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Campus Community,

This has been a long week. However, a lot has been accomplished this week at Compton College in support of our students and their success. I want to begin this President/CEO Message with a heartfelt thank you to the faculty, classified professionals, and the management team. Your continued support is not only appreciated but also crucial to our students' success.

Now, to some unfortunate news, in **August 2024**, several failures were uncovered within the Ellucian Banner CRM Advise platform, including emails and text messages that did not reach students. Dr. Rebekah Blonshine, acting vice president of student services, has been working with the Ellucian CRM Advise consultant in collaboration with Mike Tu, chief technology officer, to fix these issues and ensure they do not happen in the future. Faculty should continue to submit student progress reports and early alerts through CRM Advise in accordance with article 7.1 of the faculty bargaining agreement. Student services advisors have been and will continue to follow up with students and close out alerts in a timely manner. Through our collaborative governance structure, we will discuss our early alert practices at the Enrollment Management, Student Success, and Guided Pathways committees to ensure we are maximizing the capabilities of our CRM Advise system to provide intervention, support, and resources to our students. We will continue to provide updates on the CRM Advise Early Alert platform in future President/CEO Messages.

Today's President/CEO Message includes a recap of the annual High-Altitude Balloon Project, upcoming Halloween-related activities, a chance to provide feedback on the new Compton College Mission Statement, a new policy statement regarding business cards, and more.

Fall 2024 and Winter 2025 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, October 25, 2024*, Compton College has generated 1,688 FTES for the **Fall 2024** term. Our fill rate for Fall is currently 70%, and seats filled is 11,697.

Winter 2025 enrollment opened on **October 22**. Please encourage interested students to meet with a counselor to see if a five-week winter class (or two) might be a good fit for their academic and work/life goals. [The winter 2025 schedule of classes is available online in searchable and PDF formats.](#)

"I Support Compton College" Enrollment Campaign Updated for Winter/Spring 2025

To increase enrollment at Compton College and improve awareness of the free resources available to currently enrolled students, we are providing employees and community advocates with an updated [Zoom background](#) and an Instagram image for use in virtual meetings and on social media. Click [here](#) to access the Winter/Spring 2025 campaign materials.

We hope you will use the campaign materials, including the talking points, to share your support of Compton College with your colleagues, family, and friends.

High Altitude Weather Balloon Launch

Yesterday, October 24, 2024, the STEM Club successfully launched their High-Altitude Weather Balloon (HAB) at 10:30 a.m. from just south of The Village. This balloon, designed and built last year, finally took flight thanks to improved landing site simulations and a few mid-course adjustments.

The pre-flight checks took a couple of hours, during which time many onlookers gathered to watch the process. The flight lasted approximately three hours, two hours ascending and one hour descending. The balloon landed as expected between Barstow and Needles along the I-40, based on NOAA weather predictions and Newton's Laws.

Throughout the flight, the HAB was tracked using two GPS transceivers, ensuring the group had a reasonable idea of its location at all times. After landing, a dedicated retrieval team successfully recovered the balloon. This event was the result of extensive preparation, including coordinating with the FAA, and training for the retrieval process. Members of the STEM Club are thrilled with the outcome and grateful for the support and interest from everyone who joined the event.

2024 Halloween Decoration/Costume Contest

Join us for the Professional Development Department's Halloween Decorating and Costume Contest on October 30! Teams must register to participate, and office visits will begin at 10 a.m. Judging will focus on creativity and team spirit, with a special prize for the winning team (lunch will be provided by [La Pasta](#) in Lynwood). Everyone is encouraged to join in the fun!

To participate, [please sign up by 10 a.m. on October 30, 2024](#). Only one submission is needed for each department.

Trunk or Treat

The [Associated Student Government](#) (ASG) is hosting a Trunk or Treat event on **October 31, 2024**, for the Compton College community, including students, staff, and families of the Child Development Center. All campus departments, divisions, and clubs are invited to participate by donating candy or decorating a car trunk or pop-up in The Village. [To sign up, please use this link](#). A photo booth will be available to capture the festivities!

Compton College Mission Statement

The Institutional Effectiveness Office and Core Planning Team have been working this year to collect data and feedback (through our collaborative governance structure) on revisions to the [Compton College Mission Statement](#). Please take a moment to complete a brief [survey](#) and share your recommendation for one of the two versions that could become our next mission statement.

Mental Health Career Education Summit

St. John's Community Health hosted a Mental Health Career Education Summit at Compton College this past Saturday to raise awareness about mental health and promote related career opportunities. The event featured remarks from Compton Mayor Emma Sharif and me, a presentation by Dr. Gary Tsai on mental health trends and advocacy, and a panel on meaningful careers in mental health. Students shared testimonials, and Compton District Police Chief Marcus Thompson discussed the police department's partnership with St. John's Community Health. Participating colleges, including Compton College, California State University, Long Beach, and the University of Southern California, will receive grant awards for their involvement.

New Policy Statement – Issuance of Business Cards

A new policy statement regarding the issuance and use of Compton College business cards goes into effect today. The new policy applies to all departments, offices, and units within the Compton CCD and Compton College and excludes student workers and nonpermanent employees from being issued business cards. [Read the full policy statement online](#).

Any existing business cards issued to student workers or temporary/provisional employees must be collected and properly disposed of. Departments are encouraged to provide alternative methods for sharing contact information, such as digital signatures or email templates.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

As announced in the [President/CEO Message - October 4, 2024](#), our Call Center will officially close on **October 31, 2024**. This decision remains unchanged. The space in the Student Services Building will be repurposed to better serve our community. The Student Ambassadors who report to the Educational Partnerships Department will continue to assist students with completing the Steps to Enrollment from this former Call Center location.

Our goal is to maximize the workspace in the Student Services Building and enhance our support for new and continuing students, helping them stay on track with their educational and career goals. Please note that these plans are subject to change based on the needs of the Student Services Division. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during this transition.

Final Thoughts

Over the past couple of weeks, I have had the opportunity to participate in several workshops and presentations around AI. I invite all employees to actively participate in the ongoing discussions about integrating AI technologies into our college operations and teaching environment. Your insights and recommendations are invaluable as we explore how AI can enhance our daily tasks and overall efficiency. Please email your thoughts and suggestions to the chair of the Artificial Intelligence Task Force, awilliams22@compton.edu, by **December 1, 2024**. Together, we can shape a future where AI supports and empowers our community.

I'm excited about this year's High School Principal's Breakfast on **Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 7:30 a.m.** This annual event is a fantastic opportunity to connect with our high school partners and discuss ways to enhance the pathway to higher education for students in our service area.

Sincerely,

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