

**From:** Keith Curry <kcurry@compton.edu>  
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Campus Community,

May is National Nurses Month. For 2023, the American Nurses Association has designated "You Make a Difference" as its theme to honor the nursing professionals and commend their widespread impact on their communities through their knowledge, service, range of skills and skills, and above-and-beyond dedication. National Nurses Week began on **May 6, 2023**, also observed as National Nurses Day, and continues through **today, May 12, 2023**, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, distinguished as the founder of modern nursing, and the annual date of International Nurses Day. Compton College will host its biannual celebration of graduating nursing students on **June 6, 2023**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Gym. I hope you can join us in honoring the 20 Spring 2023 students who will graduate with an associate of science degrees.

California Governor, Gavin Newsom, released his May Revision of the 2023-2024 state budget today. I am still reviewing all the information, but this is a great budget proposal for the State of California and community colleges. The [Governor's May Revision](#) addresses the proposal's higher budget deficit, up from \$22.5 billion to \$31.5 billion, while seeking to keep prior year promises through pragmatic solutions. I am concerned about the proposed reduction in funding for outreach and retention, Deferred Maintenance, and the COVID-19 Recovery Block Grant. The Joint Analysis - Governor's 2023-2024 May Revision, developed by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, Association of Chief Business Officials, the Association of California Community College Administrators, and the Community College League of California, is available [here](#).

Today's President/CEO Message – May 12, 2023, includes information and other campus-related updates.

### **Summer and Fall 2023 Enrollment Update**

As of *yesterday, May 11, 2023*, Compton College has generated:

- 241 FTES for the **Summer 2023** term. The fill rate is currently 37%, and seats filled is 1,902.
- 43 FTES for the **Fall 2023** semester. The fill rate is currently 2%, and seats filled are 258.

The Searchable Schedule of Classes is available online for summer and fall 2023.

Fall 2023 registration began **Tuesday, May 9, 2023**. Current students are advised to [meet with their counselor](#) as soon as possible to discuss course options and continued progression toward their educational and career goals.

### **Classified Professional Development Week**

Classified Professional Development Week will take place on **May 15, 2023**. One-hour events will be scheduled daily, including:

- Monday, May 15 - 10-11 a.m., Virtual kickoff
- Tuesday, May 16 - 10-11 a.m., Virtual
- Wednesday, May 17 - 3:00-4:30 p.m., In-person Teambuilding Event (requires registration)
- Thursday, May 18 - 10-11 a.m., Virtual
- Friday, May 19 - 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., In-Person (ALL Classified employees are required to attend)

Compton College's mandatory Classified Professional Development Day is scheduled for **Friday, May 19, 2023**, via Zoom Meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Classified staff, please check your email for a reminder from Professional Development Manager Pilar Huffman, that includes the agenda and additional information.

### **Compton College #Real114 Leadership Academy**

The Compton College #Real114 Leadership Academy is an intensive five-day conference that will build capacity and enhance the leadership skills of Classified professionals. This is a cohort-style (12-participant

limit) developmental experience where participants will design and execute a leadership project. Additionally, participants will work during the academic year to build community and leadership at Compton College. The #Real114 Leadership Academy aligns with [Compton College's 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan](#) and will help build a diverse leadership culture.

I want to congratulate the following Classified Staff members on being selected for the 2023 Compton College Real #114 Leadership Academy:

1. Claudia Amador
2. Kimberly Arauz
3. Edgar Castellanos
4. Araceli Espinoza
5. Rosa Portillo Gonzalez
6. Benito Lakandula
7. Cristian Markovich
8. Guadalupe Murrillo
9. Punyatha Rajapakse

The virtual Compton College Real #114 Leadership Academy will be held on **July 10-13, 2023**, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Once again, congratulations, and I look forward to working with the 2023 cohort over the next year.

### **Compton CCD Board of Trustees Meeting**

The **May 16, 2023**, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting will be held in the Compton College Boardroom, which is located in the administration building. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., with the open session commencing at 6:00 p.m.

### **Final Thoughts**

As we close out Teacher Appreciation Week, I would like to thank all the Compton College faculty for their work supporting our students and their success. This afternoon, I had the opportunity to meet with the math and English faculty regarding the implementation of Assembly Bill 705 and Assembly Bill 1705. Like many colleges, we are still figuring out how to improve student completion in transfer-level math and English courses. The faculty had many suggestions, and I have asked them for updated plans for the 2023-2024 year by the end of this semester.

As we prepare for the next year, I want everyone to know I want to continue the "**Pause**" on new initiatives. We need to continue to focus on the ongoing implementation of Guided Pathways, student enrollment, and retention; I have been working on my 2023-2024-year Priorities, and below is a draft of my priorities.

1. Continue to focus on recruitment and retention efforts at Compton College.
2. Monitor the implementation of dual enrollment, ensuring students earn 12 units of college credit during their four years of high school.
3. Continue with Succession Planning - Focus on improving how we document our various processes.
4. Continue to focus on implementing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) activities at Compton College.
5. Continue to monitor the implementation of the activities associated with the Compton College Response to the Call to Action.
6. Continue to monitor the implementation of the recommendations/activities outlined in the Compton College 2024 documents.
7. Continue to support the Foundation for the Compton CCD.
8. Continue to be more accessible to Compton College faculty, Classified staff, administrators/supervisors, students, and the community.
9. Support Professional Development opportunities for faculty, staff, and students.

10. Continue to monitor the implementation of the California Competes Connecting Workforce and Adult Education Efforts to Advance Student Success project recommendations for Compton College.
11. Continue to monitor the implementation of the Collaborative Governance Handbook.
12. Continue to monitor the state and Compton CCD budgets.
13. Monitor the completion of Compton College facilities projects.

If you have any creative input regarding our focus for the 2023-2024 year and the President/CEO Priorities, please email me at [kcurry@compton.edu](mailto:kcurry@compton.edu).

In closing, Happy Mother's Day, and have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

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