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Campus Community,

Congratulations on reaching the end of the fall semester! We made it! I want to thank everyone for their hard work this semester. With the upcoming holidays and winter break, it is a good time to utilize the free workshops and resources available via the [Employee Assistance Service for Education \(EASE\)](#) program. The [December newsletter](#) includes "Self-Care Strategies for a Balanced Holiday Season."

I had the opportunity to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Celebration yesterday afternoon. Thank you to the Compton College faculty, Classified staff, and managers/supervisors who attended the party. And a special thanks to everyone involved in the planning and coordination of the celebration.

Today's President/CEO Message – December 7, 2023, includes a summary of the changes being made to the FAFSA and CADA, reminders about upcoming events, meetings, and closures scheduled for the next two weeks, and more.

### **Winter and Spring 2024 Enrollment Update**

As of *today, December 7, 2023*, Compton College has generated:

- 236 FTES for the Winter 2024 term. Our fill rate for Winter is currently 63%, and seats filled is 2,058.
- 644 FTES for the Spring 2024 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 26%, and seats filled is 4,374.

Winter/Spring 2024 advertising (on-air radio ads, freeway billboards, online banner ads, and interior bus card ads) will continue to run through *December 18, 2023*, for winter classes and *February 26, 2024*, for the spring semester. A [Winter/Spring 2024 Registration Reminder postcard](#) was mailed on *November 30, 2023*, to all in-district residences and included information about the *Cash for College event on January 27, 2024*.

### **"I Support Compton College" Enrollment Campaign**

To increase enrollment at Compton College and improve awareness of the free resources available to currently enrolled students, a [Zoom background](#) is available for use in virtual meetings. Click [here](#) to access the campaign materials. We hope you utilize the campaign items, including the talking points, to share your support of Compton College with your constituents, colleagues, family, and friends.

### **FAFSA and CADAA Changes: Applications Available December 31, 2023**

Changes have been made to the 2024-2025 financial aid form, which was designed to expand student eligibility for federal student aid and streamline the application process.

The new [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and [CADAA](#) (California Dream Act Application) forms have a new schedule as well:

Available online: *December 31, 2023*

New priority deadline: *April 2, 2024*

Some of the most notable changes include:

- About 610,000 more students from low-income backgrounds will be eligible to receive Federal Pell Grants. Additionally, Pell recipients will receive more aid, and nearly 1.5 million more students will receive the maximum Pell Grant.
- Applicants will be able to skip as many as 26 FAFSA questions, depending on their individual circumstances. Some applicants will need to complete as few as 18 questions, taking less than 10 minutes.
- New to the form is "contributor" – anyone required to provide information, a signature, and consent and approval to have their federal tax information transferred directly into the FAFSA; this can include the

student, the student's spouse, a biological or adoptive parent, or a stepparent. Contributors are not financially responsible, but their information will be used to determine your eligibility for federal aid.

- Students can have their FAFSA information sent to up to 20 colleges, career schools, or trade schools.

### **Instructional Building 2 Update**

Once again, we are extremely hopeful about the opening of Instructional Building No. 2. The contractor is scheduled to allow the Information Technology Department, their consultants, and the furniture company to begin their work on **December 18, 2023**. Faculty, Classified professionals, and the Academic Affairs Office will be moving into Instructional Building No. 2 **January 26-29, 2024**. The goal is for all faculty and Classified professionals to be in this building before the Spring 2024 semester that begins on **Saturday, February 10, 2024**.

### **Keenan SafeColleges Online Training Due December 15, 2023**

Compton Community College District is using Keenan Vector LMS, Higher Education Edition, to offer mandatory training courses online for employee convenience. Multiple courses must be completed by next **Friday, December 15, 2023**. Please check your @compton.edu email for more information by searching for "Keenan SafeColleges Online Training." The email provides a link to the SafeColleges website.

### **Mobile Food Pantry On-Campus Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

The public is invited to stop by Compton College (enter from Greenleaf Blvd. between Santa Fe Ave. and Long Beach Blvd.) on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to pick up a box of free food. Food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, and attendees can expect to receive 25-40 pounds of food.

### **Farmers' Market Holiday Closures**

The Compton College Farmers' Market will be closed on **December 20 and December 27**. We will reopen on **Wednesday, January 3, 2024**. This also means that CalFresh customers will only have next **Wednesday, December 13, 2023**, to use their [Market Match funds](#).

### **Compton CCD Update on the Emergency Apportionment Funding**

As required by Education Code 71093(d)5, Compton Community College District provided an update on the Emergency Apportionment Funding to the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 1, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 3, and the State of California Department of Finance. Click [here](#) to read the update.

### **December 12, 2023, Board of Trustees Meeting**

On Tuesday, December 12, 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>.

### **Final Thoughts**

The next phase of construction begins on campus with fencing being installed around Row Buildings E and F in preparation for demolition, and offices in the Administration Building are scheduled to move to their new locations on **Friday, December 15, 2023**. The President/CEO Office, Foundation Office, and the Office of Community Relations are all moving to D-27 and D-29. The Mailroom/Switchboard is being relocated to C-29 inside the Copy Center. The Administration Building will be closed effective **Monday, December 18, 2023**, through the remainder of the renovation project.

Please enjoy the last day of the semester and be safe. And if I don't see you on campus or via Zoom before **Thursday, December 21, 2023**, happy holidays to you and your family!

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.  
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President/CEO  
Compton College