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Subject: President/CEO Message - March 10, 2023

Campus Community,

Today marks the completion of week four of the spring 2023 semester, and we are in full swing. We have a lot of good things happening at Compton College in support of our students and their success. This week, I had the opportunity to attend the Counselor Collaborative held in the Multi-Purpose Room (*formerly the Student Lounge*). It was a fantastic turnout of high school counselors and Compton College faculty and staff. I provided a few comments at this event, and it was excellent listening to our faculty and staff talk about the great programs and services offered at Compton College. Thank you to everyone that participated in the planning of this event.

Please encourage students to take one more class to reach their career and educational goals sooner. There are plenty of midterm classes to choose from. Click [here](#) for a list of open classes.

Today's President/CEO Message – March 10, 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 901 newly recorded confirmed cases in Los Angeles County (and cases reported by Long Beach and Pasadena health departments) as of noon on **March 7, 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, March 9, 2023*, Compton College has generated 1,201 FTES for the Spring 2023 semester. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 56%, and 8,413 seats are filled. Click [here](#) to view yesterday's enrollment snapshot.

Please remind students that if space is available, they can still add "Late Start" classes by either obtaining an authorization code from the instructor for courses that started but haven't reached their census date or via the online registration system, where a variety of classes approaching their term start dates are still available for registration: <https://www.compton.edu/student-services/admissionandrecords/ClassSchedule.aspx>.

Winter and Spring 2023 Bookstore Vouchers

Students who enrolled in one or more units for the winter 2023 term by **January 8, 2023**, received a \$50 Bookstore voucher/credit. Spring 2023 students will also receive a \$50 Bookstore voucher. The Winter 2023 voucher expires **March 31, 2023**, and the Spring 2023 voucher expires **June 30, 2023**. The vouchers can be used 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.

Please remind students to check their @compton.edu email for more information or stop by the Bookstore in Building R, next to the Office of Student Development.

Compton Community College District 2023-2024 Budget

The Compton CCD 2023-2024 Tentative Budget Assumptions have been shared with the Planning & Budget Committee, Consultative Council, and President/CEO Cabinet and will be shared with the Compton CCD Board of Trustees at their March 21, 2023 meeting. The updated Compton CCD 2023-2024 Budget Assumptions are available [here](#) for your review.

Summary of Key Items:

- Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase: 8.13%
- Projected utility increases of 12% (subject to change)
- Two full-time faculty positions
- Budget increase in PERS employer contributions (from 25.40% to 27.0%) and STRS remains the same (19.10%)
- Addition of \$100,000 to the Enrollment Management Plan and \$100,00 for Summer Enrichment Activities
- Budget \$200,00 for Student Meal Program

I anticipate the 2023-2024 Compton CCD Tentative Budget Assumptions will be reviewed again and revised after receiving additional information from the Governor's May Revision Budget Proposal. Final budget assumptions will be published after the Governor signs the Budget Act for 2023. If you have any questions, concerns, or feedback on the 2023-2024 Compton CCD Budget Assumptions, please send them to me at kcurry@compton.edu.

Outreach Activities:

March 9, 2023, Counselor Collaborative

Compton College hosted 56 middle and high school counselors and college/career center personnel on campus and provided presentations on academic programs and student support services, program/department information during a resource fair, and received campus tours.

Gear Up In-Service Training: Friday, March 17, 2023

Compton College is partnering with three Gear Up grants: two with Compton Unified School District (CUSD) and the University of California, Irvine, and one with CSU Dominguez Hills. The three grants start providing services to students in the 7th and 8th grades (all CUSD middle schools) and follow the students as they transition to high school. All grants were approved to provide dual enrollment opportunities for students beginning in the 9th grade. Our Gear-Up partners will receive in-service training to learn more about Compton College services and academic programs to promote to students and parents.

Dual Enrollment Presentation: Thursday, March 16, 2023

The Office of Educational Partnerships will provide a Dual Enrollment presentation to CUSD's Black Parent Advisory Committee to promote dual enrollment opportunities.

CUSD Black Student Success Dual Enrollment Opportunities at Compton College:

The Office of Educational Partnerships will host 100 Compton Unified School District dual enrollment students on campus on **March 22, 2023**. Students will receive Dual Enrollment and Black Student Success presentations and participate in a campus tour.

Senior Day: Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Over 2,400 12th-grade students from Compton, Lynwood, and Paramount unified school districts have been invited to participate in Senior Day. This is an opportunity for high school seniors to learn about Compton College and complete the enrollment process. High school seniors must [RSVP online](#). Students must complete and submit a Compton College application online at www.compton.edu by **March 24, 2023**, and bring a photo ID to the event.

Senior Day Resource Fair

Faculty, academic programs, Tartar Success Teams, and Student Support Services Programs are invited to host an informational table during the Resource Fair part of Senior Day from 12:00-1:30 p.m. in Tartar Quad. Please contact Darlene Zarazu, Outreach, and Promise Coordinator, at dzarazu@compton.edu to reserve a table. The deadline to reserve a table is **Friday, March 24, 2023**.

Clean California Community Day Event

The Office of Governor Gavin Newsom, the California Department of Transportation, and the State of California invite you to join this year's [Clean California Community Days](#) between *March 17 and 27, 2023*. Click [here](#) to find an event near you. Clean California's mission is to inspire an actionable change in behavior for all Californians by producing statewide cleaning initiatives to unite and transform communities while boosting pride, abating litter, beautifying communal spaces, and protecting the environment!

Compton College is hosting its own FREE Clean California educational fair with engaging family activities on *Saturday, March 25, 2023*, at Compton College. The clean-up will take place from 8 to 11 a.m. All participants are invited to join 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. Volunteers must [register online](#).

Compton College programs, departments, and divisions are invited to host information tables during the event. For more information, contact the Office of Student Development in R-61 or email studentdevelopment@compton.edu.

Free Tax Prep Event

Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson is partnering with the Board of Equalization, the Franchise Tax Board, and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for a FREE tax preparation event. People who generally make \$60,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers are eligible to make an appointment for the *Saturday, March 11, 2023* event, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For more information or RSVP, please contact the Assembly District 65 Office at (310) 324-6408 or visit: <https://a65.asmdc.org/events>.

Final Thoughts

In the [President/CEO Message - February 24, 2023](#), I discussed workforce development and how to engage local employers. In the coming weeks, you will hear more about an idea I will work on with other community colleges in Los Angeles County to bring businesses from our district together to discuss internships, apprenticeships, and credit for prior learning with faculty and staff in fall 2023. More information on this proposed gathering will be included in a future [President/CEO Message](#).

As we think about workforce development, we must continue improving our student transfer rates to four-year colleges and universities. Over the years, Compton College, through our [Transfer and Career Center](#), has been implementing programs and services to support student transfer. Yesterday, National Student Clearinghouse released its new [Transfer and Programs Report](#). The report found that transfers from community colleges to universities fell 7.5 percent in fall 2022 compared to the prior year and 14.5 percent relative to fall 2020. At Compton College, we focus on the student experience through our guided pathways work. We must continue to support our students in completing their academic programs and transferring to a four-year college/university or gaining employment with livable wages.

In closing, I will release the President/CEO Spring 2023 Reading List next week. It's not too late to send your recommendations to kcurry@compton.edu.

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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