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Campus Community,

We are approaching the final two weeks of the spring 2025 semester and Compton College's 2025 Commencement Ceremony, scheduled for ***Friday, June 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.*** at the Dignity Health Sports Park Tennis Stadium. The venue will open at 4:30 p.m. for grads and guests. Please encourage graduating students to check the [Commencement Information webpage](#) and attend one of the two remaining virtual Grad Info Sessions via Zoom for the most up-to-date information.

This week, I had the pleasure of attending several year-end celebrations and wanted to share a particularly inspiring moment with you. At the Noncredit Completion Ceremony, Araceli Galvez delivered a powerful speech that truly resonated with me. You can read it [here](#).

Araceli's journey—as both a student and a parent, and as a student tutor—is a testament to resilience and dedication. Her words reminded me of the profound impact we have on our students, even when we may not always see it. These year-end celebrations serve as a meaningful reminder of the support we provide as our students strive to reach their goals.

Looking ahead, we have more year-end events scheduled over the next two weeks. You can find the full schedule [here](#).

Today's President/CEO Message includes an Athletics Update, a reminder about student parking permits, upcoming mobile food pantry dates, a decision regarding the free meal program for employees, and more.

Enrollment Update as of May 29, 2025

- 452 FTES for the **Summer 2025** term. 3,674 (64%) of the available summer seats are currently filled.
- 538 FTES for the **Fall 2025** semester. Our fill rate for Fall is 20% with 3,375 seats filled.

Please encourage your students to register for the summer and fall classes. Every enrollment counts, and if students need registration assistance, they can visit the Welcome Center located in the Student Services Building. If they need to see a counselor, they can drop in or [schedule an appointment](#) at their convenience.

Compton College Athletics Update

Stay up to date with the latest stories, game schedules, results, and team rosters by visiting the [Compton College Athletics website](#). Here's a look at how our student-athletes wrapped up the spring season:

- Women's Badminton - Under the leadership of Coach Jose Garcia and Assistant Coach Luis Montoya, the team finished fifth in the South Coast Conference. Highlights included a two-match winning streak and standout performances by Yoon Noe and Michelle Oo, who advanced to the State Individual Championships in San Francisco.
- Men's Baseball - Coach Shannon Williams and the team completed the season with several strong individual performances. Sophomores Deegan Grgas and Quincy Quintero earned All-Conference honors. Grgas led the team in multiple offensive categories, while Quintero posted an impressive .410 batting average in conference play.
- Women's Softball - Led by Coach Victoria Castillo, the team finished with a 13-23-2 overall record and placed fifth in the conference. Serena Velez earned First Team All-Conference honors for the second year in a row, and Audrey Garcia was named to the Second Team. Three freshmen also received honorable mentions, showing promise for the future.
- Track and Field (Men's and Women's) - Coach David Austin's teams had a strong showing at the South Coast Conference Championships. Mia Young scored points in both the 100-meter hurdles and long

jump, while the men's relay teams posted season-best times. Hill led the men's team with solid performances in sprints and the long jump.

2025-2026 Student Parking Permits

Current students may continue to park free at Compton College through **June 30, 2026**, with a valid parking permit. Students must complete the online application (<https://paymycite.com/Compton/parkingpermit.aspx>) for their free 2024-2025 parking permit. Upon completing the online transaction, students will receive an email with a link to download and print their student parking permits. **Please note that** the 2024-2025 student parking permits expire on **June 30, 2025**. Students must complete a new online application and download the 2025-2026 permit, which is valid from **July 1, 2025**, through **June 30, 2026**.

A one-week grace period for parking (in student lots only) will be provided for the summer term, and a two-week grace period will be offered for the fall semester for students to display a parking permit. No citations will be issued for vehicles properly parked in marked student spaces during this period; all other parking violations will be enforced.

Summer 2025 Mobile Food Pantry Events

Two additional mobile food pantry events are scheduled for June and July. The Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and Compton College invite the public to visit Lot F on **Tuesday, June 10, 2025, and July 8, 2025**, between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. to collect 25-40 pounds of free, healthy food.

