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Campus Community,

Since last Friday, I have taken many opportunities to visit the construction site for Compton College's new Physical Education Complex. This project has been in the making for nearly two decades. When I first arrived at Compton College on **August 15, 2005**, as Interim Dean of Student Services, one of my earliest aspirations was to enhance our athletic facilities for the benefit of our students and the community. I believed then, as I do now, that our students and community deserve spaces that reflect their potential and support their well-being. Thanks to the passage of Measure C in 2014 and \$23 million in funding from the State of California, that vision is becoming a reality. The \$68.8 million Physical Education Complex, scheduled for completion in Winter 2028, will include a new gymnasium, pool, and pool house, along with a 24/7 student shower facility, laundry services, an indoor track, fitness center, athletic offices, and a permanent home for our E-sports program. The 24/7 shower facility will provide students with flexible access to essential hygiene resources, eliminating the need for dependence on staff hours. We'll officially break ground on this project, along with the Visual and Performing Arts Complex, on **Monday, October 13, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.** Together, these projects and the Student Housing project represent more than \$160 million in ongoing construction at Compton College, a powerful investment in our campus and our community's future.

Regarding the less-than-ideal construction-related matters, we experienced a power outage in the Library-Student Success Center and at the St. John's Community Health Center today. The health center's power was restored earlier today, and we are currently awaiting an update on the power outage for the Library-Student Success Center. Thank you to the Library-Student Success Center staff for making several adjustments to ensure that students continue to receive services. Once we have more information on the power outage in the Library-Student Success Center, we will share it with the campus community.

Today's President/CEO Message includes a recap of the recent STEM Club activities, an invitation to the Summer Band Camp final performance, Board-approved Board Policies and Administrative Regulations, and more.

### **Enrollment Update as of July 17, 2025**

- 1,091 FTES for the Fall 2025 semester. Our fill rate for fall is 43% with 7,344 seats filled.

We are closely monitoring enrollment, and I am hopeful that the enrollment trend will reverse over the next couple of weeks. It is critical that we continue to remind students to register as soon as possible for the fall 2025 semester. As always, we encourage them to take a full course load, if possible, as it's one of the best ways to stay on track for graduation or transfer.

In addition, we're actively seeking outreach opportunities within our [District boundaries](#) to connect with a broader audience and share what Compton College has to offer. If you know of any upcoming community events this summer or fall that would be a good fit for tabling or outreach, please forward the details to Mario Hernandez, Outreach and Promise Coordinator, at [mhernandez6@compton.edu](mailto:mhernandez6@compton.edu).

### **New Student Welcome Day – Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

All students (current and prospective) are invited to attend the New Student Welcome Day at Compton College on **Wednesday, August 20, 2025**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Students will learn about Compton College and the excellent student resources available to help them succeed in college, take a campus tour, participate in workshops, and have the opportunity to win prizes! For more information and to RSVP for the on-campus event, [click here](#).

### **Fall 2025 Peak Registration Hours**

The Student Support offices will offer extended hours from *August 18, 2025, through September 5, 2025*. Offices will be open Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For added convenience, services will also be available on *Saturday, August 23, 2025*, from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Please note that all support will be provided in person during this time—remote services will not be available. Take advantage of these extended hours to get the help you need!

### **STEM Club Activities**

On *July 8, 2025*, the STEM Club successfully launched its sixth High-Altitude Weather Balloon (HAB) at 10:30 a.m. from just south of The Village. Designed and built during the spring semester, the balloon's launch was made possible by improved landing simulations and careful planning. The flight lasted about three hours—two hours ascending and one descending—and landed approximately four miles from the predicted site, near the CA-14 corridor. While the balloon did land on Edwards Air Force Base, the retrieval team was ultimately successful after a few hours of discussion with base authorities. The HAB was tracked throughout its journey using dual GPS transceivers. The launch was the result of extensive preparation, including coordination with the FAA and training on retrieval procedures. The STEM Club is proud of its outcome and grateful for the strong support from the campus and community.

