

Committee on Art in Public Spaces (CAPS)

Purpose and Goals

Cerritos College is committed to educating and enriching the lives of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, the local community, and visitors. The Committee on Art in Public Spaces (CAPS) supports this commitment by exhibiting art in public spaces throughout our campus representing the diverse values of our community and the highest levels of artistic achievement.

Student Population Served

All students benefit from the thoughtful curation of public art spread throughout both indoor and outdoor public spaces across campus.

Number of Students Served Annually and Capacity

The entire student population is served by the Committee's stewardship of public art on campus. The collection is set to grow each year (in perpetuity) through new acquisitions and commissions that are carefully managed to preserve funds (around 5% of the existing CAPS fund is expended annually).

High-Impact Interventions

CAPS directs available resources towards the ongoing purchase of existing artworks AND the creation of new large-scale art projects around campus that highlight the diverse values of our community and represent the diverse cultures of our student population.

Intended Impacts and Measured Outcomes

CAPS strives to integrate works by prominent visual artists throughout all campus facilities with new acquisitions and special commissions that will only increase the presence and visibility of the arts with each passing year. This growing collection of public art is intended to spark interest in, and engagement with, the visual arts amongst students, faculty, staff, and visitors, while also providing opportunities to encounter a range of disciplinary-specific concepts through the contemplation of these related images and objects. The collection also prominently features works by traditionally underrepresented groups, including notable women artists and artists of color.

Did You Know?

The murals and sculptures on campus are supported by this committee. Cerritos College has a unique, publicly displayed art collection spread out through publicly accessible areas of the campus, featuring paintings, drawings, prints, and photographs ranging in size from multiple small works on paper to two massive fourteen-foot shaped-canvas paintings. Themes presented in the works reflect the areas of study covered in nearby classrooms.

