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Campus Community,

We're getting closer and closer to commencement and the end of the spring semester. The Class of 2023 includes 347 students earning associate degrees and 180 certificates. Among our graduates, we are proud to have 83 Compton Unified School District Early College students and 24 Paramount Unified School District College and Career Access Pathways students join the **June 9, 2023**, commencement ceremony as members of the Compton College Class of 2023. These graduates earned an associate degree or certificate while still enrolled in high school.

This week there was an article in the Los Angeles Sentinel newspaper about Compton College Alumni Kevin Jones, who recently graduated from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and the link to the article is available [here](#).

Today's President/CEO Message – May 26, 2023, includes enrollment information and other campus-related updates.

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

As of **Wednesday, May 24, 2023**, Compton College has generated:

- 307 FTES for the **Summer 2023** term. The fill rate is currently 45%, and seats filled are 2,452.
- 264 FTES for the **Fall 2023** semester. The fill rate is currently 9%, and seats filled are 1,580.

### **FTES Forecast**

As of **May 11, 2023**, the College is projecting at least 2,989 FTES to be reported for 2022-2023, which includes any positive attendance still to be reported for spring 2023. This is a 6.1% increase over the 2021-2022 reported FTES of 2,818. Of the 2,989 FTES, 585 FTES (19.6%) is from dual enrollment. Dual enrollment students comprise over 30% of the students enrolled at Compton College.

Looking ahead to next year, the College is off to a great start for summer 2023. As of **May 24, 2023**, the summer headcount is up 0.8% compared to last year at this time and 3.2% compared to summer 2021 at this same time. The seats filled (2,452) are up 6% and 16%, respectively, and FTES (307) is up 7% and 6%, respectively. Admissions and records are still registering the dual enrollment students into summer. Dual enrollment continues to be an equity strategy and an enrollment management strategy. The fall 2023 enrollment is also doing well, with 653 registered students totaling 1,580 enrollments and 264 FTES.

### **2023 Commencement Keynote Speaker**

Compton College will hold its 2023 Commencement Ceremony on **Friday, June 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** The commencement ceremony will occur at the Dignity Health Sports Park Tennis Stadium, 18400 Avalon Boulevard, Carson, CA 90246. For those unable to attend in person, the ceremony will be live-streamed on Compton College's [YouTube Channel](#), which is also accessible via a link from the college website at [www.compton.edu](http://www.compton.edu).

The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be [Su Jin Jez](#), CEO of [California Competes: Higher Education for a Strong Economy](#). This organization develops nonpartisan and financially pragmatic recommendations for improved higher education and workforce policies and practices across California.

The venue for the Commencement Ceremony will open at 4 p.m. on June 9, 2023, for graduates and guests. Free parking is available in Lots 10 and 11 at the Dignity Health Sports Park. Visit Compton College's 2023 Commencement web page for more information: [www.compton.edu/student-life/commencement](http://www.compton.edu/student-life/commencement).

## **Associated Student Government Elections**

The Associated Student Government (ASG) elects current students to fill 11 Student Council Offices each spring. Voting opens today for the 2023-2024 ASG Officers. Current Compton College students may [vote online](#) through midnight on **Tuesday, May 30, 2023**. The online ballot includes statements from each candidate describing their goals for running for office. For more information about ASG, visit [www.compton.edu/student-life/ASG/](http://www.compton.edu/student-life/ASG/).

## **Spring 2023 Year-End Events**

- University Transfer Admit Reception – **Tuesday, May 31**, at 5 p.m. in the Student Lounge
- EOPS/CARE Spring Banquet – **Thursday, June 1**, at 5 p.m. in the Multipurpose Center
- Black Graduation Ceremony – **Friday, June 2**, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Multipurpose Center
- Nursing Pinning Ceremony – **Tuesday, June 6**, at 6 p.m. in the Gym
- Raza/Latinx Grad Ceremony – **Wednesday, June 7**, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gym
- Careers for a Cause Graduation Ceremony – **Friday, June 9**, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Little Theater
- College Corps End-of-the-Year Celebration – **Friday, June 16**, at Noon in the Multipurpose Center

## **Compton College Athletics Spring Recap**

**Track & Field:** This spring was full of significant accomplishments for our student-athletes and coaching staff. Track & Field had first-year runner Devon Brown make it to the state prelims in the 100 meters, and Tia Brown made it to the state championship finals in the 100 & 400 Hurdles.

**Baseball:** Baseball season was highlighted by head coach Shannon Williams as he collected his 250<sup>th</sup> win this season. Coach Shannon stated, "I have been blessed to have the opportunity to help so many players find their path in life through academics and baseball. This great baseball game provides unbelievable life lessons for our young men." The baseball team finished with an overall record of 16-24 and had an overall winning percentage at home with a record of 11-10. With several critical first-year students returning for next season, they look to build upon this season.

**Softball:** The softball season got back started after a year off. Coach Victoria Castillo created memories for the student-athletes on the team. Several players will be returning for the following season. The softball team competed in all 24 games on the schedule; it was a true team effort to ensure everyone stayed healthy to complete the season without forfeits, with a complete off-season to recruit for the next season. Coach Castillo looks forward to putting together an even stronger team next year.

**Badminton:** Women's Badminton returned to Compton College this season with a splash. Head Coach Diego Back helped lead two doubles teams to the state championships. Double teams consisting of Alitzel Razon and Sheila Sanchez and the other doubles team of Ana Marichon and Andrea Morando had a great experience in the state championship at San Diego Mesa College.

**End of the Season Banquet:** On **May 23, 2023**, we celebrated our student-athletes' achievements with a banquet. Athletic awards included:

- Female Athlete of the Year - Tia Spears, Track and Field
- Male Athletes of the Year - Crixian Taveras, Baseball, and Devon Brown, Track and Field
- Freshman of the year - Zaid Humphrey, Baseball
- Sophomore of the Year - Mikayla Avina, Softball
- Female Academic Athlete of the Year - Meliza Lopez-Macias, Women's Soccer
- Male Academic Athlete of the Year - Alexis Galindo, Men's Soccer
- Performance of the Year - Julian Berinti, Baseball
- Tartar Award – Armando Arguello, Baseball
- Most Inspirational - Reese Stephenie, Track and Field

- Staff Excellence Award - Roberta Argott Camacho, Athletic Eligibility Specialist
- Team of the Year - Women's Badminton
- Coaching Staff of the Year - Men's Basketball

### **Final Thoughts**

Yesterday, I stopped by many events, including the Special Resource Center, the Veterans Center, and the Associated Student Government year-end celebration events. It was indeed an honor to attend these many events and special thanks to the many individuals involved in planning these year-end events. Also, congratulations to the many faculty and Classified Professionals who have been recognized at these year-end events.

On this Memorial Day Weekend, we honor the more than 1 million men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our nation. This holiday honors their patriotism, commitment, and valor, and they deserve our utmost respect and tremendous gratitude. We also honor those who have served and those who continue to serve, including members of our community.

I invite you to enjoy this time with your friends and family and to take time to remember and honor our military heroes.

Sincerely,

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