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## MESSAGE FROM INTERIM CEO

DR. KEITH CURRY

In keeping with the goal of enhancing and expanding community engagement, I am continuing to meet and talk with groups and organizations throughout the Compton Community College District (CCCD). The “CEO Roundtable” offers the opportunity for me to present the latest information regarding the Compton District to the residents of the CCCD.

To-date, I have held CEO Roundtable discussions in Carson and Lynwood. During the month of October, I am scheduled to host three roundtables. The first is in Paramount on Wednesday, October 3, 6:00 p.m. at the Progress Park West Auditorium, 15500 Downey Ave. The second roundtable is set for Thursday, October 11, 6:00 p.m. at the Compton Unified School District Board Room, 501 Santa Fe Ave., Compton. On Thursday, October 18, 6:00 p.m., I will hold a CEO Roundtable at Rancho Dominguez Adobe Museum, 18127 S. Alameda in Rancho Dominguez. All roundtable discussions are open to the public.

To view the PowerPoint used with the CEO Roundtable discussions, click [here](#).

Thank you to the CCCD elected board members for assisting in arranging the CEO Roundtable in their respective communities.

Additionally, the meetings with local, state and federal elected officials representing the areas included within the CCCD are continuing. My message is straightforward – the partnership is a success, students are getting a quality education via the ECC Compton Center; we are continuing the Community Engagement plan to provide information and updates to everyone interested regarding the status of the CCCD; we have published an updated *Process to Accreditation* document – available [here](#); and we will be producing a Measure CC Bond Update later this academic year for distribution.

I am continuing to bring congressional representatives and state and local elected officials to the Compton Center so they see first-hand the enthusiasm of the students, faculty and staff. Additionally, several business leaders and ministerial leaders have visited the District and more meetings are being scheduled for the remainder of the semester.

As always, thank you to the CCCD employees for your efforts in serving students and supporting our mission to ensure, “Every Student is a Success Story”!

### ***Welcome Employees***

The Compton Community College District welcomed six new faculty members this fall. Please take time to meet and greet the newest members of the CCCD community. The next issue of the CEO Message will introduce new managers and classified staff at the District.

## New Faculty



**Maria Estrada**, First Year Experience/Counseling. Maria earned her master's degree in education, with a specialization in multicultural counseling, from California State University, San Diego. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in American literature and culture from University of California, Los Angeles, and earned an associate degree from Orange Coast College. Estrada honed her academic, transfer, vocational and personal guidance skills as director of the parent residential experience and coordinator of the GEAR-UP program at the University of California, Irvine. She was most recently a counselor at Santa Ana College and for ECC's FYE Program.



**Amber Gillis**, Reading/English. Amber received both her master's and bachelor's degrees in English from California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). She is currently pursuing certificates in post-secondary reading and reading instruction from CSUF. Previously, she taught English at ECC Compton Center part-time and served as a team advisor for the annual *Voices of Compton* Literary Journal since 2009.



**Albert Jimenez**, Learning Resource Center. Albert earned a master's degree in education from Azusa Pacific University and a bachelor's degree in history from the University of California, Berkeley. His management and leadership experience includes positions as an enrollment services evaluator and tutorial services specialist at Mt. San Jacinto College. He has also served as a program coordinator for the First Year Experience Program and as a coordinator for the California Mathematics Project at the University of California, Los Angeles.



**Hoa Pham**, Childhood Education. Hoa earned an Ed.D. from the University of California, Irvine and California State University, Long Beach; a master's degree in early childhood education from the University of Texas at Austin; and a bachelor's degree in secondary education from the University of Texas at El Paso. She worked as a preschool teacher and as an education specialist for the Long Beach Unified School District before moving into higher education. Most recently, she taught courses in early childhood education theory at El Camino College, Cerritos Community College and Mt. San Antonio College.



**Kendahl Radcliffe**, History. Kendahl graduated with a Ph.D. in African History from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and a bachelor's degree in speech communications from Emerson College. She served as an assistant professor of Africana studies at the University of Arizona, and a lecturer in women's studies and African American history at California State University, Long Beach, ECC Compton Center and UCLA. Her most recent positions include assistant professor of Afro-Ethnic studies at California State University, Fullerton and part-time lecturer at El Camino College.



**Nikki Williams**, Reading/English. Nikki received master's degrees in English and sociology, as well as a bachelor's degree in sociology from California State University, Dominguez Hills. Currently, she is working toward a reading certificate from University of California, Irvine and a college counseling certificate from University of California, Los Angeles. She previously taught courses at ECC Compton Center in sociology, academic strategies and English as an adjunct instructor.