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Campus Community,

Happy Friday, and I hope everyone had a good and productive week. The semester is moving very quickly, and each day, I am wondering how the time has passed. Over the next couple of weeks, I will be visiting the adult schools in Compton, Lynwood, and Paramount. Today, I had the opportunity to visit the Compton Unified School District Adult Schools. It was an excellent experience for me to see the classrooms and the programs and services currently being offered by Compton College and other agencies. During the visit, I was able to see our first English as a Second Language Class being offered at that site. Thank you to everyone who made that happen. I am looking forward to the next visit, and as soon as new opportunities or partnerships are established with the Adult Schools in our community, we will share them with the campus community.

This past week, we held the 7th Annual Faculty Tenure Dinner, and I want to thank everyone who was involved in the planning of the event. It was an enjoyable evening hosted by the Academic Senate. Once again, congratulations to the newly-tenured Compton College faculty.

Today's President/CEO Message – October 27, 2023, includes the final fall 2023 enrollment update, the first winter 2024 enrollment update, an introduction to the WIN What I Need App, and more.

Fall 2023 and Winter 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, October 26, 2023*, Compton College has generated:

- 1,506 FTES for the Fall 2023 semester. Our fill rate for Fall is currently 67%, and seats filled are 10,549.
- 83 FTES for the Winter 2024 term. Our fill rate for Fall is currently 26%, and seats filled are 758.

With the passing of the Fall Second 8-week part of the term's census on **October 24**, this is the last enrollment snapshot for the Fall 2023 semester.

Winter 2024 enrollment opened on **October 24**, a week earlier than last year. After only two days of registration, there are already several sections over 65% of their capacity, including four that are full. Please encourage interested students to meet with a Counselor to see if a five-week Winter class (or two) might be a good fit for their academic and work/life goals.

"I Support Compton College" Enrollment Campaign Updated for Winter/Spring 2024

To increase enrollment at Compton College and improve awareness of the free resources available to currently enrolled students, we are providing employees and community advocates with an updated Zoom background and an Instagram image for use in virtual meetings and on social media. Click [here](#) to access the Winter/Spring 2024 campaign materials.

We hope you utilize the campaign items, including the talking points and sample social media posts, to share your support of Compton College with your colleagues, family, and friends.

Summer 2024 Enrichment Program Proposals

The Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Sheri Berger, emailed faculty, Classified professionals, and managers yesterday about the process for submitting proposals for Summer Enrichment Activities for Summer 2024. This year, we are asking for proposals and will announce which projects are funded after we receive all submissions. The deadline to submit proposals is ***Wednesday, December 6, 2023***. The purpose of summer enrichment activities is to engage K-12 students on the Compton College campus. These activities will build lifelong connections to the College. Additionally, these activities provide access to the community we serve.

To submit proposals, please obtain dean or director approval prior to submitting the fillable Word form to Dr. Berger that was emailed to all employees on ***October 24, 2023***. The form will ask for the name of the proposed activity, basic program information including a description, program length, target audience, the proposed budget, personnel, supplies, contracts, etc, and an evaluation plan.

2023 Halloween Decoration/Costume Contest

Get ready to embrace the Halloween spirit and show off your creativity! We're excited to announce the Halloween Office Decorating Contest, and your department is invited to participate on ***Tuesday, October 31, at noon***. Get ready to unleash the ghosts, goblins, and pumpkins in your office, and may the spookiest team win!

To participate, [please sign up by Noon on October 30, 2023](#). Only one submission is needed for each department.

Day of the Dead at Compton College

The Ethnic Studies Department and MEChA de Compton College welcome all students, staff, and faculty to our annual Day of the Dead event in the Multipurpose Room on ***Wednesday, November 1***. Altars will be set up on ***October 30 and 31***. Decoration and historical workshops will be hosted by the Ethnic Studies faculty and students between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Raffles, Food, and drinks will be served at the event on ***November 1***, with an opportunity drawing at 2 p.m. For more information, please contact Instructor Nathan Lopez at nlopez11@compton.edu.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

In the [President/CEO Message – October 13, 2023](#), I mentioned that Compton College has completed the planning process for the 2023-2024 fiscal and academic year. I also included the [Annual Planning at Compton College Report](#), which summarizes the Planning Cycle for the 2023-2024 Academic Year, including Prioritized Funding Recommendations. Please note three positions were included in the budget: one was a Student Services Advisor, another was an evaluation specialist, and the third one was a Senior Administrative Assistant for Human Resources. These are not full-time permanent positions, as we only provide funding for hourly employees. Please note the [2023-2024 Annual Planning Report](#) outlines the planning cycle process, the outcomes, and recommendations for funding.

Final Thoughts

I am pleased to announce Our Community LA's [WIN What I Need App](#), a mobile application and website dedicated to basic needs services in Los Angeles County. Compton College students and employees can access this website to get free resources for food, housing, legal services, and employment. Please feel free to share this resource with students, staff, and community members who need access to basic needs services. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Equity Department, located in the Student Services Building, Room 230.

I am looking forward to this year's High School Principal's Breakfast, scheduled for ***Thursday, November 2, 2023 at 7:30 a.m.*** This annual event provides us the opportunity to connect with our high school partners and discuss how we can improve the pathway to higher education for students within our service area.

In the spring, the district will coordinate a celebration for all Compton College employees who earned a postsecondary degree during this year. It will be a reception that will take place on campus. Going back to fall 2022, if you have earned a degree and would like to share it with the campus community, please send your information to Sylvia Barakat at sbarakat@compton.edu, by ***Thursday, November 9, 2023***. I will share your accomplishment in a future President/CEO Message, and you will be included in the spring 2024 reception.

Please be safe and have a wonderful weekend with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

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