Campus Community,

The winter 2026 session has concluded, and we are now just one week away from the start of the spring 2026 semester. Before we know it, we will be celebrating at commencement.

This past week, I had the opportunity to visit Arizona State University (ASU) with a small delegation from Compton College to learn how they are integrating workforce development within their academic division. This visit aligns with the Vision 2030 Regional Workshop: Compton College Follow-Up Priorities, included in the President Message – November 14, 2025 (**Item, 2.B.1**), which states "Review and determine the future structure of workforce development at Compton College."

ASU's organization moves quickly but remains centered on students, and it has integrated a wide range of technologies to support its university charter. More information regarding the Vision 2030 Regional Workshop follow-up priorities, as well as a status report, will be included in a future President/CEO Message.

This weekend and early next week, several members of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees and I will be participating in the American Association of Community College Trustees National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C. You can click here to read the Compton CCD Board of Trustees 2026 Federal Legislative Priorities.

Spring 2026 Enrollment Update
As of *February 5, 2026*, Compton College has generated 1,509 FTES for the Spring 2026 term, and 10,957 seats (64% of those available) are currently filled.

Please continue to encourage continuing students to register for the spring 2026 semester, as Every FTES Counts! Reminder: Saturday classes begin *February 14, 2026*, and weekday classes begin *Tuesday, February 17, 2026*. A friendly reminder, students can take care of last-minute spring registration needs, including registering for classes, paying fees, accessing support services, and more.
- *Saturday, February 7, 2026*: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- *Monday–Thursday, February 9-19, 2026*: 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
- *Fridays, February 20 & 27, 2026*: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Please note the following holiday closures: The campus will be closed on Lincoln's Holiday (*February 13, 2026*) and Washington's Holiday (*February 16, 2026*). No classes will be in session on these days, and all offices will be closed.

Compton College Celebrates Black History Month
Join us all month long as we honor Black history, culture, creativity, and community. Events are scheduled from 12:00 –1:30 p.m. at the locations listed below and are free and open to all Compton College students.

February 17, 2026 — A Taste of Soul Food · Main Quad
February 23, 2026 — ASG Sip & Paint · Multi-Purpose Room
February 24, 2026 — B(l)ack By Popular Demand · Art Gallery

February 25, 2026 — The Black Print Parade · Gymnasium Quad
February 26, 2026 — You Got This! · Student Services Building 212

Spring 2026 Welcome Week Resource Fair
As we gear up for the start of the Spring 2026 semester, please help us spread the word to students about Welcome Week, happening *February 17–19, 2026*. A daily Resource Fair will be held to connect students with campus programs, services, and student clubs.

All departments and programs are invited to participate in the Resource Fair. For full details and to access the sign-up link, please refer to Dean of Athletics and Student Support Services Dr. Tim Harrison's email sent on *January 23, 2026*.

Free treats will be available each day for students who show a current Compton College student ID and a valid ASB sticker (available at the Bursar's Office).

Three Weeks Left to Apply for Scholarships
The *February 28, 2026*, scholarship deadline is approaching quickly, and we want every eligible student to apply. The [application](#) is simple and considers all students for all awards. The Financial Aid team hosts Scholarship Workgroups every Friday from 9:00 a.m. – noon in Student Services Building 122.

Please also remind students about one important part of the [application](#) that is often overlooked: *They must provide the name and email address of a Compton College classified professional or faculty member who can complete a brief online questionnaire about their academic potential, in-class achievements, and character.*

The questionnaire is sent automatically via email, but students should notify their recommender in advance and make sure the person is willing and available to complete it. Encouraging students to make this connection early will help prevent incomplete applications.

Please take a minute to encourage students, during class, via Canvas, or in conversation, to apply. A gentle push can be the reason a student receives [scholarship support for 2026–2027](#).

Reminder: Authorized Use of District Facilities
All use of Compton CCD facilities must be scheduled through the appropriate process. Only activities that are part of an employee's assigned duties and scheduled or approved by the supervising administrator are considered official District business. All other activities, including faculty-organized study sessions, review sessions, or student gatherings outside scheduled class time, require advance approval and proper facility reservation.

[Administrative Procedure 6701A Civic Center and Permit and Other Facilities Use](#) outlines the requirements for reserving classrooms, meeting rooms, outdoor areas, and athletics facilities.

District-related activities that fall within an employee's official assignment, such as staff meetings, required departmental activities, and other routine operational gatherings, may use the in-house reservation process as outlined in AP 6701A. These activities do not require a Civic Center Permit.

This ensures proper scheduling, avoids conflicts with instructional or programmatic space needs, and maintains compliance with District policy. If you have questions or need support with the reservation process, please contact the Event Coordinator, Renee Madrid-Rios, at rmadridrios@compton.edu.

Spring 2026 Mandatory Professional Development Day
On November 19, 2024, the Board of Trustees approved the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar and reiterated in multiple President/CEO Messages and campuswide emails. Spring 2026 Professional Development Day is mandatory for all full-time employees: faculty, classified professionals, and managers/supervisors.

Click here to view the agenda for the mandatory event scheduled for ***Thursday, February 12, 2026***, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium.

We recognize that this event occurs during a busy registration period and that many areas provide direct support to students. Departments and offices should plan coverage, which may include the use of part-time or provisional staff, as appropriate for the area. Please make every effort to maintain office operations and avoid closures during this time.

Your support in preparing for a successful Spring 2026 Professional Development Day and supporting students during peak registration is greatly appreciated.

President/CEO Spring 2026 Reading List
I am currently preparing my spring 2026 reading list for inclusion in the President/CEO Message – February 20, 2026. Please send your recommendations to me at kcurry@compton.edu by ***Tuesday, February 17, 2026***.

Final Thoughts
In closing, have a wonderful weekend with family and friends, and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Spring 2026 Professional Development Day.

Sincerely,

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