



**Cerritos Complete –
More than a Promise**
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Cerritos College *InSight*

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President's Message

Welcome to the spring 2018 issue of InSight.

As you read through this issue, you will find many success stories of our outstanding students, talented faculty, and excellent programs and services. We take pride in our rich history of providing quality education and training to our community, and we continue to seek innovative ways to be

responsive to the workforce needs of business and industry.

You will also find an update about our nationally recognized Promise Program, Cerritos Complete. I am proud that Cerritos Complete offers students more than the promise of access to college; it also provides our students with access to critical support services that help increase degree attainment in less time.

Cerritos College strives to support your educational endeavors through expanded support services and modernization of campus facilities. Whether it is to earn a degree, to prepare for transfer, to upgrade technical skills, or to train for a new career, we offer resources that cover all aspects of education and professional growth.

We are honored to provide our community with the best learning environment possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Dr. Jose Fierro

President/Superintendent

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Subscribe to Cerritos College's e-newsletter Campus Connection and stay updated on the latest info and news about the College!

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Student Profile

(Fall 2017 data)

Student Count: 23,681



Gender

Female: 12,325 (52%)
 Male: 10,975 (46%)
 Unknown: 381 (2%)

Student Enrollment by Ethnicity

African-American

2%



American Indian/
Alaskan Native

5%



Asian

8%



Filipino

1%



Hispanic

71%



Multi-Ethnicity

1%



Pacific Islander

0.6%



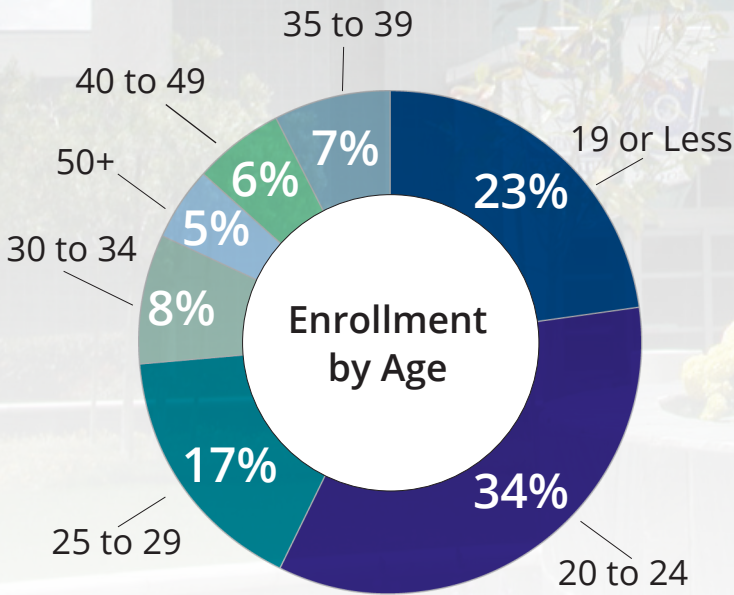
Unknown

7.4%



White Non-Hispanic

4%



College Launches New Website

Cerritos College's website has a brand-new look! The new website features an accessible, mobile-responsive design, bright images, and intuitive navigation. The College evaluated, planned and redesigned the new website to create a modern look for users. Visit www.cerritos.edu





Cerritos Complete – More than a Promise

As the College's official Promise Program, Cerritos Complete offers high school seniors from ABC, Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk-La Mirada, and Paramount Unified School Districts their first year of college – free. The program also provides student support services, including one-on-one counseling, early enrollment, and financial aid to help students succeed. Cerritos Complete assists high school seniors with a smooth transition to college, and allows students to explore career options, save money, and graduate from college on time.

Unlike traditional Promise Programs that only offer access to college, Cerritos Complete provides students with a pathway to access and complete a college degree or certificate. The merit-based program is more than a promise as students receive extensive, personalized support services that ensure successful outcomes.

Since its inception in 2015, Cerritos Complete has benefited 1,564 students. The program is designed to increase higher completion and retention rates among participating students. Cerritos Complete is one of 10 community college programs in the nation selected as a finalist for the prestigious 2018 Bellwether Award.



Participating Schools

- Artesia High School
- Bellflower High School
- Buena Vista High School
- Cerritos High School
- Downey High School
- El Camino High School
- Gahr High School
- John Glenn High School
- La Mirada High School
- Mayfair High School
- Norwalk High School
- Paramount High School
- Somerset High School
- Southeast Academy
- Tracy High School
- Warren High School
- Whitney High School



*Rick Miranda, V.P. of Academic Affairs (l), Dr. Jose Fierro, President (c)
Colleen McKinley, Director, Educational Partnerships and Programs (r)*



2017 Taiwan Experience Education Program participants

Taiwan Experience Opens Borders to International Education for Students

Cerritos College and the Taiwanese government entered into three new agreements that give current Cerritos College students and recent graduates an opportunity to teach English to elementary school children in Taiwan. Funded by the Taipei City government, the 2018 Taiwan Experience Education Program provides students with a tuition-free, all-expenses paid internship. Students will serve as teacher's aides to teach English at Taipei City elementary schools three days a week. Cerritos College students can also take courses offered by Taipei University.

