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Campus Community,

As we step into the new year, I want to address some important topics and updates that are on our minds. The recent wildfires in Los Angeles County have undoubtedly caused anxiety and concern. We are closely monitoring the situation and are here to support those affected. A decision will be made later this evening regarding campus operations for **Friday, January 10, 2025**; once a decision has been made, it will be communicated to the campus community and our students.

In honor of former President Jimmy Carter's passing and his funeral today, American flags, including the one on campus, will remain at half-staff through **Monday, January 27, 2025**.

Additionally, we are eagerly awaiting updates on Governor Gavin Newsom's proposed 2025-2026 California State Budget, which will have significant implications for California Community Colleges and Compton College. We anticipate the proposed budget to be released within the next 24 hours. I will provide an update on the proposed budget in next week's [President/CEO Message](#).

With so much happening, including the exciting groundbreaking for our new student housing project next **Friday, January 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.**, our focus remains steadfast on enrollment and student success. We must continue to apply our policies and procedures consistently and work together, utilizing proper communication channels to achieve our goals.

Today's President/CEO Message includes an update on CRM Advise student communications, a link to the recently approved Compton College Mission statement, reminders of upcoming events and meetings, and much more.

Winter and Spring 2025 Enrollment Update

Here's the latest update on Compton College's enrollment progress for the upcoming terms as of **today, January 9, 2025**:

- 306 FTES for the winter term. Our fill rate for Winter 2025 is currently 86%, with 2,699 seats filled.
- 1,101 FTES for the spring semester. Our fill rate for Spring 2025 is currently 47%, with 7,806 seats filled.

Reminder: Today is the final day to add or drop Winter Term classes, except for 'Open Entry/Exit' support classes. Students with additional authorizations must complete their enrollment today. Additionally, drops must be finalized by the end of the day to avoid a permanent mark on transcripts.

Enrollments have reached nearly 50% of the available seat capacity for the spring semester. Many courses and meeting times are still open. Encourage interested students to consult with an academic counselor for guidance on selecting classes that align with their academic and career goals or to update their transfer plans to a four-year university.

Important Update: Board Policy 1200 – District Mission and Vision

As part of our ongoing efforts to align with our updated mission, please be reminded to update all relevant documents and online information to reflect the new Compton Community College District mission statement, [Board Policy 1200 - Mission and Vision, which was Board-approved on December 10, 2024](#). In the meantime, we are working on developing flyers for posting in classrooms and offices, which will be distributed soon. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to our college's mission.

CRM Advise Update from Educational Partnerships

CRM Advise is running active communication plans that include branch activities and targeted strategies to engage specific student groups and address academic barriers. These plans focus on students needing intervention, such as those who haven't registered for upcoming terms, lack an educational plan, or have incomplete orientation requirements.

For example, the "Register Now for Winter and Spring 2025 Classes" campaign targeted Fall 2024 students who had not registered for the upcoming terms. Through two waves of email and text reminders, over 586 students registered for Winter or Spring 2025. Launched on **November 25, 2024**, this plan reviewed student enrollment status by integrating data from systems like Banner, COMEVO, and CraniumCafe, enabling precise targeting and improved engagement and re-enrollment outcomes.

The "Complete Your Educational Plan" campaign prompted students without an educational plan through strategic reminders, resulting in 39 new plans. Similarly, the "Complete Orientation Today!" campaign used a single outreach effort to encourage orientation completion, addressing a critical step to enrollment.

Third Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast & Celebration

Join us for the third annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast & Celebration on **Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** [Registration is required for this event.](#) Classified professionals must obtain approval from their supervisors to attend.

Deployment of New Printers and Copiers

As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message - December 5, 2024](#), Compton College has upgraded its printing and copying equipment. The previous Xerox fleet is being replaced with new Sharp devices. Please read the email from Mike Tu, chief technology officer, dated **Tuesday, January 7, 2025**, with the subject line: Rollout of new SHARP Copiers and Printers. The email includes important information, including the rollout schedule for the copiers and printers.

Compton Community College District Remote Work Requests

On **January 7, 2025**, the vice president of Human Resources sent an email to all managers with information about the Compton College [Board Policy 7170 - Remote Work](#) and [Administrative Regulation 7170 - Remote Work](#). Now would be a good time to make sure Human Resources has up-to-date approved remote work requests on file. As a reminder, employees wishing to work remotely may submit a [Remote Work Request and Agreement Form](#) to their supervisor requesting to work remotely **one day per week**. Requests will be considered and approved per [Administrative Regulation 7170 - Remote Work](#) to ensure department workload and productivity are not negatively impacted due to lack of coverage. Please contact the Office of Human Resources if you have questions.

Input Needed for 2025 Legislative Priorities

As we continue to shape our 2025 legislative priorities, we need your input. Your insights are invaluable in helping us address key issues and advocate effectively for Compton College at both state and federal levels. [Please complete the survey before January 15, 2025](#)

Please sign up today! Receive emergency notifications via cell phone or email.

Sign up to receive emergency notifications at Compton College Campus Police via Nixle, a free service that informs you of campus and community safety alerts. Through this system, you will receive alerts/notifications via cell phone, text message, and/or email. To register, go to www.compton.edu/campus-safety/nixle.

Submit Your Events to the Online Calendar

As we strive to enhance student engagement, we must maintain a [comprehensive and up-to-date online calendar](#). Please remember to [submit all upcoming events, including workshops, training sessions, information sessions, and other events, to the online calendar](#). A well-maintained calendar is key to ensuring our students are informed and can participate in the various opportunities we offer. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to student success.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

1. My responses to the [Academic Senate](#) – Summary of Decisions made at the *November 21 and December 5, 2024* meetings are available [here](#).
2. As mentioned in my email to the campus community on *January 2, 2025*, Lydell Willis will be the acting dean of athletics and student support services until further notice. In addition, Dr. Oluwatosin Williams will serve as the acting director of student basic needs and success.

January 13, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting

On Monday, January 13, 2025, the Board of Trustees will meet in Room 212 in the Student Services Building. All regular session meetings are open to the public. 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 <http://www.boarddocs.com/ca/compton/Board.nsf/Public>.

Final Thoughts

As we embark on this new year, I extend my best wishes to each of you. Please remember to stay safe, especially in light of the recent wildfires. We are in the process of updating our [Emergency Operations Plan](#) to include air quality issues and a condensed version of our pandemic operations plan. If you have any suggestions, please direct them to Marcus Thompson, chief of police, at mthompson@compton.edu.

I am already planning my spring 2025 reading list for release in the President/CEO Message – February 20, 2025. Please send your recommendations to kcurry@compton.edu by *Tuesday, February 18, 2025*.

With so many things happening, I wanted to wish everyone a *happy new year!* I look forward to working with all of you to support student success. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to Compton College, and most importantly, please be safe.

Sincerely,

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