Please note: The Compton Food Pantry, available to current Compton College students, will be closed this summer and will reopen the first week of the fall semester. We are currently finalizing the partnership with Kroger Foods to support our Food Pantry. More information will be provided in a future [President/CEO Message](#).

Compton College 2035 Implementation Update

We are working on operationalizing the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#), including the development of the [2025-2026 Compton College Goals](#), aligning our professional development efforts with the long-term vision of Compton College 2035. We are also beginning collaboration with our K-12 partner districts to create a shared plan for our work together through 2035.

A major part of this effort is the creation of a new [Institutional-Set Goals Dashboard](#) and the establishment of updated student success targets that will be included on the dashboard. These success targets were developed through the collaborative work of the Core Planning Committee. They will be reviewed again at the [Consultative Council](#) meeting on **Monday, June 2, 2025**, and are designed to guide our progress through both 2030-2031 and 2035. The success targets will be disaggregated by students' age, gender, race/ethnicity, and participation in various academic and support programs. After 2030-2031, we plan to revisit and potentially revise these targets to ensure they remain relevant and ambitious. We aim to present the finalized goals to the Board of Trustees for review and with a recommended approval at their meeting on **June 16, 2025**.

Over the past month, I've also been meeting with managers and supervisors to discuss how they plan to implement the objectives and strategies of Compton College 2035 within their respective programs, departments, and divisions. These conversations have been incredibly insightful, offering a clearer picture of our current efforts and the challenges we may need to address moving forward. I remain as confident as ever that we will meet any challenges, utilizing Compton College 2035 as our roadmap and guided by our [Vision and Mission](#) to be a leading, equity-driven institution for our students.

Help Shape Professional Learning at Compton College!

As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – May 16, 2025](#), and as part of our 2025–2026 planning, the Professional Development Department is aligning its efforts with the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#). It will prioritize the following strategic focus areas:

- Teaching and learning
- Integration of AI in academic, student support services, and operational areas
- Improved customer service and de-escalation strategies for frontline employees
- Targeted support for the success and retention of Black and male students of color
- Building community and connection among faculty, classified professionals, and managers
- Offering Professional Development that is inclusive, practical, flexible, and impactful.

We invite all employees to complete the 2025 Professional Development Needs Assessment. Your feedback is essential to ensuring that professional learning opportunities meet your needs and support student success.

Please refer to the email sent from Dr. Pilar Huffman on **Thursday, May 15, 2025**, for more details and the links to complete the 2025 Professional Development Needs Assessment. Early next week, Dr. Huffman will send a reminder about completing the 2025 Professional Development Needs Assessment, as the deadline to complete is **Wednesday, June 4, 2025**. Thank you for contributing to a culture of growth and excellence at Compton College!

Juneteenth Holiday

Reminder: The campus will be closed on **Thursday, June 19, 2025**, in observance of Juneteenth, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. The Compton CCD Board of Trustees approved the annual holiday at the [December 15, 2021, Board Meeting](#). We also begin our 4/10 work weeks next week.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

My responses to the [Academic Senate](#) – Summary of Decisions made at the **May 15, 2025**, meeting are available [here](#).

Final Thoughts

As previously shared in the [President/CEO Message - June 6, 2024](#), and [President/CEO Message - April 11, 2025](#), Compton College students and employees may continue to receive one free meal per day from the Everlytable Cafeteria with a valid Compton College ID through **June 30, 2025**.

In the [April 11, 2025](#), and [May 2, 2025](#), President/CEO Messages, I noted that a final decision regarding employee participation in the free meal program would be made by **June 2, 2025**. After thoughtful consideration, creative input, and a review of the 2025-2026 Compton CCD Tentative Budget, we have decided to end the one-free-meal program for employees effective **August 22, 2025**.

This decision was not made lightly, but it reflects our commitment to prioritizing student support and well-being. The one free meal per day program for students will continue through **June 30, 2026**.

In closing, and as mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – May 23, 2025](#), if any Compton College employees have a family member graduating from our college on **June 13, 2025**, we'd love to help you be part of their big moment. Please contact the Director of Community Relations, Heather Parnock, at hparnock@compton.edu to explore how you can personally present their diploma cover during the ceremony. The deadline to contact Heather Parnock to make this request is **today, May 30, 2025**.

Sincerely,

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