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Campus Community,

As we wrap up another eventful week, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all our students who completed their finals. Your hard work and dedication are truly commendable, and we hope you achieved the results you aimed for. To our faculty, many of whom are concluding their duties for the year, we wish you a restful and enjoyable winter break. Your commitment to our students' success is deeply appreciated.

Today's President/CEO Message includes an introduction to the new Small Scholar Libraries, a request for AI recommendations, Board-approved policies and regulations, approved proposals from the 2024-2025 Enrollment Management Committee, an update on the Compton College Bookstore, and much more.

Winter and Spring 2025 Enrollment Update

As of *December 12, 2024*, Compton College has made significant progress in enrollment for the upcoming terms:

- 284 FTES for the winter term. Our fill rate for Winter 2025 is currently 78%, with 2,496 seats filled.
- 815 FTES for the spring semester. Our fill rate for Spring 2025 is currently 35%, with 5,696 seats filled.

Although the fall semester ends tomorrow, and classes will not be in session next week, there is still time to register for the winter term, which begins on *January 6*. If any department needs marketing materials, extra Winter/Spring postcards and General Information brochures are available in the Community Relations Office (D-29).

New Small Scholar Libraries

As a follow-up to the [President/CEO Message – October 5, 2024](#), you may have seen the charming burgundy book-sharing libraries around campus. You can find them outside the Student Services Building, in front of the Library-SSC, and outside the Child Development Center. These libraries are part of the Little Free Library nonprofit organization, aiming to boost global literacy. They provide easy access to books for students and their children, supporting our Small Scholar Spaces initiative for Compton College student-parents.

Do you have kids' books you no longer need? Please help us fill our Small Scholar Libraries! Drop your donations directly into the libraries or, if they're full, at the [CalWORKs/TANF/GAIN](#) Office (SSB, Room 270).

Winter Break Closure – Securing Campus Offices/Buildings

As we prepare for the Winter Break campus closure (*December 24, 2024, through January 1, 2025*), [Campus Police](#) reminds all staff, faculty, and administrators to secure their offices/buildings. Please do the following before you leave:

- Close and lock all windows and blinds.
- Power off and unplug all non-essential appliances.
- Lock up laptops in secure drawers or bins.
- Secure sensitive/confidential materials.
- Clean out food containers and remove perishables from refrigerators.
- Dispose of food in outdoor trash cans to avoid pests.
- Turn off all lights.
- Lock all office doors and double-check if you are the last to leave.

Contact Campus PD: For weekends and after hours (10:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.), call 310-554-2978. Otherwise, call 310-900-1600, ext. 2790 for non-emergencies.

If you need to access campus during the break, please get your immediate supervisor's approval 24 hours in advance and email the date, times, and location to the Chief of Police at mthompson@compton.edu. So that you know, building alarms will need to be deactivated.

There is only Facility work scheduled for ongoing construction projects during the winter break.

Reminder: AI Taskforce Update

As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message - November 15, 2024](#), I met with our AI Taskforce to discuss our current use of AI on campus and potential next steps. The taskforce will meet regularly to compile a list of AI tools available for faculty, Classified Professionals, managers/supervisors, and students. We aim to ensure everyone is aware of these tools 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 by **Friday, January 15, 2025**.

Compton College Mascot Survey – Coyotes or Colts?

We need your help choosing the direction for our new mascot! Based on your feedback, we've narrowed it down to two options. Please take a moment to participate in our [quick survey](#) and let us know which identity you prefer. Your vote is crucial in shaping the future of our mascot, and we want to ensure everyone's voice is heard. Please note that we'll still need your input on the look of the mascot later on.

[Click here to vote](#) – Coyotes or Colts?

The [survey](#) closes tonight, December 13, 2025, at midnight. Don't miss your chance to have a say in this important decision! On behalf of the [Compton College Mascot Development Workgroup](#), thank you for your creative input!

Enrollment Management Committee Funding Proposals Approved

On **December 3, 2024**, I approved the [Enrollment Management Committee's](#) recommendation to fund five proposals for 2024-2025. Be on the lookout for an email from Dr. Rebekah Blonshine, acting vice president of Student Services, for more information on approved allocations.

