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Campus Community,

As the CEO of a community college for the past 14 years, I have witnessed many challenges—but what is happening right now in Los Angeles County and to individuals within our community deeply saddens me. In times like these, it is more important than ever for us, as a campus community, to remain steadfast in our commitment to support and uplift our students as they pursue their educational goals. I recognize that many members of our community are experiencing uncertainty and concern. Let me be clear: we have reaffirmed our unwavering commitment to the safety, dignity, and well-being of all members of our campus community—***including undocumented students, immigrant students, and those from mixed-status families***. This commitment is unshakable. At Compton College, we believe that ***every student belongs here—every student will be supported here—and every student is a success story!***

Yesterday, I submitted a formal request to state leaders urging the inclusion of the Black-Serving Institutions (BSI) Grant Program language from Assembly Bill 335 into the 2025–2026 Budget Act Trailer Bill. This effort is part of our continued commitment to advancing equity and supporting Black and African American students across California. The letter will be included in the ***June 16, 2025***, Board Agenda, as part of the State of California Legislative and Policy Update information item.

As a reminder, Commencement 2025 will take place ***today, June 13, 2025***, at 6:00 p.m. at Dignity Health Sports Park. For those unable to attend in person, the ceremony will be livestreamed on [Compton College's YouTube Channel](#).

Today's President/CEO Message includes an update on the Voices of Compton journal, a list of our Compton College Athletic Awards, and more.

Enrollment Update as of June 12, 2025

- 529 FTES for the **Summer 2025** term. 4,318 (75%) of the available summer seats are currently filled.
- 705 FTES for the **Fall 2025** semester. Our fill rate for Fall is 27% with 4,534 seats filled.

Please continue to encourage students to register for summer and fall 2025. Every enrollment counts, and if students need registration assistance, they can visit the Welcome Center located in the Student Services Building.

Compton College Athletics Celebrates Excellence at Annual Awards BBQ

The Compton College Athletics Department concluded the school year with an Athletics Awards BBQ on ***June 5, 2025***. Over 100 student-athletes, coaches, and campus support members attended to celebrate the following awards:

- **Male Academic Athlete of the Year:** Puttinan “Patrick” Kongpul (Cross Country & Track & Field) - 4.0 GPA, transfer degrees in Business, Economics, and General Studies (Social & Behavioral Sciences).
- **Female Academic Athlete of the Year:** Serena Velez (Softball) - 3.9 GPA, AST in Business, AAT in Economics, and AA in General Studies (Social & Behavioral Sciences).
- **Male Athlete of the Year:** Zoe Holman (Men's Basketball) - Selected to the 2025 CCCMBCA All-State Team, MVP of the SCC South Conference. Averaged 17.2 points, 4.6 rebounds, 3.4 assists, and 1.2 blocks per game. Led the state in overall steals (106) and steals per game (3.5). Sixth in the SCC for shooting percentage (55.7%) and third in free throws made (155, 74.2% accuracy). First Compton player to make the All-State Team since 2017.

- **Female Athlete of the Year:** Serena Velez (Softball) - 2-time SCC First Team All-Conference. Led the team in doubles (9), home runs (3), RBIs (28), and slugging percentage (.559), with a batting average of .363. Led the team in putouts (252) with a .981 fielding percentage.
- **Freshman of the Year:** Edu Beltran (Men's Soccer) - 1st Team All-South Coast Conference South Division. Team leading scorer with 7 goals and 5 assists (19 points).
- **Sophomore of the Year:** Jordan English (Men's Basketball) - All-SCC South First Team. Averaged 11.4 points and 4.8 rebounds per game.
- **Performance of the Year:** Men's Soccer - 1-0 win over #1 nationally ranked and defending 3C2A state champion El Camino College.
- **Staff Excellence Award:** Amankwa McKenzie.
- **Team of the Year:** Men's Basketball - Compton captures its first SCC Men's Basketball Championship in 8 years.
- **Coaching Staff of the Year:** Head Coach Keith Hollimon, Assistant Coaches Idris Jones, Marcus Bryant, and Ronnie Winbush.
- **Compton College Character Awards:**
 - Ryan Bobich (Baseball) - Recognized for his significant contributions to the athletic department over the past two years, including announcing games, assisting with setup and takedown, and launching the live stats program for basketball. Known for his fun, reliable, and polite demeanor.
 - Erik Garcia (Men's Basketball) - Acknowledged for his leadership and perseverance in overcoming personal challenges to graduate with multiple degrees and sign up to play at a four-year college. 3.6 GPA, AAT in Kinesiology, and three general studies degrees.
- **Most Inspirational Award:** Raul Mexicano (Football) - Despite suffering a severe neck injury in Week 2 against L.A. Southwest College, Raul has shown remarkable resilience. After six months in a halo, he is now back on campus, contributing to the Athletic Department as a student worker.

Expanding Access to Basic Needs: Free Feminine Hygiene Products on Campus

In alignment with [California Assembly Bill 367](#) and our ongoing commitment to expanding Basic Needs services, Compton College will begin offering free feminine hygiene products in restrooms across campus. On **June 12, 2025**, new hygiene dispensers were installed in all female and all-gender restrooms. These dispensers provide free products to all students, staff, and community members.

In addition to the new dispensers, feminine hygiene products will continue to be available at no cost through the Compton Food Pantry and the Student Equity Office. Thank you to Lydell Willis, director of Basic Needs and Success, for coordinating Compton College's implementation of [California Assembly Bill 367](#).

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

On **Monday, June 16, 2025**, the Board of Trustees will meet in the Board Room in the Administration 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>

President/CEO – Closing the Loop

Voices of Compton is the official literary and arts journal of Compton College, dedicated to showcasing the creative work of its students. Curated and published by the Compton College Authors and Artists Committee, the journal has traditionally been released annually. However, in recent years, a decline in submissions has made it increasingly difficult to produce a publication that meets the committee's standards for quality.

In response, the Authors and Artists Committee submitted a formal recommendation to the President/CEO to:

- Change the publication schedule from annual to biennial (every other year).

- Use the journal's budget during non-publication years to host hands-on writing and artmaking workshops for students, led by visiting authors and artists. The goal is to inspire student creativity and generate new work that may be featured in future editions of the journal.

On **Tuesday, June 10, 2025**, this recommendation was approved. Moving forward, Voices of Compton will be published every other year, with off-years focused on enriching student engagement through creative workshops. This new approach aims to provide students with more opportunities to learn from professionals, develop their artistic voices, and contribute to a stronger, more vibrant publication.

Final Thoughts

As we conclude another successful spring semester, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for your dedication, resilience, and unwavering support of our students. Your hard work has once again made a meaningful difference in their lives and the life of our college.

Let the celebrations begin! Please note that we do not have any outside special guests attending this year's ceremony. Our special guests are our students and their families. This year is about them—their achievements, their journeys, and the love we all share for our students and this institution.

It's been a joy to participate in the many year-end celebrations and to hear the inspiring stories of student success. I am still full of all the wonderful food at these celebrations. Whether you're taking a well-deserved break or continuing to support our campus through the summer, I hope you find time to rest, recharge, and reflect on the impact of your work.

A reminder that our 4/10 summer work schedule begins the week of **June 23, 2025**. I look forward to seeing many of you over the summer or when we return in the fall.

Please also note: Fall 2025 Professional Development Day is scheduled for **Thursday, August 21, 2025**, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Compton College Gymnasium. The agenda will be shared in a future [President/CEO Message](#).

Be safe, enjoy your time off, and thank you again for everything you do. It is a true honor to serve as the President/CEO of Compton College and the Compton Community College District.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.

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President/CEO

Compton College