



Celebrating Student Success and Academic Excellence

65 Fantastic Things about Cerritos College

- 1 Cerritos College opened The Village, California's first community college housing project, to tackle student homelessness in June 2020
- 2 The Foundation has provided nearly \$100K in COVID-19 student aid in 2020
- 3 The College launched fully online degree/certificate programs through Cerritos College Online in 2020
- 4 The College celebrated the largest graduating class on record with 5,300 certificates and degrees presented in 2020
- 5 The award-winning Teacher TRAC celebrated 20 years of training more than 800 future educators in 2020
- 6 Cerritos College's Automotive Technology program currently has partnerships with Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, Subaru, Nissan, and Audi
- 7 Late alumnus John B. Smith, Jr. left \$2.3M estate gift for woodworking scholarships, making it the largest financial gift the College has received in its history in 2019
- 8 Nearly 70 students participated in the Taiwan Experience Education Program in 2018 and 2019
- 9 College's NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) partnership helped underserved students flourish in STEM-related education in 2019
- 10 Study abroad pilot in Florence, Italy in 2019 was a success
- 11 New Health & Wellness Complex (Measure G) opened as campus's first green-certified building in 2019
- 12 WPMD radio station named the Best Two-year College Radio Station by the College Media Association in 2019
- 13 Psychology Professor Dr. Kimberley Duff selected to serve as the 2019-21 Psi Beta national president
- 14 Cerritos Complete won the 2018 Examples of Excelencia Award. Cerritos Complete is Cerritos College's Promise program which is approximately one of a dozen California community colleges that offers two years of free tuition
- 15 Trustee Marisa Perez received the 2018 Student Equity Award from Campaign for College Opportunity and the National Organization of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO)
- 16 LA Weekly selected the Cerritos College Art Gallery as one of 15 best college art galleries in Southern California in 2018
- 17 First California community college to join Interstate Passport Network in 2018, making student transfers to out-of-state universities seamless
- 18 Men's soccer team earned first national championship in 2018
- 19 Home to Coca-Cola scholars (2018, 2013, 2011, 2009) and PTK scholars (2019, 2013, 2009)
- 20 The Cerritos College Foundation launched its new Alumni Association in 2018
- 21 Cerritos College received the California Community Colleges Board of Governors 2017 Energy and Sustainability Award for the Science Building retro-commissioning project
- 22 Cerritos College ranked 14th among the top 100 schools with the highest Hispanic enrollment in the United States in 2017
- 23 The College opened a new classroom location at the Norwalk-La Mirada Adult School, the new Mathematics/Computer Information Science (CIS) Building and Fine Arts Complex (Measure CC) in 2017
- 24 Cerritos College embraces diversity with ally programs Safe Zone, Vet Net, and UndocuAlly, and celebration/educational events with International Education Week, LGBTQ Awareness Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, and Black History Month
- 25 Culinary Arts students prepared meals for the Golden Globe Awards dinner from 2015-17, 2019-2020
- 26 Student newspaper Talon Marks won the California College Media Association awards in 2017
- 27 The Business Administration Department's Open Education Resources project won 2016 Digital Learning Innovation Award
- 28 The College ranked among the top 100 two-year colleges with the highest alumni salaries in the United States (PayScale.com) in 2016
- 29 The first-ever multiagency active shooter training and drill coordinated by Campus Police was featured on KNBC, KABC, Fox News, Telemundo 52 (KVVA), KRCA (Estrella), Downey Patriot, and Los Cerritos Community News in 2016
- 30 Cerritos Complete was established in 2016 as Cerritos College's California Promise program
- 31 Cerritos College ranked #2 in Mexican-American/Latino student transfers to CSUs and is among top 10 for Latino student transfers to UCs in 2015
- 32 The College celebrated the grand opening of the new Child Development Center and grand re-opening of the Culinary Arts kitchen in 2015 (Measure CC)
- 33 Cerritos College celebrated its 60-year anniversary featured Grammy-award winning musician and Cerritos College alumnus Poncho Sanchez in 2015
- 34 The Nursing Program was ranked among the top 10 best nursing schools in the Western United States in 2015 and was the only two-year college listed to earn a top spot.
- 35 Students in the New Product Development Program helped set a new Guinness World Record for printing hundreds of prosthetic hands in 2015
- 36 Franco Falcon, the new campus mascot, arrived on campus in 2015
- 37 Cerritos College became the first West Coast school to offer certified automotive management fleet courses in 2014

- 38 Board of Trustees voted to establish a Community Task Force to give District residents an outlet to provide feedback directly to campus leadership in 2014
- 39 The Falcon Gymnasium (Measure CC), originally built in 1961, was seismically retrofitted and restored its high-design mid-century modern architecture in 2013
- 40 The Liberal Arts/Disabled Student Programs & Services Building (Measure CC) opened its doors in 2014
- 41 Cerritos College Psi Beta Chapter has received national awards in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2020
- 42 Voters approved the College's \$350 million General Obligation Bond Measure G, providing funding for the continuing renovation of the nearly 60-year-old campus in 2012
- 43 The Kaleidoscope Open Educational Resource Project won the 2012 Campus Technology Innovators Award
- 44 Cerritos College celebrated grand opening of new Facilities and Purchasing Complex (Measure CC) in 2012
- 45 The iFalcon student success program received the annual 2011 Student Success Award from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office
- 46 Cerritos College was awarded a \$3.8 million STEM grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and articulation program in 2011
- 47 The Physical Science and Technology Building (Measure CC) opened in 2011
- 48 Dental Hygiene professor Dani Carroll has been named the 2011 American Dental Hygiene Association Educator of the Year
- 49 The Veterans Resource Center opened its doors in 2010
- 50 The Auto Partners Building opened in 2010 as a unique facility serving the college's industry partners such as the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association (SMCDA) and Northwood University's West Coast program center
- 51 The New Aquatics Center (Measure CC) opened in 2009
- 52 The Science Building (Measure CC) opens as the college's first completed bond project in 2006
- 53 Voters approved the College's \$210-million Measure CC bond measure to modernize the campus in 2004
- 54 Student Health Services facility opened its doors in 1996
- 55 Cerritos.edu was activated in 1989 – Cerritos College was the first California community college to connect to the Internet
- 56 The Cerritos College Foundation was established in 1979
- 57 Cerritos Junior College District changed to Cerritos Community College District in 1971, with enrollment reaching 15,000 students
- 58 The Ralph F. Burnight Theatre, Student Center, Library and Metal Trade Shops were built in the 1960s
- 59 First commencement ceremony was held in 1958 – thirteen graduates received Associate in Arts degrees
- 60 Field House was the first campus building completed in 1958
- 61 The first issue of the school paper, Cerritos News (now known as Talon Marks) was published in 1957
- 62 The College offered its first classes to 197 students in rented classrooms at Excelsior High School on September 11, 1956
- 63 First Board of Trustees (1955) were Dale L.D. Donnell (President), Arthur Kulzer (Secretary), R. Utterback, A.E. Sommer, and Carl Tague
- 64 On September 17, 1955, a \$6-million construction bond was passed by a 4-1 vote to create Cerritos College
- 65 On June 10, 1955, residents voted to establish the Excelsior Junior College District, which would later become Cerritos College

