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Campus Community,

Compton College's Second Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast & Celebration, held on **January 15, 2024**, was well-attended by employees, community members, and local elected officials. Guests enjoyed a keynote speech by Dr. Jamal Myrick, Director, African Student Programs, UC Riverside; a live art demonstration by Long Beach muralist LaJon Miller; line dance lessons hosted by J&J Soulful Steps Soul Line Dancers; and the singing of the Black National Anthem, led by the Vice President of Student Services, Nicole Jones. I want to say thank you again to the planning committee, and I look forward to next year's event. And congratulations to Compton College student Skyy Sorrell, who won the final portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. as part of the lively opportunity drawings. We will share photos of the event as soon as they are available.

Today's President/CEO Message – January 18, 2024, includes upcoming Mobile Food Pantry dates, Spring 2024 Professional Development Week information, the new Board Policy and Administration summary, and more.

Spring 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *today, January 18, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,121 FTES for the Spring 2024 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 46%, and seats filled is 7,809.

We must continue to encourage current and future students to enroll in Spring 2024 classes at Compton College. Spring registration continues; Saturday classes begin **February 10, 2024**, and weekday classes begin on **Tuesday, February 12, 2024**. Students may use the [online searchable class schedule](#) to view open classes.

Mobile Food Pantry – Spring 2024 Dates

In partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Compton College will continue to host a monthly Mobile Food Pantry on the second Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Lot F, off Greenleaf Boulevard. Drive-thru and walk-up welcome; open to the public. The Spring 2024 dates are **February 13, March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11**. Mark your calendars and share this opportunity with friends and family who could benefit from 25-40 pounds of free, healthy foods.

Spring 2024 Professional Development Information

We are still preparing for the Spring 2024 Professional Development Week, and the Office of Human Resources will provide the final agendas in a separate email communication. All full-time employees (faculty, Classified professionals, and managers/supervisors) must participate in the virtual Spring 2024 Professional Development Day on **Thursday, February 8, 2024**, via Zoom Meeting, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at 4:00 p.m. Twenty-dollar Uber Eats codes will be provided for faculty, adjunct faculty, Classified professionals, and managers/supervisors participating in the mandatory Professional Development Day. Our keynote speaker is [Tim Klein](#), whom the Academic Senate recommended, and some of us heard speak at the 2023 Achieving the Dream Annual Convening.

The Adjunct Faculty Orientation will be held on **Wednesday, February 7, 2024**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom Meeting information will also be sent in an email communication from the Office of Human Resources.

New - Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

At the **January 16, 2024**, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting, the following Board Policies (BP) were approved, and the Administrative Regulations (AR) listed below were issued.

- [Board Policy 2305](#) – Annual Organizational Meeting
- [Board Policy 2330](#) – Quorum and Voting

- [Board Policy 2340](#) – Agendas
- [Board Policy 2365](#) – Recordings
- [Board Policy 5130](#) – Financial Aid
- [Board Policy 6200](#) – Budget Preparation
- [Administrative Regulations 3332](#) – Property Issuance and Return
- [Administrative Regulations 5130](#) – Financial Aid
- [Administrative Regulations 6200](#) – Budget Preparation
- [Administrative Regulations 6201](#) – Budget Calendar

Please note that it takes one to two weeks for items to move into the "policies" tab in BoardDocs. To access all Board Policies, [click here](#). For all Administrative Regulations, [click here](#).

President/CEO Closing the Loop

1. The Office of Human Resources will begin emailing a monthly campuswide announcement introducing new full-time employees after they are Board approved. The email will include their photo and a short bio.
2. In 2020, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office issued a [Call to Action](#) to all Districts to expedite their response to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA) and anti-racism initiatives introduced by Chancellor Eloy Oakley. Compton College's Taskforce for Equitable Approaches to Community Safety and Health (EACSH) was delegated the charge of addressing and developing conscientious suggestions for and implementing ways to focus on racism, social injustice, campus/community economic support, and general holistic health services. The task force concluded its work in **December of 2023**. Amid discussion of the ongoing topics and issues, EACSH realized that concluding the taskforce is not the end of effectively addressing the ongoing needs of the campus community, but rather will use the existing [Health, Safety and Parking Committee](#) as the Collaborative Governance venue to continue these critical conversations.

Final Thoughts

In last week's [President/CEO Message – January 12, 2024](#), I provided an update on California Governor Gavin Newsom's [proposed budget for the 2024-2025](#) fiscal year. Yesterday, I had the opportunity to attend the Association of California Community College Administrators and the Association of Chief Business Officials Budget in Sacramento, CA, and from that meeting, the state projected deficit is between \$37.9 billion (Governor's Projection) and \$68 billion (California Legislative Analyst's Office Projection). I want to share with you Dr. Sonya Christian, Chancellor, California Community Colleges [Vision 2030 presentation](#), and Jerry Nickelsburg, Faculty Director and Adjunct Professor of Economics, Anderson School of Management, UCLA, [Economic Impact Outlook presentation](#). The Economic Impact Outlook had a lot of information, and I wish it had been recorded. Finally, I wanted to share with you the [California Legislative Analyst's Office Overview of the 2024-2025 Governor's proposed budget](#).

On **Monday, January 22, 2024**, in the afternoon, we will be hosting a Compton Community College Alumni Luncheon & Tour. I am excited about this event since we are bringing back to campus many individuals who were last here in **June 2022**.

Just a friendly reminder, I am preparing my spring 2024 reading list for release in the President/CEO Message – February 22, 2024. Please send your recommendations to kcurry@compton.edu by **Wednesday, February 14, 2024**.

Please be safe and have a wonderful Friday and weekend. In closing, it is truly an honor to serve as your President/CEO.

Sincerely,

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President/CEO
Compton College

Note: Any Compton College employee who responds to this President/CEO Message via email to Sylvia Barakat at sbarakat@compton.edu will be included in an opportunity drawing to participate in a luncheon with the President/CEO in ***February 2024***. It will be BBQ food from my favorite restaurant.