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Campus Community,

Thank you to all the Compton College faculty, Classified staff, and managers/supervisors for participating in this year's Taste of Thanksgiving event. It was a fantastic event, and special thanks to everyone involved in the event's planning and implementation and also to those who helped distribute the free turkeys to students and employees on Wednesday. Also, as Thanksgiving is approaching, on behalf of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees, I want to wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Today's President/CEO Message – November 17, 2023, includes an update from Athletics, a reminder about next Tuesday's Campuswide Forum, and more.

Winter 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, November 16, 2023*, Compton College has generated 180 FTES for the **Winter 2024** term. Our fill rate for winter is currently 50%, and seats filled are 1,570.

Athletics Update

- Women's Badminton – Coach Jose Garcia will lead the way for Compton in Spring 2024. Eight student-athletes had a nice finish at the State Tourney in 2023.
- Men's Baseball - Currently participating in Non-Traditional Sports Season (NTS) – 82 student-athletes with Coach Shannon Williams and five coaches supporting the team. We have a committed and competitive group of student-athletes this year with experience playing competitive high school and travel baseball. The intercollegiate season begins in **January 2024**.
- Men's Basketball – Fifteen student-athletes are participating this season, led by Coach Keith Holliman and three assistant coaches. Currently 2-4 overall record during the California Community College Athletic Association (3C2A) pre-season 2023. South Coast Conference league play begins in **January 2024**.
- Women's Basketball – Thirteen student-athletes are participating this season, led by Coach Lewis Nelson and two assistant coaches. Currently 1-2 overall record during the 3C2A pre-season 2023. South Coast Conference league play begins in **January 2024**.
- Men's Cross Country – Fourteen student-athletes participated in three events this season, led by Coach Austin and two assistant coaches.
- Women's Cross Country - Four student-athletes participated in three events this season, led by Coach Austin and two assistant coaches.
- Men's and Women's Esports – Coach Vincent Cajayon is working on forming a team for 2023-2024. The plan is to have five student-athletes play in a season in 2024 (three contests).
- Men's Football – Thirty-three student-athletes participated in five games this year, led by Coach Dave Banuelos and five assistant coaches. 0-10 overall record with five forfeited games due to eligibility (academic and medical reasons).
- Women's Soccer – Twenty student-athletes participated this season, led by Coach Jose Garcia and two assistant coaches. Their overall record was 5-13-1, with a post-season victory over Los Angeles City College and a record of 1-1.
- Men's Soccer – Twenty-one student-athletes participated this season, led by Coach Jose Garcia and two assistant coaches. Their overall record was 7-9-3, with a post-season victory over Los Angeles Harbor College and a record of 1-1.
- Women's Softball – Seventeen student-athletes currently participating in NTS Season – Overall record 9-4. Coach Victoria Castillo and two coaches support the team. NTS highlights so far include a second place in a recent Thriller Tourney. We have a committed and competitive group of student-athletes this

year with experience playing competitive high school and travel softball. The intercollegiate season begins in *January 2024*.

- Women's Volleyball – A new coach was hired in 2023, Monique Guyton. Team play will begin in *August 2024*.

Compton College Campuswide Forum

I will host a virtual campuswide forum on *Tuesday, November 21, 2023*, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. The focus will be on adult education, accreditation, and student success. To participate, please use this link to register in advance: [Compton College Campuswide Forum Online Registration](#).

November 21, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting

On November 21, 2023, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Boardroom in the Administration Building. All regular session meetings are open to the public. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., with the open session commencing at 6:00 p.m. The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Agendas are posted on the BoardDocs website under the "Meetings" tab at <http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/compton/Board.nsf/Public>.

An alternate location will be selected for the 2024 Board meetings due to the renovation of the Administration Building.

Holiday Guidance from the Health Department

With a small uptick in indicators of COVID-19 transmission over the past two weeks, the [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health](#) continues to monitor data to assess the possibility of larger increases in spread as the holiday season gets underway. Residents are encouraged to plan and prepare for this winter's respiratory virus season.

To help minimize the spread of illness in the community, people should stay home when they feel sick or are exhibiting symptoms, including a fever, cough, or sore throat, and test to detect a possible COVID-19 infection early. COVID-19 tests are free at many sites throughout the county, and information is available at ph.lacounty.gov/COVIDtests. Treatments for COVID-19 and flu are routinely available with a prescription and can help to prevent severe illness, especially for those who are at high risk.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

1. At the October 9, 2023, [Consultative Council](#) meeting (refer to the [October 16, 2023, Consultative Council Agenda Packet](#)), the Graduation Workgroup's recommendation, brought forward by the [Student Success Committee](#), to honor noncredit students with an annual recognition ceremony was approved. Students who complete noncredit certificates will be invited to a year-end celebration in the spring in recognition of reaching this milestone in advancing their career potential. The workgroup's recommendations regarding Dean's List students (students who earn a 3.0 GPA or higher in 12 or more units during the fall and spring semesters) are still under consideration, pending additional information, including how many students earn this academic award on an annual basis.
2. At the President/CEO Cabinet meeting on *Tuesday, November 14, 2023*, I approved the [Auxiliary Services Committee](#) funding recommendations for 2023-2024, which are available [here](#). I anticipate releasing additional Auxiliary Services funding in spring 2024, and more information will be communicated in a future [President/CEO Message](#). Also, I will be asking the Auxiliary Services Committee to develop administrative procedures, which will include the application and resource allocation process and how we evaluate Auxiliary Services-funded activities.

Final Thoughts

The campus will be closed *Thursday-Sunday, November 23-26, 2023*, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The campus, including all offices and departments, will remain open for regular business hours through *Wednesday*,

November 23, including the weekly Farmers' Market, which is open to the public from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Tartar Village. Students may pick up their \$20 in vouchers to buy fresh vegetables, fruit, baked goods, and other food items before the holiday.

I have been busy traveling and attending conferences across the nation for the past two weeks in support of California Community Colleges and racial equity in higher education. I am very excited about the time I will have next week for the holidays. Due to the short week next week, I won't be issuing a [President/CEO Message](#), so I wish you a happy holiday weekend with your family and friends a little bit early. Please be safe and enjoy the long weekend ahead of us.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.

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President/CEO

Compton College