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Campus Community,

The fall 2025 semester is moving extremely fast, and I wanted to share my goal of securing \$5 million in grant funding for the 2025–2026 year to support Compton College and the Compton Community College District. The goal is to seek funds that will help advance the implementation of [Compton College 2035](#) and the Compton Community Health Professions Partnership.

Over the past couple of months, I've spent a significant amount of time meeting with local and national foundations exploring their interest in supporting Compton College and this goal. The encouraging part of these conversations is that many foundations are already familiar with our institution, [Compton College 2035](#), and our [2035 Institutional Set Goals](#).

As we continue these discussions, I want to ensure that the funding we pursue translates into student success and is sustainable. We must maintain and grow all new initiatives outlined in [Compton College 2035](#). I'm very hopeful that we will achieve this goal and will continue to keep the campus informed through the [President/CEO Message](#).

Today's President/CEO Message includes the link to the Winter 2026 schedule of classes, an update on Compton College's Fire Academy application, and congratulations to our tenured faculty.

Enrollment Update – Fall 2025

As of **October 9, 2025**, Compton College has generated 1,755 FTES for the Fall 2025 term. 12,457 (74%) of the available seats are currently filled. There's *still* time for students to enroll in "Midterm Late-Start" 8-week classes, which begin on **October 18, 2025**. Please encourage them to explore these options.

Winter 2026 Registration Opens October 21, 2025

Compton College students are encouraged to take advantage of the five-week Winter 2026 term to stay on track with their educational goals. Registration opens **Monday, October 21, 2025**, and the class schedule is now available online at www.compton.edu/admissions-aid/ClassSchedule. Winter intersession is a great opportunity to complete one class in a short timeframe and maintain momentum toward graduation.

Translation Equipment Now Available for Campus Use

The Office of Educational Partnerships is pleased to announce that translation equipment is now available to support meetings, events, and student engagement activities across campus. This system allows bilingual translators to provide real-time interpretation to attendees using headsets.

Each setup includes:

- Up to 2 transmitters with two headset microphones for the translator(s)
- Up to 99 receivers (listening devices) with headphones for attendees

Important Note: *These devices do not automatically translate spoken language.* A bilingual translator must be present to provide live interpretation during your event.

To ensure fair access, a simple check-in/check-out process has been established. Departments may reserve equipment in advance by submitting a request through this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/N3ZfmcnnY>.

LGBTQ+ Resources

This past week, the LGBTQ+ Workgroup, in collaboration with the Authors and Artists of Compton Committee and Professional Development, hosted a series of events in recognition of National Coming Out Day. The activities included a field trip to Hamburger Mary's, our very first Rainbow Resource Fair, a live theatrical performance, an "Out at Work" Career Workshop, and an in-person LGBTQ+ Ally Training. Each event promoted inclusion, visibility, and belonging for LGBTQ+ students, employees, and allies. Attendance and engagement were strong throughout the week, reflecting our campus community's continued commitment to fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment here at Compton College.

Special thank you to the LGBTQ+ workgroup, Artists of Compton Committee, and Professional Development for all the activities held this week in support of National Coming Out Week.

Compton Community College District Board of Trustees Meeting

On **Monday, October 13, 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>.

Prior to the Board of Trustees meeting on **October 13, 2025**, a groundbreaking ceremony will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Quad, just north of the Physical Education and Visual and Performing Arts construction projects. Join the Compton CCD Board of Trustees as we celebrate the start of these transformative campus improvements.

Compton College Campuswide Forum

All employees are invited to join a virtual campuswide forum on **Tuesday, November 25, 2025**, at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom. The focus will be on enrollment, the [2025-2026 Compton Community College District Budget](#), [Compton College 2035](#), and Return on Investment and Economic Mobility. To participate, please use this link to register in advance for the [November 25, 2025, Campuswide Forum Online Registration](#). This is a great opportunity to stay informed and share your voice in shaping our future.

Dates and registration links for the future virtual campuswide forums are available [here](#).

President/CEO Closing the Loop

As part of Compton College's efforts to gain approval to operate a State Fire Academy, I have reached out to presidents of neighboring community colleges to request admissions data from their fire technology and related programs. The goal is to better understand regional access to firefighting career pathways—particularly for students residing in the Compton Community College District. We aim to launch the Compton College Fire Academy in fall 2026.

This outreach supports our commitment to expanding public safety training opportunities and ensuring equitable access for our community. We will continue to provide updates as the application process moves forward.

Final Thoughts

Although Jared Gordon, Assistant Professor, Film/Video, Social Media, was unable to attend last night's Ninth Annual Tenure Dinner due to a family emergency, we were pleased to recognize him as one of six faculty members who received tenure this year—and yes, he will receive his Compton College letterman jacket!

Assistant Professor Gordon shared the following message of gratitude, which reflects the spirit of appreciation and community felt by all our newly tenured faculty:

“I'd like to thank the faculty, administration, and board of trustees for this honor. I've really looked forward to it. I'd especially like to extend my gratitude to Melain McIntosh for walking me through the articulation process as I developed the Social Media Program, Jesse Mills for helping me learn the ins, outs, and in-betweens of Program Review, Sean Moore for walking me through how CurrIQunet works, and my awesome tenure committee, including Domenic Capozzolo, Evan Skorka, Judith Crozier, and Juan Tavaréz. A big thanks to Dr. Rebekah Blonshine and Dr. Valerie Woodward, who bring a sense of humor to everything and from whom I've learned so much—and who also somehow believed that a wacky filmmaker from the East Coast would be a good fit here.

Most of all, I'd like to thank superheroes Elizabeth Perez, Lilac Friel, and Marina Hernandez. Your patience, kindness, and guidance are appreciated beyond belief. If I have succeeded here at all, it is largely due to your helping hands. Thank you so much!”

We're proud to celebrate the achievements of all six faculty members who earned tenure this year. Their dedication and contributions continue to strengthen Compton College.

Congratulations to the individuals who won last week's contest and will enjoy a BBQ lunch with me.

In closing, I wish everyone a relaxing weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Keith Curry, Ed.D.

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President/CEO

Compton College

P.S. No contest this week, but if you read the entire President/CEO Message, thank you.