Project/Activity	Department	Project Description	Amount Funded
12-in-4 Letters	Community Relations and Educational Partnerships	Mail Acceptance letters to HS seniors for the Promise Program and invitations to Senior Day	\$10,000
Promise Acceptance & Senior Day Mailers	Educational Partnerships	Mail Acceptance letters to HS seniors for the Promise Program and invitations to Senior Day	\$10,000
IPads for Outreach	Educational Partnerships	iPad needed prospective student forms while at outreach events and HS sites	\$12,500
EdAmerica Reengagement Campaign	Educational Partnerships	EdAmerica will establish re-engagement campaigns with former students to increase re-enrollment efforts	\$30,385
Student Ambassadors	Educational Partnerships	Student Ambassadors are needed to staff various outreach and recruitment events	\$37,115

Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

At the **December 10, 2024**, Compton Community College District Board of Trustees meeting, the following Board Policies (BP) were approved, and the Administrative Regulations (AR) listed below were issued.

- [Board Policy 1200](#) – District Mission and Vision

- [Board Policy 2200](#) – Board Duties and Responsibilities
- [Board Policy 2450](#) – President/Chief Executive Officer Evaluation
- [Administrative Regulation 4222](#) – Remedial Coursework
- [Administrative Regulation 5045](#) – Student Records-Challenging Content and Access Log
- [Administrative Regulation 6750](#) – Parking
- [Administrative Regulation 7125](#) – Verification of Eligibility for Employment
- [Administrative Regulation 7126](#) – Applicant Background Checks
- [Administrative Regulation 7271](#) – Student Employee Employment Requirements

December 17, 2024, Annual Organizational Meeting

The Compton Community College District Board of Trustees will hold its annual organizational meeting on *December 17, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.* in the Student Services Building, Room 212, as prescribed by Education Code Section 72000. The agenda includes the election of officers, setting meeting dates for 2025, and appointing representatives to various organizations. The agenda will be available 72 hours in advance.

Input Needed for 2025 Legislative Priorities

We value your insights as we shape our 2025 legislative priorities. Your awareness of current and proposed legislation is crucial for understanding its impact on our District. Please share your thoughts through our [survey](#) by *Wednesday, January 15, 2025*. Your feedback will guide our advocacy efforts at both state and federal levels. Click [here](#) to access the online survey.

Yesterday in Sacramento, I met with state legislators' representatives and colleagues to discuss our legislative priorities. We focused on [Compton College's 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#), implementing [Assembly Bill 1705](#), our status as a Black Serving Institution, and my request to increase our [Student-Centered Funding Formula](#) calculations. I emphasized the importance of requesting the state to increase the base, supplemental, and student success allocation calculations for the 2025-2026 year.

Compton College Bookstore Update

On *December 10, 2024*, the Compton CCD Board of Trustees [approved](#) a two-year contract with Follett Higher Education Group to continue operating an on-campus store and accompanying website for Compton College. The director of Purchasing and Auxiliary Services and the Bookstore provider will attend an upcoming [Auxiliary Services Committee](#) meeting to collect feedback from students, faculty, and classified professionals regarding the future of the bookstore's operations at Compton College.

We need your input to determine if maintaining the on-campus store is worth the \$6,500/month management fee is the best option for Compton College. In the future, Follett prefers to transition to an online-only store, and we want to understand the potential unintended consequences of this change. Please note that we have not agreed to this transition, nor do we have a date or timeframe for potentially moving to an online-only store. The question we need to understand at this time is: would students support an online-only bookstore? How might this impact access to course materials, affordability, and the overall student experience?

Your creative input is crucial in helping us make an informed decision that best supports our community.

Student Housing Groundbreaking

Everyone is invited to the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Compton College's new 251-bed student housing facility on *Friday, January 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.* This event will be held at the northeast corner of campus, near IB1 and 2. This milestone makes Compton College the first community college in Los Angeles County to offer on-campus housing for students.

Final Thoughts

As we look ahead, I want to remind everyone that our campus will remain open through ***Monday, December 23, 2024***, to assist students with the [Steps to Enrollment](#). Additionally, there are still [classes available for the five-week winter term](#)—a fantastic opportunity to get ahead. On ***Wednesday, December 11, 2024***, we celebrated our fall nursing pinning ceremony, where we heard inspiring speeches from alumni and current graduates. This week, you'll also notice fencing going up around the [student housing construction site](#), marking another step forward in our campus development.

Yesterday, in between meetings in Sacramento, I attended the Compton College and California State University Sacramento Memorandum of Understanding Agreement Signing Ceremony. This new partnership, [approved by the Board of Trustees at their June 18, 2024 meeting](#), will guarantee our students admission into the Black Honors College at California State University, Sacramento if they satisfy the following requirements.

Thank you all for your hard work and dedication. Let's continue to support each other and strive for excellence in all we do.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.
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President/CEO
Compton College