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Campus Community,

I'd hoped to send this week's President/CEO Message earlier, but meetings and preparations for the **September 8, 2025**, Board of Trustees meeting kept me busy. I hope your second week of the semester went off well. It's hard to believe we're already two weeks in!

As we settle into the semester, let's continue supporting our students by connecting them to the many resources available, from tutoring in the Student Success Center to basic needs support. Your efforts truly make a real difference, and our students appreciate it greatly. Please keep encouraging students to take advantage of all that Compton College offers.

Today's President/CEO Message includes a link to the 2025-2026 Compton CCD Budget, along with details about the upcoming Board of Trustees Meeting and Budget Hearing on **September 8, 2025**. You'll also find a reminder about this Saturday's home football game, plus other important updates.

Fall 2025 Enrollment Update

As of **September 4, 2025**, Compton College has generated 1,674 FTES for the **Fall 2025** term. 11,743 (70%) of the available Fall seats are currently filled.

Enrollment at Compton College is **finally** trending positively for Fall 2025, with unique headcount up 10% compared to this time last year and 70% of available seats filled. FTES is 2% ahead of last year's pace, and overall enrollment is up 5%. There's still time to add classes—students can use an authorization code from the instructor if space is available in a course that has already started. Adds and drops must be completed before a class's census date. Students who missed the deadline for full-term sections should explore the many 8-week courses starting **Saturday, October 18, 2025**. All students are encouraged to carry a full load of program-applicable courses to stay on track for completion or transfer. Support services, such as tutoring and workshops, are available to help.

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.

Compton College Online Calendar of Events

Check out the [Online Event Calendar](#) to find and share campus and virtual events happening this fall. Faculty and staff are encouraged to add their events to the calendar to help create a fun and diverse lineup. You can access the calendar on the Compton College website or through MyCompton. Please share the calendar with students and encourage them to join in! These events are a great way for students to meet others, learn new things, and have a great time at Compton College. Let's make this semester exciting by promoting and participating in campus activities!

Compton College Athletics

Join us on campus for the first home game of the season as the Compton College Coyotes take on Santa Monica College! The game kicks off at **6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 6, 2025**, at the Compton College football field. Come out to support our team, show your school spirit, and enjoy an exciting evening of college football. Let's cheer on the Coyotes together!

September 8, 2025, Board of Trustees Meeting and Public Budget Hearing

The public is invited to the upcoming Compton Community College District Board Meeting and Budget Hearing on **Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Board Room (Administration Building). The Board Agenda is posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Agendas are posted on the BoardDocs website under the "Meetings" tab at <https://www.compton.edu/district/board-of-trustees/meetings.aspx>.

The Budget Hearing will allow the public to comment on the proposed 2025-2026 Compton Community College District final budget, which is now on file and available for public inspection online [here](#).

Compton CCD Update on the Repayment of its Emergency Apportionment Funding

Yesterday, September 3, 2025, I sent a letter to the [Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees, as well as the Department of Finance](#), providing an update on the repayment of our Emergency Apportionment loan balance. The Compton CCD expects to make the final payment to the Department of Finance in Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Final Thoughts

Compton College is featured in the Career Ladders Project's new publication **yesterday, September 4, 2025**, [Framework: Dual Enrollment for Equitable Completion](#), which explores strategies to build equitable dual enrollment pathways for students historically underserved by higher education. The publication shares insights from the Dual Enrollment for Equitable Completion (DE4EC) initiative, a collaborative effort involving ten California community colleges, their K-12 partners, and various research, advocacy, and community organizations. Compton College's innovative work in dual enrollment is highlighted as a model for how guided pathways and early college credit opportunities can support student success. We're proud to be part of this important statewide effort and look forward to continuing our work to expand access and equity in higher education.

In closing, ***this was a long week and a very long day***. Please enjoy your weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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