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Campus Community,

This was an incredible week at Compton College, and I really enjoyed seeing students on campus. Thank you all for your incredible hard work and dedication in making the first week of the fall semester a success! Your energy, teamwork, and commitment to our students truly set the tone for a strong start.

As we head into the three-day weekend (the campus will be closed on **Monday, September 1, 2025**, in observance of Labor Day), I hope you take a moment to enjoy some well-deserved rest. I'll keep this message short... or at least I'll try (you know how that goes—we always have so much great news to share!).

Over the past few days, I visited the Guerdon Factory in Boise, Idaho, where our volumetric student housing units are being built. The project is progressing quickly — delivery of the modular units is scheduled to begin early next week and is expected to be completed by late **September 2025**. These units will be stored both on campus and at an off-site location. The crane placement of the modular units at the housing site is tentatively scheduled to start on **September 30, 2025**, and continue through **October 30, 2025**. This phase will have a significant impact on campus operations. To support the delivery, part of Lot F will be fenced off for several months. During crane placement, expect temporary disruptions to parking and access in Lots E and F. Additionally, the East Greenleaf entrance to Main Campus Drive will be closed. Please watch for updates from our Facilities Department and in future [President/CEO Messages](#). I'm very excited about this student housing project, which is scheduled to open in **summer 2027**.

Today's President/CEO Message includes a few key reminders: the in-person Student Forum on **September 10, 2025**, the importance of using Teams for communication among all employees, and a note of encouragement to support our Compton College athletics program this fall.

Fall 2025 Enrollment Update

As of **August 28, 2025**, Compton College has generated 1,652 FTES for the **Fall 2025** term. 11,517 (68%) of the available Fall seats are currently filled.

To help students complete their admissions applications, apply for financial aid, and register for fall classes, Student Services will remain open for extended hours through **Friday, September 5, 2025**. Offices in the Student Services Building, as well as the Student Development Office (R-61), 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.

Compton College Athletics

Get ready to cheer on the Compton College Coyotes! On **Saturday, August 30**, football heads to Grossmont for a 3:00 p.m. kickoff. Let's show our Coyote pride—Check out the full schedule at comptoncollegeathletics.com and support our teams! Remember, students with a Fall 2025 activity sticker get free admission to home games.

President/CEO Student Forums

Please remind students about the upcoming in-person forum with me on ***September 10, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.*** in the ***Student Services Building, Room 212***. This is a valuable opportunity for them to share their experiences, discuss plans, and get answers to their questions directly from me. Please encourage them to attend and make the most of this unique chance for engagement.

Make the Most of Microsoft Teams During Business Hours

As we continue to streamline communication and collaboration across campus, I encourage everyone to use Microsoft Teams as a quick and effective way to connect with colleagues during business hours.

Whether you're on Zoom, working remotely, or in the office, Teams is a great tool for:

- Asking quick questions via chat
- Sharing files and updates in real time
- Collaborating without interrupting your workflow

Think of Teams as a support tool, not an interference. It's designed to help us stay connected and responsive, especially when email or phone calls aren't the most efficient option. Let's make the most of this resource to enhance our teamwork and productivity!

Golden Returns: A Regional Look at the ROI of California Community and Career Colleges

In previous President/CEO Messages ([March 28, 2025](#), [May 2, 2025](#), [July 31, 2025](#), [August 7, 2025](#)), I discussed our ongoing focus on Compton College 2035 and the importance of Return on Investment (ROI) and Economic Mobility for our students. I am interested in knowing your thoughts on the College Future Foundation and HEA's recent report: [Golden Returns: A Regional Look at the ROI of California Community and Career Colleges](#). I welcome your creative input—whether it's a story, idea, or suggestion—on how Compton College can support our students in relation to Return on Investment (ROI) and Economic Mobility. Please send your thoughts to kcurry@compton.edu. There will be many conversations and discussions on this topic throughout the 2025-2026 year.

President/CEO Fall 2025 Reading List

I share books I am reading via a President/CEO Message each semester. This fall 2025 semester, I am reading the following books:

1. [More Essential Than Ever: Community College Pathways to Educational and Career Success](#) – by [Davis Jenkins](#), [Hana Lahr](#), [John Fink](#), [Serena C. Klempin](#), [Maggie P. Fay](#)
2. [The Student Debt Crisis: America's Moral Urgency](#) – by [Jamal Watson](#)
3. [How To Implement Your Campus Strategic Plan: A "Practitioner's" Guide](#) – by Patrick Sanaghan

President/CEO Closing the Loop

In the [President/CEO Message – August 22, 2025](#), I shared that Compton CCD had been approved to receive \$2,697,708.38 in Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) funds from the federal government. However, this was only a notice of approval; no funds were actually received. On **August 26, 2025**, we received a follow-up notice from the IRS stating that the credit had been reversed. We are currently awaiting further details from the IRS regarding the cause of this issue, and we will work with CDWL to file an appeal. Updates on the status of the ERTC funds and the final allocation plan will be shared in future [President/CEO Messages](#).

Final Thoughts

As a follow-up to the Fall 2025 Professional Development Day, held on ***August 21, 2025***, I wanted to share the presentation from Auryan Ratliff, Director of Creative and Emerging Technologies at EdPlus at Arizona State University, which is available [here](#).

In closing, please don't forget to wear your Compton College ID, nametag, or 'Ask Me' button to make it easy for students to spot someone who can assist them. In addition, please remind students to visit the Student Development Office to obtain their student ID if they don't already have one. They can then test drive the mobile version of their ID via TouchNet 360u.

Please enjoy your well-deserved weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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