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Campus Community,

Commencement is almost here, and finals will begin in two weeks. The end of the semester is upon us. The Class of 2024 includes 476 individual students earning associate degrees, and 366 students have completed a certificate of achievement. In addition to the 89 Compton Early College students and 21 Paramount High School dual enrollment students, our first class of Lynwood High School seniors will graduate with us. Fourteen Lynwood seniors have earned a degree or certificate while still enrolled in high school. Amazing!

Thank you to those who attended the recent Collaborative Governance listening sessions and made recommendations on how we can improve the participatory governance process. Please note that in several [President/CEO Messages](#), I have mentioned the [Collaborative Governance Handbook](#), which was [approved at the May 19, 2020, Board of Trustees Meeting](#). At that time, many Compton College students, faculty, classified professionals, and administrators worked collaboratively to develop the handbook. Over the next couple of weeks, the Consultative Council will review the recommendations from the consultants and develop an action plan to address the recommendations. As I mentioned yesterday, we are all committed to improving the collaborative governance process at Compton College, including myself.

Today's President/CEO Message – May 24, 2024, includes the 2024 Commencement Keynote Speaker, the annual Voice of Compton Art Exhibition, an update on the Student Housing Project groundbreaking ceremony, and more.

Summer and Fall 2024 Enrollment Update

As of **yesterday, May 23, 2024**, Compton College has generated:

- 417 FTES for the **Summer 2024** term. The fill rate is currently 60%, and the seats filled is 3,393.
- 447 FTES for the **Fall 2024** semester. The fill rate is currently 15%, and the seats filled are 2,603.

The enrollment trend for Summer 2024 is very positive. Our current fill rate is 60%, and more seats are expected to be filled as we start the final 3-week push to the start of classes on **June 17, 2024**. We are in the range of 525 - 550 Full-Time Equivalent Students (FTES) for Summer 2024, which is above our goal of 474 FTES. Please encourage current students to register for summer and fall 2024 classes at Compton College.

2024 Commencement Keynote Speaker

Compton College will hold its 2024 Commencement Ceremony on Friday, June 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The commencement ceremony will take place at the Dignity Health Sports Park Tennis Stadium, located at 18400 Avalon Boulevard, Carson, CA 90246. For those who are not able to attend in person, the ceremony will also be live-streamed on Compton College's [YouTube Channel](#).

The keynote speaker for the ceremony will be Dr. David M. Carlisle, president and CEO of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in the Watts-Willowbrook area of Los Angeles.

Dr. Carlisle has served as president and CEO of Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science since 2011. He is a published author in health policy, quality of care, medical education diversity, and eliminating health disparities. Prior to joining Charles R. Drew University, Dr. Carlisle served as director of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) from 2000 to 2011 under three governors. Under his leadership, OSHPD released its first-ever health disparities report and increased scholarship and loan repayment opportunities for health providers committed to practice in underrepresented, under-resourced, and underserved communities.

A board-certified internal medicine specialist, Dr. Carlisle earned a doctorate in health services and a master's degree in public health from the University of California, Los Angeles Fielding School of Public Health. He earned his doctorate in medicine from Brown University in Rhode Island and a bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University in Connecticut.

2024 Los Angeles Dodgers Teacher Appreciation Award

Compton College Professor and Head Baseball Coach Shannon William was honored last Sunday by the Dodgers during their Annual Teacher Appreciation Day celebration. Click [here](#) to view photos from the event.

