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Campus Community,

As we enter the final stretch of our summer term—with the 8-week and 2nd 6-week classes concluding on **August 14, 2025**—I would like to thank you for your continued commitment to our students. Now is a critical time to help students stay on track and finish strong. Whether through academic support, timely communication, or simply reinforcing expectations, your efforts make a difference.

This week, I had the opportunity to attend the [5th Annual California Association of Black School Educators \(CABSE\) Institute](#), which brought together educational leaders from across California and nationally to focus on equity, innovation, and student success, particularly for Black students. The conversations and strategies shared there reaffirmed the importance of the work we're doing at Compton College to remove barriers and create opportunities for all students.

At the CABSE Institute, I participated in a national panel on food insecurity coordinated by Kroger Foods. As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – May 30, 2025](#), we are finalizing a new partnership with Kroger to support Compton College in addressing food insecurity. With the approval from Kroger Foods, I was able to announce the partnership at the CABSE Institute. We plan to present the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Compton CCD and Kroger to the Board of Trustees for approval on **August 18, 2025**.

The Compton CCD and Kroger partnership will focus on:

- Weekly donations of non-perishable (and when available) perishable foods for our Food Pantry.
- Additional food donations for departments and faculty who wish to provide snacks or meals to students.
- Joint planning of campus and community events to address hunger in the Compton CCD.
- Long-term planning for a new Food Pantry space in the future Basic Needs Center, as outlined in the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#) (please see page 95).

More details will be shared in a future [President/CEO Message](#) and at the Fall 2025 Professional Development Day, scheduled for **Thursday, August 21, 2025**.

Thank you to everyone who provided creative input regarding this partnership, and to the Compton College Support Network for all their work in addressing our students' basic needs. Let's continue working together to ensure every student can succeed. Thank you for all you do.

Today's President/CEO Message includes the draft Milestones Plan for Success Teams, the Voices of Compton Summer Enrichment program, and more.

Enrollment Update as of July 17, 2025

- 531 FTES for the **Summer 2025** term. 4,447 (78%) of the available summer seats are currently filled.
- 1,018 FTES for the **Fall 2025** semester. Our fill rate for fall is 41% with 6,804 seats filled.

As always, I am concerned about enrollment; however, I am taking into consideration the Suspected Fraudulent Student Accounts from fall 2024, which were discussed in the [President/CEO Message – August 30, 2024](#). Additionally, we are still processing applications for dual enrollment for fall 2025. We must continue to remind students to register as soon as possible. And, as always, encourage them to take a full course load if possible—it's one of the best ways to stay on track for graduation or transfer.

Marketing/Advertising Update for the Fall 2025 Semester

A community newsletter is being developed to launch the career education marketing campaign, which includes social media ads and targeted emails to stop-outs and prospective students who have applied to Compton College but never registered for a class. The newsletter will be mailed in mid-August 2025 to all in-district residents. A new Oliver W. Conner College Promise Program flyer, available in both English and Spanish, is currently in development. Next week, a [postcard](#) will be mailed to Class of 2024 Compton Unified School District and Lynwood Unified School District high school graduates who did not enroll in any college, encouraging them to consider Compton College and to RSVP for the [August 20 New Student Welcome Day](#) event. A new contract with the DMV will renew our video ads at the Compton and Gardena locations this fall, and additional digital and print ads will run through *September 2025*.

Student-Centered Success Milestones

As part of our ongoing efforts to strengthen Guided Pathways at Compton College, Dr. Darlene Zarazu, Director of Educational Partnerships, and Dr. Maria Garcia, Interim Dean of Counseling and Guided Pathways, have been working to revise and update the [Milestone Plan for Success Teams](#). These milestones, currently in draft form, are designed to serve as a shared framework that supports intentional, equity-minded student support and coordination across departments. The goal is to outline key actions and goals to help streamline efforts, improve communication, and create more consistent and supportive experiences for our students. Ultimately, these milestones have the potential to positively impact student persistence, retention, and completion by ensuring that each area contributes to a cohesive, student-centered pathway.

We are seeking your input to make sure the current draft of the plan accurately reflects the work in your area and aligns with our institutional priorities. Please take some time to review the draft [Milestones for Student Success](#) and share any feedback, suggestions, or additions you may have with Dr. Maria Garcia at mgarcia74@compton.edu by *Wednesday, July 30, 2025*.

Voice of Compton: Summer Enrichment Program

This summer, Compton College is excited to launch the Voices of Tomorrow: Summer Enrichment Program, a dynamic two-week experience from *July 21, 2025, to July 31, 2025*, designed to help high school students in grades 9–12 discover, develop, and amplify their voices. Held Monday through Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the program invites students from the Compton community to build essential skills in public speaking, leadership, student advocacy, and community engagement through hands-on enrichment activities, peer collaboration, and light refreshments. The experience will culminate in a Final Showcase on *Friday, August 1, 2025*, where selected students will deliver powerful speeches to an audience of family, friends, and community members, earning a Gold Medal Award in recognition of their growth and dedication. More than just a speaking program, Voices of Tomorrow is a launchpad for future leaders, and Compton College is proud to support youth in finding their voices, sharing their stories, and stepping confidently into their futures.

Free FAFSA & CADAA Help This Summer

Please help spread the word—the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) is offering free online webinars and in-person workshops this summer to support students and families with completing the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) for the 2025–2026 school year. These sessions are part of the [Cash for College program](#) and are available throughout July and August. Students can view the full schedule and register here: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/cash-college>.

Thanks for sharing this valuable resource with students!

Free EASE Resources Available to All District Employees

A reminder that all District employees have access to free, confidential support services through EASE (Employee Assistance Service for Education). EASE offers help with stress, family concerns, mental health, legal and financial issues, and more. It's a great resource—don't hesitate to use it or share it with a colleague who might benefit. Learn more or access services [here](#).

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

On **Monday, July 21, 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>

Final Thoughts

We're now just about one month away from the start of the fall 2025 semester, and several new construction and maintenance projects are underway across campus. This week, you may have noticed repairs taking place on the football field. That work is expected to be completed by **July 22, 2025**. We're working to complete several other projects before the end of summer, including campus-wide tree trimming and window cleaning at the Library-Student Success Center. Furthermore, the Information Technology Services Department is busy this summer implementing the following projects: Audio-video upgrades in Instructional Building 1, the Village, Vocational Technology Building labs, and Student Services Building Room 212; Upgrading existing computers from Microsoft Windows 10 to Windows 11; completing laptop refresh for faculty and Classified Professionals; installing new computer monitors in the Business Services Department; completing campus network and wireless upgrades to improve performance and reliability; and upgrading and patch various infrastructure systems. More details on summer maintenance, facilities, and ITS updates will be shared in a future [President/CEO Message](#).

We expect to share the final Fall 2025 Professional Development agendas soon, once they have been finalized and posted online. This will be an opportunity to align our efforts with the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#) and prepare for a strong start to the new academic year.

Also, a reminder that our weekly Farmers' Market is open to the public on **Wednesdays from 3:00 to 7:30 p.m.** Buying local is a great way to support our community. We invite you to stop by, explore the in-season offerings, and savor fresh, local options.

Sincerely,

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