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Campus Community,

On Wednesday, we had the privilege of coming together for the 3rd annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Celebration. It was a heartwarming event that allowed us to reflect on Dr. King's enduring legacy and the values he championed. The camaraderie and sense of unity among attendees were truly inspiring. We were reminded of our collective commitment to justice, equality, and community empowerment. As we continue to honor Dr. King's vision, let us carry forward the spirit of hope and action that he embodied. At this year's event, each speaker provided a Dr. King quote, and my quote was, "*The time is always right to do what is right.*" Thank you to everyone who participated and made this celebration a success, especially the Planning Committee. Together, we are building a community that reflects Dr. King's dreams and values.

This week, the Vice President of Human Resources, Dr. Hiacynth D. Martinez, sent an important email to all employees regarding the recent wildfires affecting Southern California. The email provided valuable resources and support services for those impacted, including guides to local services, evacuation maps, air quality recommendations, and links to FEMA assistance. Additionally, it highlighted available supplies, donation opportunities, and the Employee Assistance Service for Education (EASE), which offers confidential counseling and support. Please refer to the *January 14, 2025 email* for detailed information and resources. I know the Los Angeles County wildfires are affecting many of us in the Compton College community. We will continue to provide updates as we receive them, and we will continue to share information on the resources available to the individuals who have been severely impacted.

Today's President/CEO Message includes the spring 2025 mobile food pantry dates, an overview of Governor Newsom's proposed 2025-2026 budget, a reminder about the importance and benefits of student identification, and much more.

Spring 2025 Enrollment Update

As of *yesterday, January 16, 2025*, Compton College has generated 1,186 FTES for the Spring 2025 term. Our fill rate for Spring is currently 51%, and 8,374 seats are filled.

The Winter 2025 Census, which closed last Friday, showed FTES, enrollment, and headcount figures 23% to 25% higher than last year's totals. Spring 2025 registrations are also up 16% compared to last year, with 51% of available seats filled and headcount up 14%. Despite a slight dip from last week, the trend remains positive after the holiday break. With 30 days until the term starts, 35% of offerings are filled to 65% or more of their capacity, and 95 sections (17% of offerings) are either full or have waitlists.

We must continue to encourage current and future students to enroll in Spring 2025 classes at Compton College. Spring registration continues; Saturday classes begin *February 15, 2025*, and weekday classes begin on *Tuesday, February 18, 2025* (after the President's Day Holiday on *Monday, February 17, 2025*). Students may use the [online searchable class schedule](#) to view open classes.

Mobile Food Pantry – Spring 2025 Dates

In partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, Compton College will continue to host a monthly Mobile Food Pantry on the second Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in Lot F, off Greenleaf Boulevard. Drive-thru and walk-up welcome; open to the public. The Spring 2025 dates are *February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, and June 10*. Mark your calendars and share this opportunity with friends and family who could benefit from 25-40 pounds of free, healthy foods. Click [here](#) for the Spring 2025 flyer.

Immigration Enforcement Update

Compton College remains steadfast in its commitment to providing a safe and inclusive learning environment free from harassment and discrimination. To uphold this commitment, this morning, we issued [Administrative Regulation 3415 - Immigration Enforcement Activities](#), which aligns with [Board Policy 1200 – Mission and Vision](#).

This regulation outlines our legal responsibilities as a California higher education institution when dealing with immigration officers or agents on campus or when receiving subpoenas or warrants related to immigration enforcement. It is essential for all employees to understand these obligations to ensure compliance with the law while supporting our community.

[Administrative Regulation 3415 - Immigration Enforcement Activities](#) was shared with the UndocuAlly Task Force and the Consultative Council. The Compton CCD Board of Trustees reviewed it at their **January 13, 2025** meeting. The new [Administrative Regulation 3415 - Immigration Enforcement Activities](#) went into **today, January 17, 2025**, and a communication was sent to inform students and employees about the new protocols.

Additionally, I encourage everyone to visit the updated [Know Your Rights webpage](#), which now includes additional information to support our community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter as we continue to foster a supportive and secure campus environment.