The College's agreements with Taipei City (2018 fall semester), New Taipei City (July 9 – August 10, 2018), and Tainan City (May 28 – June 30, 2018) include home-stay lodging with a host family, free Chinese language lessons, cultural classes, and local trips for students. Part of the program's objective is to develop English-integrated teaching materials and assessment tools that promote English learning to young Taiwanese students. In 2017, 11 Cerritos College students participated in a Tainan study abroad program in Taiwan.

For more information, contact Gary Pritchard, Acting Dean, Academic Affairs, gpritchard@cerritos.edu.



Wrestling Team Wins Second Straight SoCal Team Dual Championship

David Van Weems Wins Second State Title

For the second year in a row, the Cerritos College wrestling team captured the Southern California Team Dual Championship in the fall 2017 season. The Falcon wrestling team was runner-up at the State Team Dual Championship.

Weighing in at 197 pounds, sophomore David Van Weems won the CCCAA State Championships during the fall 2017 season. By doing so, Van Weems became just the fifth person in the school's history to win the title two years in a row. He finished his collegiate career without a loss.

Cerritos College Psi Beta Chapter Receives National Excellence Award

The Cerritos College chapter of Psi Beta, a national psychology honor society, received the Outstanding Chapter of the Year Award at the annual American Psychological Association national convention in Washington, D.C. The national award recognizes a chapter that has

exceeded the mission of Psi Beta, which is to foster professional development for community college psychology students. The organization emphasizes excellence in scholarship, leadership, research, and community service.



Making College Affordable Through Open Educational Resources

Cerritos College hosted the Student Success Conference – Open Educational Resources (OER) to discuss the possibilities of OER to enhance student learning. Free access to textbooks and open licensed resources reduces financial barriers that many first-generation students face. The conference focused on key concepts, such as the high cost of textbooks, open licensed resources, and z-degrees. A z-degree is an innovative, zero-cost textbook program that can be completed using only open educational resources.

Economic Development Summit Focuses on Improving the Region

The College held its first Economic Development Summit to discuss challenges and opportunities that face Gateway-area businesses and organizations. Summit participants included local business owners, city officials, education leaders, and government officials who discussed ways to improve the economic development and social services infrastructure across the region.

Celebrating Diversity

Diversity is a core value for Cerritos College. As a campus, diversity makes us stronger and brings cultures together. Last year, the College hosted several annual diversity events, including Festival of Asian Cultures, Black History Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, LGBTQ History Month, and International Education Week to celebrate diversity on campus and in the community.



Your Bond Dollars at Work

Thanks to voter-approved funds from Measure CC (2004) and Measure G (2012), the College continues its transformation to upgrade the campus with modern facilities and resources. The College is committed to developing the best student-learning environment featuring energy efficient and sustainable designs.



Performing Arts Center rendering

Cerritos College Wins Energy and Sustainability Award for Science Building Retro-Commissioning Project

Cerritos College received the California Community Colleges Board of Governors 2017 Energy and Sustainability Award for its Science Building retro-commissioning project that is saving the campus \$25,000 in energy costs annually.

The retro-commissioning project involved installing more reliable controls and implementing better control sequences on the air handlers, making them more energy efficient. The project is estimated to save 62,000 kilowatt hours and 6,900 therms resulting in

energy cost savings of \$25,000 annually. The construction of this project generated more than 160 hours of journeyman and 41 hours of apprentice employment.

Cerritos College strives to be an environmental leader. For more information about Cerritos College's green campus efforts, please visit: www.cerritos.edu/greencerritos

Measure G

Recently Completed Projects

Parking Lot Improvements

Project Cost: \$ 2,500,000

Current Projects

Health & Wellness Complex

Project Cost: \$51,217,000

Emergency Phones/Security Enhancements

Project Cost: \$1,700,000

Shade Structures

Project Cost: \$6,724,000

Social Science Elevator

Project Cost: \$1,700,000



Upcoming Projects

Field House

Project Cost: \$ 9,750,000

The new Field House will replace an aging facility built in 1958, and create a welcoming gateway to the stadium complex. Located off of Alondra Boulevard, the complex will include a ticket booth, locker rooms, team rooms, equipment storage, and restrooms to support the stadium. This project is currently in final design phase.

Performing Arts Center

Project Cost: \$ 54,500,000

This 70,000-square-foot building will replace the aging Burnight Center Theater and instructional, and office spaces. The Performing Arts Center will provide a 400-seat state-of-the-art theater, a smaller “black box” performance area, and support spaces. The building will also house the music department’s instructional labs, lecture halls, band rooms, practice rooms, and faculty offices. The project is currently pending review by the Division of State Architects, with tentative construction beginning in June 2018.

