**Mission Statement:** Cerritos College values its diverse student population and is committed to providing these students with high quality, comprehensive instructional programs and support services that improve student success and offer clear pathways to achieve personal, educational, and career goals. In doing so, the college develops in students the knowledge, skills, and values that prepare them to be productive participants in the global community.

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**Jose Fierro, D.V.M. Ph.D.**
President/Superintendent

**Founded** ......................... 1955
**Degrees & Programs** .......... 200+
**Mascot** .............................. Falcon
**School Colors** .................... Blue and white
**Enrollment** ........................ Fall 2017
23,681 (credit)
**Campus Size** ........................ 135 acres
**Associate Degrees and Certificates Awarded** .......................... Year 2016-2017
3,314

**Accreditation**
- Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- American Dental Association (Dental Hygiene Program)
- National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, Inc. (Nursing Program)
- American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (Pharmacy Technician Training Program)
- American Physical Therapy Association (Physical Therapist Assistant Program)
- National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (Automotive Mechanical Repair Programs)

**Employees**
- 668 full-time employees (292 faculty)
- 1,427 part-time employees (847 faculty)

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**Distinguished Faculty**

**Jim Driskell**  — Woodworking instructor, received the Los Angeles County Industrial Technology Education Association (LACITEA) 2017 College Teacher of the Year award for his outstanding contributions to the profession and students.

**Dr. Kimberly Duff**  — Psychology professor, received the Western Psychological Association’s 2017 Outstanding Teaching Award.

**Bonnie Barrett**  — Art and design professor, won the Graphic Design USA American Inhouse Design Award for her 2015 Cerritos College Faculty and Student Art Exhibit catalog design.

**Special Recognitions**

**Cerritos Complete**  — The College’s official Promise Program Cerritos Complete provides 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. Cerritos Complete is one of 10 community colleges in the nation selected as a finalist for the prestigious 2018 Bellwether Award. Since its inception in 2015, the program has served 1,564 students.

**Open Educational Resources**  — Cerritos College’s Open Educational Resources (OER) project began as a pilot program to create a comprehensive set of general education course designs using OER to improve the success of at-risk students in 2008. Since then, the program has seen dramatic improvement in student success rates by enhancing student learning at greatly reduced costs. In the fall 2015 semester alone, more than 4,000 students took courses featuring online courseware at a savings of nearly $500,000 dollars. Each student saved an average of approximately $150 per course. The project was chosen as a Campus Technology Innovator by Campus Technology magazine in 2012. In 2016, the project received the 2016 Online Learning Consortium’s Digital Learning Innovation Award.

**iFALCON**  — The iFALCON campaign, which was introduced by the Faculty Senate as pilot program in fall 2008, addresses basic skills and student success, and aims to educate Cerritos College students on how to practice and adopt success-oriented habits of mind.

The campaign emphasizes a FALCON acronym and an iFALCON slogan to reiterate to students the tools they need to get the most from their education. The FALCON acronym engages students in six habits of academic success: Focus, Advance, Link Up, Comprehend, Organize and New Ideas. In the pilot semester, iFALCON was used around campus to help students remember to use the success-oriented habits of mind.

**Green Cerritos Campus Sustainability Initiatives**  — Cerritos College is an environmental steward. The District is dedicated to adhering to sustainability practices and policies that conserve the planet’s diminishing natural resources. The District is creating a campus environment that fosters sustainability through conscious decision-making strategies. The College received Green Technology Magazine’s Green Community College Leadership Award for reducing its water consumption by using reclaimed water for landscape irrigation. The California Community Colleges/Investor Owned Utilities (CCC/IOU) partnership selected the College for a pilot study to develop a Campus Energy Master Plan. The 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 cost annually.

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**Student Ethnicity (Fall 2017)**

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In addition, the college is home to more than 300 international students representing 35 countries.
**District Communities**

District includes the communities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate

**Member of 10 Chambers of Commerce**

Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, La Mirada, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate

**Highlights**

- Cerritos College ranked 14th among the top 100 schools with the highest Hispanic enrollment in the United States
- One of the five largest community colleges in Los Angeles County with an average enrollment of 22,000 credited students annually
- Cerritos College ranked among the top 100 two-year colleges with the highest alumni salaries in the United States (PayScale.com)
- One of the seven Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy (ATTE) programs in California dedicated to advancing students through education and keeping California competitive as a national leader in advanced transportation and energy technologies.
- The Cerritos College Nursing Program is ranked among the top 10 best nursing schools in the Western United States and is the only two-year college listed to earn a top spot (NurseJournal.org, 2015)
- Culinary arts students helped prepare meals for the Golden Globe Awards for three years in a row (2015, 16, 17)
- Home to 2009 and 2011 All-USA Community College Academic First Team members, 2013 and 2016 All-California Community College Academic First Team members, and 2009 and 2011 Coca-Cola New Century Scholars

**Women’s Track & Field won third straight state championship title**

**Wrestling team won second straight SoCal Team Dual Championship**

**Serving the Students From**

- ABC Unified School District
- Bellflower USD
- Downey USD
- Norwalk – La Mirada USD
- and students from throughout Southern California

**Grants Awarded**

- The Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy Center (ATTE) received $1 million from the California Energy Commission to develop clean fuel training programs for high schools in underserved communities
- Received $1.6 million in local grant share to implement the Strong Workforce Program for CTE programs (Chancellor's Office)
- Received $500,000 NASA Grant to increase student and faculty engagement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs
- Shared a $1.2 million grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office to improve student recruitment and training for teaching careers with nine other colleges
- Shared a $20 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to create affordable digital open educational course materials to improve student success among low-income and disadvantaged students
- Received a $2.8 million grant from the California Department of Education for expanding career pathways in engineering technology and advanced manufacturing to strengthen the link between education and careers in engineering and manufacturing
- Awarded a $2.3 million grant from the U.S Department of Labor to increase the number of people trained in retail management and seek careers in the supermarket industry
- Received $1.2 million follow-on grant (the first $750,000 grant was awarded in 2011) from Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC) to expand its multi-institutional open educational resource (OER) project

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