Proposed California Budget for 2025-2026

On **January 10, 2025**, Governor Gavin Newsom released his [proposed budget for the 2025-2026](#) fiscal year. Below is a summary of the Governor's proposed 2025-2026 budget and its impact on California Community Colleges as outlined in the [Chancellor's Office Joint Analysis of the proposed budget](#).

Governor's Proposed Budget Overview:

- The budget is fully balanced with no deficit.
- Projects \$16.5 billion in additional revenue above the 2024 Budget Act due to a stronger economy, stock market, and cash receipts.
- Overall state budget increases by about 8% to \$322.2 billion.
- General Fund spending increases by over \$17 billion (8.2%) to \$228.9 billion.

Impact on California Community Colleges:

- The budget is shaped by the Master Plan for Career Education, focusing on career pathways, hands-on learning, and educational access and affordability.
- Provides a 2.43% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for community college apportionments.
- Includes \$230.4 million for COLA, \$28.7 million for adjustments to certain categorical programs, and \$30.4 million for systemwide enrollment growth of 0.5%.
- Allocates funding for a Systemwide Common Data Platform and scaling up Credit for Prior Learning policies.
- Includes capital outlay funds from Proposition 51 and Proposition 2 to support 31 projects.

The Governor's proposal aims to enhance career education and support the economic potential of California's adult students and working learners. We will continue to monitor the California Budget for 2025-2026 and provide updates in future [President/CEO Messages](#).

Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

At the **January 13, 2025**, 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 4100 – Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates](#)

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Please note: Board Policy 8500 – Illness and Injury Prevention was repealed because Board Policy 8500 duplicated [Board Policy 6800 - Occupational Safety](#).

2025 Compton Community College District Legislative Priorities

At the [January 13, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting](#), we shared our [draft legislative priorities](#), incorporating valuable recommendations from a few dedicated employees. These priorities will guide our discussions with state and federal elected representatives during our upcoming visits to the California State Capitol and Washington D.C.

Our [legislative priorities](#) focus on advocating for the benefits and needs of Compton College and our district. These meetings are crucial for informing our elected officials about the positive impact of our programs and the essential support required to enhance access to higher education. By fostering strong relationships with our representatives, we aim to secure the necessary resources and policy support to continue providing quality education and opportunities for our students.

Understanding and supporting these priorities is vital for our campus community, as they directly influence our ability to serve our students effectively and uphold our mission.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

As we continue to provide valuable resources to our students, it's important to remember that a valid and current Compton College student ID is required for students to access all free resources. This requirement is essential for reporting purposes, potential audits, and tracking the impact of these resources on student success. It's not intended to be a barrier but rather a safeguard to ensure the integrity of our programs and maintain our reputation.

These resources, such as free daily meals, farmers' market vouchers, and laptop and hotspot loans, are not only vital support tools but also serve as effective recruitment incentives. We encourage all students to obtain their student ID and the Student Activities Sticker, as it offers numerous benefits, including ASG incentives, free entrance to athletic home events, free printing on campus, and more.

Please note that this ID requirement was previously communicated in the [President/CEO Message - April 26, 2024](#) regarding free daily meals at the Everytable cafeteria and the [President/CEO Message - September 20, 2024](#) about the farmers' market.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in ensuring that our resources are used effectively and responsibly.

Final Thoughts

Today, we celebrated a significant milestone with the groundbreaking ceremony for Compton College's new student housing project. This \$80.3 million project, funded by a grant under California Assembly Bill 183, marks a major step forward in our commitment to enhancing the student experience and supporting their success. The new housing facility, expected to open in summer 2027, will provide a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for our students.

We were honored to have several distinguished guests join us, including Assemblymember Mike A. Gipson, Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly Mitchell, and Mayor Emma Shariff of the City of Compton. Their presence underscores the strong partnerships that make this project possible. We also extend our gratitude to the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees for their unwavering support and dedication to student equity.

In addition to this exciting development, I am really excited about implementing the [Compton College 2035 - Comprehensive Master Plan](#). Together, we are building a brighter future for our students and our community.

It is truly an honor to serve as the president/CEO of Compton College and Compton Community College District.

Sincerely,

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