For more information about the College’s construction programs, visit: www.cerritos.edu/master-plan



Automotive students and Subaru representatives with donated vehicles

Subaru Donates Three Vehicles to Automotive Import Technician Training Program

The Automotive Import Technician Training Program recently received three vehicles donated by Subaru of America. Two 2015 Impreza WRXs and a 2016 Impreza WRX will be used for valuable hands-on training.

The car company has been a long-time supporter of Cerritos College, and the College is part of Subaru's education partnership program called Subaru-U.

College Receives \$1 Million Clean Transportation Grant

The College's Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy Center (ATTE) received \$1 million from the California Energy Commission. The College will develop clean fuel training programs for high schools in underserved communities, regions impacted by poor air quality, and those serving minority populations. The grant is part of the California Energy Commission's initiative to grow and increase clean transportation. Through its

existing energy academies and career technical education pathways, ATTE will increase workforce interest for clean transportation through hands-on training with advanced vehicle technologies. These efforts will focus on underserved communities and provide students with a pathway to college training programs, increase opportunities for personal economic success, and serve this new field's growth needs.



Psychology Professor Dr. Kimberley Duff is President-Elect of National Honor Society in Psychology

Psychology professor Dr. Kimberley Duff was elected to serve as the national President-Elect of Psi Beta. Dr. Duff is the faculty co-advisor of the Cerritos College Psi Beta Chapter. Prior to her election as the president-elect, Dr. Duff served as the Western Regional Vice President. Dr. Duff has won numerous awards, including the Cerritos College Outstanding Faculty Award, Outstanding Faculty Advisor of the Year, Wayne Weiten Teaching Excellence Award sponsored by the Society for the Teaching of Psychology, and American Psychological Association's 2014 Excellence in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at a Two-Year College or Campus Award.

Jim Driskell Named Teacher of the Year

Woodworking instructor Jim Driskell received the Los Angeles County Industrial Technology Education Association (LACITEA) 2017 College Teacher of the Year award. This award is among the highest honors given to a technology education community college teacher, and is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the profession and students. Jim is a craftsman, artist, and enthusiastic adjunct instructor with 20 years of experience teaching woodturning. He developed the successful woodturning program at the College in 1999, and has taught ever since.



*Jim Driskell and Woodworking Chair
Carl Stammerjohn (l-r)*



2018 SPRING CERRITOS COLLEGE ATHLETICS HOME SCHEDULE



SPORT	DAY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
Baseball	Tuesday	April 10	2:30 p.m.	Los Angeles Harbor
Softball	Tuesday	April 10	3:00 p.m.	Los Angeles Harbor
Softball	Thursday	April 12	3:00 p.m.	Long Beach City
M&W Track	Friday	April 13	10:00 a.m.	Cerritos Invitational
Baseball	Saturday	April 14	12:00 p.m.	Los Angeles Harbor
Softball	Saturday	April 14	1:00 p.m.	College of the Canyons
Baseball	Tuesday	April 17	2:30 p.m.	Long Beach City
Softball	Saturday	April 21	11:00 a.m.	Santiago Canyon
Baseball	Saturday	April 21	12:00 p.m.	Long Beach City
Baseball	Tuesday	April 24	2:30 p.m.	Chaffey



Spring 2018 Calendar of Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Festival of Asian Cultures	April 18	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Falcon Square/ Amphitheater

Theatre Events

The Fantasticks	April 27, 28; May 3, 4, 5	8 p.m.	Burnight Center Theatre (BC 31)
	May 6	2 p.m.	Burnight Center Theatre (BC 31)

Tickets are available online. For more information, call (562) 467-5058 or visit www.cerritos.edu/theatre.

Music Events

Spring Jazz Concert (free)	May 9	7 p.m.	Burnight Center Theatre (BC 17)
*Spring Choir/Band/ Orchestra Concert	May 11	7 p.m.	Burnight Center Theatre (BC 17)

*Tickets are available online, For ticket pricing and information, please call (562) 860-2451 ext.2629 or visit www.cerritos.edu/music.

Art Exhibition

Window Dressing: BRAVURA by Connie DK Lane	April 16 – 20		Cerritos College Art Gallery
(Artist's Reception)	April 16	4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	(Fine Arts Building Room 50)
Window Dressing: A Thin Thread to Balance by Elizabeth Tinglof	April 9 – 13		Cerritos College Art Gallery
(Artist's Reception)	April 16	4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	(Fine Arts Building Room 50)
Student Art Exhibition 2018	April 26 – May 11		Cerritos College Art Gallery
(Reception & Award Ceremony)	April 26	5 p.m. - 8 p.m.	(Fine Arts Building Room 50)

Exhibition Hours:

Monday - Tuesday: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday - Friday: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Art Exhibition admission is free



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Summer Campus Calendar

May 21 – August 10
 12-Week Session

June 18 – July 27
 6-Week Intrasession

June 18 – August 10
 8-Week Session

May 21 – June 28
 1st 6-Week Session

July 2 – August 9
 2nd 6-Week Session

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