families with the opportunity to engage with our faculty, interact with Classified staff from departments essential to each student's success story, and tour our new campus facilities. Please save this date on your calendars. And if you would like to help plan for this event, please contact Event Coordinator Stella Luna for more information at sluna@compton.edu. Stella Luna will compile a list of programs and departments participating in the campus open house.

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

I wanted to thank everyone for their support and involvement with student enrollment and retention. Although winter enrollment is moving in the right direction with an increase compared to the prior two years, we still have a long way to go.

Also, special thanks to the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Celebration planning committee for coordinating this important event on the Compton College campus.

For a few years, I have asked faculty, Classified staff, and managers/supervisors to describe Compton College in one word. Here is a graphic representation of the positivity surrounding Compton College. I'm very proud of what we accomplished together in 2022 and what we will do moving forward! May this serve as our inspiration to help every student create their success story.

resiliency hope
excellence abundantly
improved amazing resilient
dedication determination helpful
achievement transformative
innovative calfresh growth
student-centered ambitious evolving
enlightening committed
dynamic

Please be safe and have a fabulous Friday and weekend.

Sincerely,

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