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Campus Community,

I hope you have a productive week as we continue serving our students. In last week's [President/CEO Message - March 27, 2026](#), I shared that I attended the [Honors Transfer Council of California's 26th Annual Building Bridges Research Conference](#) at UC Riverside. Hearing our students present their research and speaking with them about their experiences at Compton College was inspiring and highlighted areas where we can improve. More information about the student Honors Transfer Symposium is available [here](#). Congratulations to award recipients Kimberly Hernandez (Outstanding Abstract Award for "Loud, Brown, and Defiant: 1970s Punk as a Voice for Chicano Youth") and Ruby Rojas (Exemplary Achievement in the Honors Transfer Program), and to all students who participated.

Thank you to Nathan Lopez, Honors Transfer Program Faculty Coordinator, and to the faculty mentors who supported our students at the Honors Transfer Council of California's 26th Annual Building Bridges Research Conference.

If you would like me to attend a student event, please submit the request form so office staff can confirm my availability: https://www.compton.edu/about/presidentceo/docs/event-participation-request-form_Compton-College.pdf.

Today's President/CEO Message includes a spring 2026 enrollment update, spring break dates, and a reminder to submit Distinguished Employee and Civility Award nominations by **April 20**, and more.

Spring 2026 Enrollment Update

As of **April 2, 2026**, Compton College generated 1,686 FTES for the Spring 2026 term. Our fill rate is currently 68%, with 12,359 seats filled.

Students who missed the full-term add deadline still have strong options to stay on track. Compton College offers 8-week, full-credit courses that begin mid-April and run through June, ending with our 16-week classes.

Students are encouraged to meet with a counselor to identify the best mid-semester options for their educational goals. Because availability can change quickly, please refer to the [online, searchable class schedule](#) for the most up-to-date list of open and waitlisted sections.

Upcoming Holidays

- **Saturday-Friday, April 10, 2026, through April 16, 2026** – Spring Break: no classes, campus is open*
- ***Friday, April 17, 2026** – Local Holiday: campus closed

Please note that when the campus is open, but classes are not in session, these dates are still scheduled workdays for Managers/Supervisors and Classified Professionals.

Reminder: Distinguished Employee and Civility Awards Nominations

As a reminder, Human Resources sent a campuswide email on **March 10, 2026**, with nomination forms and details for this year's Distinguished Employee and Civility Awards. Compton College recognizes outstanding administrators/supervisors, faculty (full-time and adjunct), staff, and Civility Champions (student, faculty, staff, and administrator) whose contributions reflect excellence, service, and our commitment to civility and mutual respect.

Nominations are due to Human Resources by April 20, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. Honorees will be recognized at the Compton Community College District Board meeting on *May 18, 2026*. Please refer to the *March 10, 2026*, Human Resources email for forms and full details.

President/CEO Closing the Loop

1. Earlier this week, in compliance with Article 6.2 of the [Tentative Agreement Between the Compton Community College District and the Compton Community College Federation of Employees \(Certificated Unit\)](#), I appointed Dr. Barragan-Echeverria as Counseling Division chair through *June 30, 2028*. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Barragan-Echeverria on this appointment.
2. Click [here](#) for my response to the Academic Senate - Summary of Decisions Made at the *February 19, 2026*, and *March 5, 2026*, meetings, which includes actions related to curriculum items, new programs, course inactivation, and an application for equivalency. These items were reviewed and accepted as presented, with applicable actions approved by the Board of Trustees.
3. Click [here](#) for my response to the Academic Senate - Summary of Decisions Made at the *March 19, 2026*, meeting, which included curriculum-related action items.

Final Thoughts

I want the campus community to know we are moving several Compton District Police Department items forward before the end of the fiscal year. (1) The Compton Community College District Board of Trustees [approved](#) the Blue Emergency Phones upgrade at their *January 12, 2026*, board meeting. (2) The Fine Arts, Communication & Humanities Guided Pathway Division recommended programming emergency numbers on classroom phones; I support this and have asked Chief Marcus Thompson to discuss it at the next [Health, Safety, and Parking Committee](#) meeting with the Information Technology Department. (3) We will move forward with a solution to lock classroom doors from the inside; Campus Police and Maintenance and Operations are working through options, and we will share an update at the next [Health, Safety, and Parking Committee](#) meeting. If your division, department, or program would like an update from the Compton College District Police Department, please contact Chief Marcus Thompson at mthompson@compton.edu. Thank you to our campus police department for all they do to support student safety and success.

In prior messages ([May 30, 2025](#); [October 17, 2025](#); and [December 12, 2025](#)), I shared updates on our [Institutional-Set Goals Dashboard](#). Today, I am excited to share the latest update, including guided pathways divisions, discipline, and courses, student support programs, and much more. This data helps align program plans, program reviews, and budget allocation with our singular goal: *accelerating student completion with an emphasis on equity and success*. Please take time to review the [updated dashboard](#).

In closing, I hope you enjoy your weekend with family and friends.

Sincerely,

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