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### Campus Community,

This week, my calendar has been packed with meetings, planning sessions, and final preparations for the fall semester. Despite the busy schedule, I'm eagerly anticipating the first day of the academic year. And before I get too busy, I'd like to share a few final reminders about important activities taking place next week.

On *Tuesday, August 20, 2024*, the New Faculty Orientation will be held in the Student Services Building, Room 212, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The virtual Adjunct Faculty Orientation will be on *Wednesday, August 21, 2024*, from 5:00 to 7:10 p.m. via Zoom.

On *Wednesday, August 21, 2024*, all students (current and prospective) are invited to attend New Student Welcome Day from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students will learn all about Compton College and the excellent student resources we have available to help them be successful in college, take a campus tour, participate in workshops, and have an opportunity to win prizes! For more information and to RSVP for the on-campus event, click here.

On *Thursday, August 22, 2024*, all full-time employees (faculty, Classified professionals, and managers/supervisors) are required to participate in the mandatory Fall 2024 Professional Development Day, which will take place in person from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Dr. Lori Patton Davis, Professor from the University of California, Los Angeles. Click here to view the agenda.

Today's President/CEO Message includes a link to the Fall 2024 Enrollment Update, Fall 2024 Peak Registration Services and Hours, the Fall 2024 Zoom background, and so much more.

## Fall 2024 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, August 15, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,480 FTES for the fall 2024 semester. The fill rate is currently 60%, and the seats filled are 10,106.

Please continue to share enrollment information with current and prospective students. If students need registration assistance, please refer them to the Welcome Center, located in the Student Services Building.

## Fall 2024 Peak Registration Services and Hours

The Student Services Division will be open for extended hours from *August 19 – September 6, 2024*, to help students complete their admissions applications, apply for financial aid, and register for fall classes.

Admissions & Records, Welcome Center, Counseling, Transfer & Career Center, CalWORKs, Special Resource Center, EOPS/CARE NextUp, Financial Aid, Student Development Office, Veterans Resource Center, and the Bursar's Office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and two *Saturdays – August 17 and 24*—from 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

#### **Welcome Week – Informational Tables**

Welcome Week is almost here, beginning *Monday, August 26, through Friday, August 30, 2024*. As part of Welcome Week, we will have information tables throughout campus from 8:00 to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays to assist our students. They will be located in parking lots A and F, as well as the quad area. We need everyone's assistance at the tables - administration, faculty, and classified professionals. Please review the available one-hour time slots via this <u>link;</u> click on the sign-up button to select a date and time. Be an all-star and sign up for *two time slots* if your schedule permits. Thank you in advance for your participation.

# **Compton College Enrollment Campaign**

To increase enrollment at Compton College and improve awareness of the free resources available to currently enrolled students, an updated **Zoom background** is available each semester for use in virtual meetings. You can also choose from other Compton College backgrounds here.

## **Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Retreat**

The Compton CCD Board of Trustees will hold a retreat on *Monday, August 19, 2024*. The Board will discuss the results of its annual self-evaluations, which include progress toward its goals for *July 1, 2023*, through *June 30, 2024*, and draft goals for the 2024-2025 year. The retreat will be held in Room 212 of the Student Services Building.

## **Compton CCD Board of Trustees Meeting**

The *August 20, 2024*, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting will be held in Room 212 in the Student Services Building. The closed session begins at 5:00 p.m., with the open session commencing at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Reminder About Political Activity**

Earlier this week, I sent a message to the campus community regarding political activity. A friendly reminder, as election season approaches, it's important to remember the rules about political activity on campus.

Compton College must follow federal and state laws that prohibit using District resources (like email, mailboxes, or bulletin boards) to support or oppose any ballot measure or candidate, including those running for the Governing Board.

As stated in Board Policy 2760 – Board Political Activity:

- Employees cannot engage in political activity during work hours.
- You can support or oppose ballot measures or candidates during nonworking time (before/after work, lunch breaks, or other scheduled breaks).
- This policy does not restrict individual Board members or employees from expressing their political views as long as no public resources are used.

For more information, you can refer to the <u>Education Code Section 7054</u> and <u>Government Code Section 8314</u>. If you have any questions, please contact my office at ext. 2007.

#### Fall 2024 Reading List

I wanted to release my fall 2024 reading list. However, I am finalizing my reading list and will release it in next week's President/CEO Message, so if you have any recommendations, please send them to <a href="mailto:kcurry@compton.edu">kcurry@compton.edu</a> by *Tuesday*, *August 20, 2024*.

## **Final Thoughts**

As I reflect this year, and especially on *August 15, 2024*, I am proud to mark my 19th anniversary at Compton College and the Compton Community College District. It has been an honor to serve as your President/CEO, and I am deeply grateful for the support and collaboration of our incredible community.

Please stay safe, enjoy your weekend, and have a fantastic start to the fall 2024 semester.

Sincerely,

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