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Subject: President/CEO Message - June 22, 2023

#### Campus Community,

It's Thursday, and we are a few hours away from our first Friday off. This has been an incredible and exhausting week. I had many Zoom meetings, and I had the opportunity to walk the campus and see students, Classified Professionals, and faculty as we begin this summer term. Once again, I am encouraged by the summer term enrollment, and we should be proud. However, we must stay focused on enrollment at Compton College. As mentioned in the President/CEO Message – June 15, 2023, we need to continue improving the enrollment processes, including how we collect inquiries and transition those individuals into successful registrations.

I hope you have a fabulous Friday and can enjoy the weekend with family and friends. Today's President/CEO Message – June 22, 2023, includes a facilities construction update.

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

As of *today*, *June 22*, *2023*, Compton College has generated:

- 478 FTES for the **Summer 2023** term. Our fill rate for Summer is currently 73%, and seats filled is 3,967.
- 518 FTES for the Fall 2023 term. Our fill rate for Fall is currently 19%, and seats filled is 3,127.

Summer term classes started on Tuesday. Please encourage any interested students to apply and enroll today. Admitted students can add a class online until the end of the day before the first class meeting. Once the first meeting date of a class is reached, an authorization code from the instructor is required to register. Click here to view a list of open classes.

## **Summer 2023 Mobile Food Pantry Events**

The Mobile Food Pantry program, hosted by the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, continues this summer at Compton College on *July 11, 2023*, and *August 8, 2023*, from 1:00 -3:00 p.m. Please share this information with your family and friends!

The Mobile Food Pantry is open to the public on a drive-thru & walk-up basis and will take place in Parking Lot F. Enter campus from Greenleaf Boulevard (between Santa Fe Ave. and Long Beach Blvd.) Click here for more details.

Volunteers are needed to assist with food distribution. If you have time between 12:45 and 3:15 p.m. on *July 11* or *August 8*, please email the Tartar Support Network at <a href="mailto:tartarsupport@compton.edu">tartarsupport@compton.edu</a>.

# President/CEO Closing the Loop

- 1. In the <u>June 2023 President/CEO Board Letter</u>, Linda Owens, Chief Facilities Officer, provided an update on Compton College construction projects, including the Instructional Building 2 and multiple renovation projects. Construction of Instructional Building 2 continues. The goal is for this building to be occupied in the fall 2023 semester. However, I cannot confirm the date and will provide that in the coming weeks. Row Buildings D, E, and F demolition will be completed during the winter 2024 term. Employees and students are encouraged to read the monthly Compton CCD Board of Trustees meeting agendas as well as the Supplemental Board Meeting Information, both of which are available online at <a href="https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/compton/Board.nsf/Public">https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/compton/Board.nsf/Public</a>.
- At the *June 20*, 2023, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting, the Board of Trustees approve the 2023-2024 Compton Community College District Tentative Budget, available <a href="here">here</a>. Any recommended modifications to the Tentative Budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their *Tuesday*, *September 12*, 2023, Board meeting when we present the 2023-2024 Compton District Final Budget.

3. We have a couple of administrative vacancies, and today we will announce the opportunity for individuals to apply for the interim director of student development and athletes and associate dean of nursing positions. I aim to identify interims for these positions by the second week of July 2023.

## **Final Thoughts**

The <u>Supreme Court</u> is expected to rule on <u>Affirmative Action</u> before July 2023. Colleges and think tanks alike, regardless of political affiliation and positioning, anticipate that the court will abolish race-based admissions, colloquially referred to as "affirmative action," within colleges and universities. As we wait for the decision, I feel it's important for educational leaders to continue to support our students. Once the decision has been made, we must also ensure we fully understand any potential impacts on Compton College. Furthermore, and most importantly, we must ensure our students know they are welcome and supported at Compton College.

In closing, the Los Angeles Times has released the article "The most lucrative majors? Some community college grads can outearn elite university peers," which I felt was an excellent article and could have been even better if it mentioned Compton College and our instructional programs.

Please be safe and enjoy your three-day weekend.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO
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