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Campus Community,

Thank you to staff members and volunteers who coordinated the annual Taste of Thanksgiving event on Tuesday. Employees had a wonderful time catching up before the holidays, socializing, and taking a much-needed break. The food was excellent, and I must admit, I indulged a bit too much! Now, we will begin planning for the Annual Holiday Party. As always, we will have a lot of prizes during the opportunity drawing. Please save the date: **December 10, 2024**, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room.

This week, I was in Washington, D.C., participating in the [American Association of Community Colleges Commission \(AACC\) on Student Success](#) meetings. We addressed topics including Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Student Success, Wellness & Mental Health, AACC Legislative Updates, and Universal Design for Learning and Accessibility. For me, the most important session was the legislative update as we prepare for the new administration. I know there has been a lot of talk nationally regarding the future of the Department of Education, accreditation, diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, to name a few. However, my position with any new administration is to wait and see what policies come forward and respond as needed.

Also, this week, I met with members of our Artificial Intelligence (AI) Taskforce to discuss our current use of AI on campus and potential next steps. I have asked the taskforce to meet regularly and compile a list of AI tools available for faculty, Classified Professionals, managers/supervisors, and students. I want to ensure everyone is aware of these tools available and provide professional development opportunities to learn more about them. If you have an AI tool to add to the list, please forward the tool name to Amari Williams, dean of institutional effectiveness, at awilliams22@compton.edu.

Today's President/CEO Message includes an update from Athletics, invites to upcoming campuswide events, a solicitation for donations by the Foundation for Compton Community College District, exciting news for Compton College, and more.

Summer and Fall 2025 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, November 14, 2024*, Compton College has generated:

- 202 FTES for the **Winter 2025** term. The fill rate is currently 60%, and the seats filled is 1,778.
- 334 FTES for the **Spring 2025** semester. The fill rate is currently 13%, and the seats filled are 2,050.

Even with 6 out of every 10 seats for the Winter 2025 term already filled, there are still many full-credit classes available that can be completed in just 5 weeks. Interested students should speak to a counselor as soon as possible to see if these classes align with their academic goals. Winter classes begin on **Monday, January 6, 2025**. Additionally, Spring registration is now open to all students, and those interested should consult a counselor for guidance on classes that best fit their academic and career goals or plans to transfer to a four-year university.

Athletics Update

Fall Sports

- **Men's and Women's Cross Country:** Sixteen student-athletes, guided by Head Coach David Austin and Assistant Coach LaTrice Queen, participated in multiple events this season.
- **Men's Football:** Coach Dave Banuelos and 35 athletes are striving to finish the year strong despite a challenging season with a 0-8 record. Key players include quarterback Malichai Betters, receiver Sean Thompson, and defensive leaders Percy Jackson, Anthony Whitsey, and Samuel Smalls. Their next game is at home on **Saturday, November 16, 2024**, at 6:00 p.m. against West Los Angeles College.

- **Women's Soccer:** Led by Head Coach Jose Garcia, 24 athletes competed this season. Offensive standout Anahi Rodriguez and defensive anchors Yarely Marquez and Georgina Moreno helped the team achieve a 4-13-2 overall record (1-7-1 in the conference).
- **Men's Soccer:** With 29 athletes under Head Coach Jose Garcia, the team heads into the postseason with an 8-8-3 overall record (3-5-1 in conference). Standout players include goalkeeper Alessandro Martinez and point leader Edu Beltran.
- **Women's Volleyball:** Head Coach Monique Scott is building for the future with her team, which currently holds a 2-17 record (0-8 in conference). Standouts include Victoria Sibrian, leading the 3C2A South with 219 kills, and Joshlynn Lopez, who leads in service aces per set. Their sophomore night is on *Friday, November 15, 2024*, at 6:00 p.m.

Winter Sports

- **Men's Basketball:** Head Coach Keith Hollimon and 15 players are off to a competitive start with a 3-3 record. Notable performances include Nathan Ibarra (14.7 points per game) and Zoe Holman (13.8 points per game).
- **Women's Basketball:** Head Coach Lewis Nelson, along with Assistant Coaches Tim Daniels and Shameeka Higgins-Towers, are leading a team of 10 players. Despite a 0-5 preseason record, JC Butler has shown strong play, averaging 13.3 points per game.

Compton College Campuswide Forum

I will host a virtual campuswide forum on *Tuesday, November 19, 2024*, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. The focus will be on enrollment, budget, accreditation, campus committees, and student success. To participate, please use this link to register in advance: [Virtual Campuswide Meeting Registration](#).

Grand Opening Ceremony

The grand opening ceremony for Instructional Buildings 1 and 2 will be held on *Tuesday, November 19, 2024*, at 3:30 p.m. in the courtyard between the two buildings. The event is open to the public. There will be speakers, photo opportunities, and tours.

November 19, 2024, Board of Trustees Meeting

The *November 19, 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. The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Agendas are posted on the BoardDocs website under the "Meetings" tab at www.boarddocs.com/ca/compton/Board.nsf/Public.

Turkey Giveaway for Students

Currently enrolled Compton College students are invited to stop by the Farmers' Market check-in table between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on *Wednesday, November 20, 2024*, and pick up a ticket for a free turkey. This is a first-come, first-served opportunity while supplies last.

Giving Tuesday Fundraising Campaign

As we approach the end of the year, employees are invited to make a one-time charitable donation to the [Foundation for the Compton Community College District](#) (CCCD). Giving *Tuesday, December 3, 2024*, is a global day of giving and the perfect time to consider a tax-deductible donation to student success. Your generous support on this day can help us reach our goals and make a significant impact on students' lives.

Here's how you can help:

- Submit a one-time [Donation Pledge Form](#) to the Foundation Office (D-29) by *December 13, 2024*, to ensure processing and eligibility for 2024 charitable tax deductions.
- If you would like to establish a scholarship to assist our students with the cost of attending Compton College, please use the [Scholarship Agreement form](#). The form can be downloaded and emailed to the Foundation at foundation@compton.edu or printed and delivered to D-29.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

At the President/CEO Cabinet meeting on *Tuesday, November 12, 2024*, I approved the [Auxiliary Services Committee](#) funding recommendations for 2024-2025, which are available [here](#).

Final Thoughts

I'm thrilled to announce that [Compton College has received a \\$1.9 million grant from Ballmer Group](#). This generous funding will significantly enhance our efforts to support student transfer success. The grant will be used to create new staff positions, develop student programs, and improve technology, all aimed at helping our students complete their coursework and transfer to universities more efficiently. This is one of the exciting developments I hinted at in my [President/CEO Message - November 1, 2024](#), when I said *October 30, 2024*, was a good day for Compton College. Stay tuned for more details, and [check out the full news release online!](#)

In closing, please have a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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