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Subject: President/CEO Message - November 1, 2024

#### Campus Community,

I hope this message finds you well. As we continue to strive for excellence in our academic and professional endeavors, I want to celebrate a recent triumph in the world of sports. Congratulations to the Los Angeles Dodgers (*For many of us, this is our team.*) on their incredible victory and becoming the 2024 World Series Champions! Their dedication, teamwork, and perseverance are truly inspiring and serve as a reminder of what we can achieve when we work together toward a common goal.

Additionally, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in our on-campus Halloween activities. Your creativity and enthusiasm brought a lot of joy to our community, including our Child Development Center kids. The Business Office was the winner of this year's Halloween Décor contest. Congratulations to the Business Office staff and to all other programs/departments that participated in this year's contest.

Today's President/CEO Message includes information on Spring registration, a reminder about #TransferThursday, Vote Center information, and more.

# Fall 2024 and Winter 2025 Enrollment Update

As of *Thursday, October 31, 2024*, Compton College has generated:

- 1,665 FTES for the **Fall 2024** semester. The fill rate is 69%, and the seats filled is 11,480.
- 134 FTES for the Winter 2025 term. The fill rate is currently 40%, and seats filled is 1,177.

With the passing of the Fall Second 8-week part of the term's census on *October 29*, *2024*, this is the last enrollment snapshot for the Fall 2024 semester.

Winter registration, which opened on *October 19*, *2024* (a few days earlier than last year), has shown promising early performance, with Headcount and Enrollment both 30% ahead of last year.

#### **Spring 2025 Registration**

Registration for the Spring 2025 semester opens on *Tuesday, November 5, 2024*.

- Explore the Schedule: The online searchable schedule is now available here.
- Download & Print: Prefer a hard copy? You can also download and print the PDF version of the schedule <u>here</u>.

Students should meet with a counselor to discuss their educational plan and be prepared to register based on their appointment date and time.

#### **#TransferThursdays**

Let's continue to foster a transfer-going culture by proudly wearing our university gear each Thursday for #TransferThursday! Join your colleagues and students in person on *Thursdays from 12 to 1 p.m.* (between IB1 and IB2) to learn about the Transfer & Career Center services and upcoming events.

If you can't join us in person, participate virtually by sending a photo of yourself in university gear to <u>transfercareercenter@compton.edu</u> by the end of the day every Transfer Thursday. Employees who participate will be entered into an opportunity drawing on *December 5*, 2024.

Please share these exciting opportunities from the Transfer & Career Center with your students:

- <u>CSU Northridge Tour</u>: *Friday, November 2, 2024* Encourage students to explore their future campus! They can secure their spot by submitting a \$5 cash deposit (refundable) to the Transfer & Career Center by *Wednesday, November 20, 2024*.
- <u>Upcoming Events in November</u>: The Transfer & Career Center is offering workshops, university rep visits, CSU/UC application assistance, and much more throughout November.
- CSU Fullerton Tour: Friday, December 6, 2024

Thank you for your continued support and participation in #TransferThursday activities!

## In-Person President/CEO Student Forum on November 6, 2024

I am excited to announce that the next President/CEO Student Forum will be held in person on *Wednesday*, *November 6*, *2024*, *at 2:30 p.m.* in the Allied Health Building, Room 119. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage directly with me, ask questions, and share their thoughts on the semester.

Please share this information with your students.

## **Los Angeles County Vote Center**

Working with the Los Angeles County Register-Recorder's Office, the Compton College Multipurpose Room will serve as a Vote Center. Voting will be held on campus on the following dates and times:

- Saturday-Monday, November 2-4, 2024: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- *Tuesday, November 5, 2024* (Election Day): 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A Vote by Mail DropBox will be located in the Multipurpose Room.

# Your Participation Needed: Chancellor's Office Online Education Surveys

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office needs your help to enhance participation in the statewide study on online education initiated by <u>Senate Bill 117 - Higher Education Trailer Bill</u>. The Chancellor's Office and The RP Group are conducting three important surveys to understand the impact of online education on student learning, course access, and outcomes.

- Student Survey: For all currently enrolled students
- Faculty Survey: For all faculty (full-time and adjunct)
- <u>Student Support Services Survey</u>: For Vice Presidents, Deans, or Directors overseeing Student Support Services

Your participation is crucial to ensuring the legislature's report accurately reflects the CCC system's experiences. For questions, contact Alyssa T. Nguyen at <a href="mailto:anguyen@rpgroup.org">anguyen@rpgroup.org</a> or the Chancellor's Office research unit at <a href="mailto:research@cccco.edu">research@cccco.edu</a>. The deadline to complete the surveys is *Friday*, *November 15*, *2024*.

## President/CEO Closing the Loop

As mentioned in the <u>President/CEO Message – October 4, 2024</u>, we are developing the <u>Five-Year Fiscal Management Plan</u> for Compton Community College District. Last month, the <u>Planning and Budget Committee</u> reviewed and discussed the plan. The plan assumes the following:

- No cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) from 2026–2027 onwards.
- Negotiation-related items.
- Withdrawal of funds from the Other Post-Employment Benefits Futuris Public Entity Investment Trust in 2024-2025.

• Withdrawal of funds from the <u>California Public Entity Pension Stabilization (PERS/STRS) Trust</u> in **2024-2025**. However, in the next draft of the plan, we will include a withdrawal of \$500,000 in the **2025-2026**.

<u>The plan</u> is a working draft and will be updated as new information becomes available. We will continue to discuss it at <u>Planning and Budget Committee</u> meetings.

#### **Final Thoughts**

As we move past Halloween and kick off the holiday season, the countdown to the end of the fall semester has officially begun. Before we know it, winter break will be here (*Tuesday*, *December 24*, *2024* – *Wednesday*, *January 1*, *2025*). But first, we have our annual "Taste of Thanksgiving" event on *Tuesday*, *November 12*, *2024*, *from Noon to 3:00 p.m.* Employees are invited to stop by, enjoy a delicious lunch, and socialize with colleagues. We encourage everyone to take a break, grab a bite, and then return to their workday refreshed.

This week, two significant events happened, and I can officially say "about time." First, the City of Compton has opened the Artesia Bridge. Second, the fencing near Instructional Building 2 has been removed, allowing you to walk through campus and enjoy the beautiful new landscaping. We are also preparing for the grand opening ceremony for Instructional Buildings 1 and 2 on *November 19*, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. More details will follow in a future President/CEO Message.

In closing, *October 30, 2024*, was a good day for Compton College. While I can't officially announce the good news yet, three significant events occurred that will impact our future. The Los Angeles Dodgers winning the World Series was just a bonus on this day. In the coming weeks, I will share these announcements with the campus community through my <a href="Persident/CEO Message">President/CEO Message</a>.

Sincerely,

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