Spring 2024 Year-End Celebrations Continue Next Week

- **Tuesday, May 28, 2024** - Veterans Year-End Celebration, 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Veterans Resource Center (SSB, 220)
- **Wednesday, May 29, 2024** – Special Resource Center End of Year Celebration, 12-2 p.m. in the VocTech Building Atrium
- **Wednesday, May 29, 2024** – Transfer Admit Celebration, 5-7 p.m., Multipurpose Room.
- **Thursday, May 30, 2024** – Athletics Banquet, 12-2 p.m., Athletics area (near the gym)
- **Thursday, May 30, 2024** – Academic And Scholarship Awards Banquet, 6-8 p.m., Gymnasium
- **Friday, May 31, 2024** – Child Development "Crossing the Bridge" Ceremony – 10 a.m. to Noon, Child Development Center
- **Friday, May 31, 2024** – Second Annual Black Grad, 6:00-8:30 p.m., Gymnasium

Annual Voices of Compton Event

The Compton College Art Department is thrilled to announce the opening of the 2024 installment of its Annual Student Art Exhibition at Compton College, located in the Art Gallery on the first floor of the Library-Student Success Center. The opening reception will be held on **Wednesday, June 5, 2024, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.** and will offer guests the opportunity to view the showcased works and meet the artists. This also marks the publication and release of the 2023-2024 edition of the college's literary and art journal, *Voices of Compton*.

The Annual Student Art Exhibition will highlight a captivating collection of artworks made by current Compton College students during the 2023-2024 academic year. Artworks on display will highlight a variety of media, including drawing, sculpture, and digital art. This exhibition is a celebration of Compton College art students and their accomplishments this past year and is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Envisioning Compton 2035

Next **Tuesday, May 28, 2024**, and **Thursday, May 30, 2024**, the Compton 2035 planning team will host listening sessions for faculty to engage in dialogue about developing our next master plan and the future of Compton College. All faculty are invited to participate in either online session from 2:30-3:30 p.m. RSVPs may be submitted [here](#) for the **May 28, 2024**, session or [here](#) for the **May 30, 2024**, session. Listening sessions with our classified professionals will be announced soon. Questions or comments regarding the Compton 2035 project may be sent to the planning team at compton2035@compton.edu or to Amari Williams, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, at awilliams22@compton.edu

President/CEO Closing the Loop

- Unfortunately, the groundbreaking ceremony for the Student Housing, originally scheduled for **June 3, 2024**, will be postponed. At the **May 21, 2024** Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees [voted to reject all bids submitted for the project](#).
- My responses to the [Academic Senate](#) – Summary of Decisions made at the **March 7, March 21, and April 4, 2024** meetings are available [here](#).

Compton College Construction Project

The Compton Community College District Board of Trustees approved the updated [Compton Community College District Measure C Budget](#) at their May 21, 2024, meeting. Please note that over the next couple of

weeks, we will be making additional revisions to the Measure CC Budget in order to present it to the Board of Trustees for their review and approval at their **June 21, 2024**, Board meeting. Due to the rising costs of construction projects, we are monitoring the budget very closely. As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – December 15, 2023](#), we have been exploring the option of placing a \$150 million facilities bond on the November 2024 General Election Ballot to support new and renovation facilities projects.

Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

At the **May 21, 2024**, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting, the following Board Policies and Administrative Regulations were approved.

- [Board Policy 5520](#) – Student Discipline Procedures
- [Board Policy 6340](#) – Bids and Contracts
- [Administrative Regulation 5520](#) – Student Discipline Procedures

Final Thoughts

I held my final Spring 2024 campus forum on Tuesday afternoon. If you were unable to attend, you can view my presentation [here](#). For the fall semester, I will host most of my forums virtually, but I'd also like to schedule one in person.

Earlier this week, [California State Senate Bill 1348 was amended](#) and is now called the Black Serving Institution Program. This legislation would create a Black Serving Institution Designation in California. **Yesterday, May 23, 2024**, Senate Bill 1348 passed the California State Senate, and now it is being moved to the Assembly Higher Education Committee. Today, EdTrust-West's latest Equity Alert provided more information on Senate Bill 1348, which is available [here](#). Thank you, [Senator Steven Bradford](#), for authoring this important legislation.

Reminder, the campus is closed on Memorial Day on **Monday, May 27, 2024**. The holiday is dedicated to all our heroes. Let's remember to thank our fallen service members and express our heartfelt gratitude to the men and women who went above and beyond to bring peace and prosperity to our nation and protect our freedom. Have a wonderful Memorial Day – enjoy your day off with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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(pronouns: he/him/his)
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