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Cerritos College Ranks as One of the Nation's Best Community Colleges

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NORWALK, Calif. – June 21, 2022 – Cerritos College adds another top honor to its portfolio, ranking **11th among the nation's best community colleges** for 2022. The College was named **#1 for Best Value Accounting Associate Degree School** in California and **7th in the US** for the highest Hispanic Enrollment in 2021, and Equity Champion of Higher Education in 2020. View more [awards](#) and the spring 2022 semester [highlights](#).

The College Consensus Best Community Colleges rankings feature only accredited community colleges and technical colleges. The rankings combine community college rankings from Wallet Hub, Niche, and Grad Reports. This methodology gives prospective students a sense of how real graduates view the value of their community college experience, according to College Consensus.

The College marked another year of **record-breaking graduation** and **completion rates** over seven consecutive years through innovative programs. The College is well-known for its Students-First approach, catering to the needs of first-generation students from underrepresented backgrounds. To increase educational access and success, the campus applies its Caring Campus philosophy to offer holistic support services to meet students' basic needs. The College's innovative programs include [Cerritos Complete](#), the campus' official California College Promise program, which provides two years of free tuition to high school seniors. Cerritos Complete is the 2018 recipient of the Examples of *Excelencia* Award. The program was also named a national **top 10 finalist** for the prestigious Bellwether Award in 2018.

In March 2022, the College launched its new discounted [Metro GoPass](#) for students. The campus also opened [The Falcon's Nest](#), a network of resources that supports students, including a free campus food pantry with an assortment of healthy, fresh food and vegetables. The Falcon's Nest offers clothing, hygiene support, emergency aid resources, and housing resources, including [The Village](#), California's **first community college housing project exclusively for homeless students**.

"This recognition is a testament to the tireless work of our dedicated faculty and staff, and especially to the hard work of our students," said President/Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro. "We will continue to develop policies and implement innovative programs that put the needs of our students first."

About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs, and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students

successfully complete their course of studies. Enrollment currently averages 21,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at <http://www.cerritos.edu/>.

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