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Sent on behalf of Dr. Curry, President/CEO of Compton College

Campus Community,

Happy first week of the spring 2023 semester! I hope everyone had a great first week of the semester connecting with students and your colleagues. Last Tuesday, while I was in Washington D.C., I was questioning myself and my work for Compton College and the California Community Colleges. Then a man stopped me on the way down the hall at the hotel and asked for help tying his tie. He was headed to the White House for an appointment and was going to attend the State of the Union later that evening. As I was helping him, I was reminded of the countless times I've helped students tie their ties over the years and the pride I feel each time. It's not the titles or the accolades, but these small moments that matter the most. The man was George Floyd's brother, Philonise Floyd.

Today's President/CEO Message – February 17, 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 1,096 newly recorded confirmed cases in Los Angeles County (and cases reported by Long Beach and Pasadena health departments) as of noon on **February 16, 2023**. For more information, go to publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/data/. Los Angeles County's current CDC Community Level is Low. Visit the [LACDPH Post-Surge Dashboard and Strategies](#) webpage for more information.

Spring 2023 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, February 17, 2023*, Compton College has generated 1,193 FTES for the **Spring 2023** semester. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 54%, and 8,335 seats are filled. Click [here](#) to view yesterday's enrollment snapshot.

Late-start and second 8-week classes are available. Click [here](#) for a list of open classes.

Tartar Athletics Update

Come out and support our men's basketball team at their last home game of the season **tonight**. We will be honoring our sophomore student-athletes. Tip-off is at 5:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Student admission is free with a valid student ID. Get your [tickets](#) now! The Tartars baseball team will also be playing at home **today** against San Bernardino Valley College. The first pitch is at 5:00 p.m. Lastly, the men's and women's track team will continue their journey, competing in the [Soka University Indoor Qualifier](#) this **Saturday, February 18** in Aliso Viejo, CA.

Compton College Virtual Tartar Talks

I will host a virtual Tartar Talks next **Tuesday, February 21, 2023**, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom Meeting. The focus will be on student enrollment, accreditation, and student basic needs. To participate, please use this link to register in advance: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#).

President/CEO Virtual Student Forum

The next President/CEO Virtual Student Forum will take place next **Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.** Students will have the opportunity to join via Zoom and ask me questions. Students may join the virtual

meeting using this link: <https://bit.ly/CCVSF2023>. Topics will include the *June 9, 2023* commencement ceremony, student basic needs, and student support services.

Clean California Event at Compton College

Compton College, in partnership with the City of Compton, Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson's office, and Caltrans, will be hosting a Clean California event. [Clean California](#) is an initiative put forth by Governor Gavin Newsom to clean up our communities and spread the word about taking pride in keeping California clean. The event will take place at Compton College on *Saturday, March 25, 2023*, and is open to the community, as well as Compton College faculty, Classified staff, and students. The clean-up will take place from 8 to 11 a.m. All participants are invited to join in on the celebration immediately following the clean-up from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be food, arts and crafts, and entertainment. An event registration link will be provided once it becomes available.

DE Café Now Open

The DE Café is now open to provide in-person Canvas support for the campus community (students, faculty, and classified professionals). We are located in the Vocational Technology Building, room 212-A. We have laptops available for checkout by students seeking assistance with Canvas or to complete a quick Canvas assignment (our laptops are not allowed to leave the room). Students will be asked to present a Compton College ID to check out a computer and no food or drinks are allowed in this space.

Below are the times the cafe will be open to provide support:

- Monday | 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Closed 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Closed 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday | 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Closed 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday | 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Closed 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- Friday | Virtual Support Only (Email: distance_ed@compton.edu)

For more information or questions please contact Distance Education Manager, Dr. Airek Mathews, at amathews1@compton.edu.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

On Tuesday, February 21, 2023, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Little Theater and via [Zoom Meeting](#). 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

This week I had the opportunity to attend the [Achieving the Dream – 2023 Dream Conference](#) with several Compton College faculty and staff. I learned a lot at this year's conference and look forward to sharing more information with you over the coming weeks. I left inspired and I am very interested in exploring how Compton College can connect our students to career opportunities through our Guided Pathway Divisions and our Success Teams. I want to give a special thank you to Dr. Antonio Banks, director of our Black and Males of Color Success Program for his participation in the [plenary session](#) on "Advancing Equity in Opportunity and Outcomes: Centering the Cultural Assets of Racially Minoritized Students." The panel of presenters explored how and why institutions of learning can leverage students' racial and ethnic identities to deepen their learning and support to ensure equitable outcomes.

In closing, I am preparing my spring 2023 reading list for release in an upcoming President/CEO Message. Please send me your recommendations to kcurrey@compton.edu by *Friday, March 3, 2023*.

Please be safe and have a wonderful three-day weekend.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.
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President/CEO
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