On *July 22, 2025*, the Astronomy section of the STEM Club attended the third session in a weekly seminar series focused on double-star observations. The goal is to publish their findings in a peer-reviewed journal by the end of the series in September. The group also plans to train new telescope operators to support monthly on-campus Star Parties—public events where telescopes are set up to share views of the night sky with the community.

### **Annual Summer Band Camp**

Next week, Compton College will once again welcome the vibrant sounds of our annual Summer Band Camp, a dynamic collaboration with our K-12 partners in the Compton and Lynwood Unified School Districts. This initiative is more than just a music camp—it's a strategic effort to build a strong pipeline of future Compton College students by nurturing their talents and introducing them to collegiate-level opportunities in the commercial music industry. This year, we anticipate having 100 high school students participate. Throughout the week, students will sharpen their musical skills, collaborate with their peers, and work toward a culminating performance that showcases their growth. The final concert, which will be professionally recorded, serves not only as a celebration of their hard work but also as a powerful marketing tool for our music program. We invite all employees and students to attend the final performance, which is open to the public on *Saturday, August 2, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. in the Football/Soccer Stadium*.

### **Compton College Real #114 Leadership Academy**

As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – June 26, 2025](#), the #Real114 Leadership Academy will be held from *July 29, 2025, to July 31, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to noon*. Throughout the 2025-2026 academic year, program participants will engage in designing and executing a leadership project, contributing to the growth of our community, and supporting the goals of the [Compton College 2035 Comprehensive Master Plan](#). I look forward to engaging with this year's program participants, and I would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Pilar Huffman, Director of Professional Development, for coordinating the Compton College Real #114 Leadership Academy.

### **Board Policies and Administrative Regulations**

At the *July 21, 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 3226](#) – Institutional Review Board
- [Board Policy 3518](#) – Child Abuse Reporting
- [Board Policy 3550](#) – Drug-Free Environment and Drug Prevention Program

- [Board Policy 4010](#) – Academic Calendar
- [Board Policy 5400](#) – Associated Student Government
- [Board Policy 6340](#) – Bids and Contracts
- [Board Policy 6450](#) – Wireless or Cellular Telephone Use
- [Board Policy 7360](#) – Discipline and Dismissal – Academic Employees
- [Board Policy 7365](#) – Discipline and Dismissal – Classified Employees
- [Board Policy 7390](#) – Salary Deductions
- [Administrative Regulation 2020](#) – Student Trustee
- [Administrative Regulation 3518](#) – Child Abuse Reporting
- [Administrative Regulation 6450](#) – Wireless or Cellular Telephone Use

All employees are encouraged to review the revisions to [Administrative Regulation 6340 – Bids and Contracts](#), which outlines the district's procedures for purchasing and contracting. Familiarity with this regulation is essential to ensure compliance and support efficient operations across campus. If you have any questions, please contact Reuben James, Director of Purchasing and Auxiliary Services, at [rjames@compton.edu](mailto:rjames@compton.edu).

### **Final Thoughts**

As mentioned in the [President/CEO Message – July 10, 2025](#), I provided information on the 2025-2026 California State Budget, and I mentioned that we will review the enacted budget and make necessary adjustments to the 2025-2026 Compton CCD Tentative Budget as we prepare the 2025–2026 Compton CCD Final Budget, which will be presented to the Compton CCD Board of Trustees at their meeting on **Monday, September 8, 2025**. This week, we presented the updated 2025-2026 Compton CCD Final Budget Assumptions to the [Planning and Budget Committee](#). As we complete the fiscal closing activities for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, we anticipate additional modifications to the 2025-2026 Compton CCD Final Budget Assumptions. More information on the 2025-2026 Compton CCD Final Budget Assumptions and the 2025-2026 Compton CCD Final Budget will be included in next week's [President/CEO Message](#).

As I prepare my Fall 2025 reading list—set to be featured in the President/CEO Message on August 27, 2025—I'm inviting your recommendations. Please send your suggestions to [kcurry@compton.edu](mailto:kcurry@compton.edu) by **Wednesday, August 20, 2025**.

In closing, I apologize for the late President/CEO Message, and I wish you a wonderful weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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