Facts at a Glance

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.

Distinguished Faculty/Staff

Jannet Malig — leads as the state’s Sector Navigator for Advanced Transportation & Logistics

Chris Richardson — led Team USA Track and Field as women’s head coach at the 25th annual Thorpe Cup

Dr. Bob Livingston — business administration professor, named as the Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year 2018 by California Business Education Association

Dr. Lucinda Aborn — dean of Disabled Student Programs and Services, was honored with the R.J. Scuderi Exemplary Service Award from the California Association for Postsecondary Education and Disability

Special Recognitions

Cerritos Complete — Cerritos Complete is the College’s official California Promise Program that provides high school seniors from ABC, Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk-La Mirada, Paramount Unified School Districts, and Field of Dreams Charter School two years 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 college options, save money, and graduate from college on time. Cerritos Complete won the 2018 Examples of Excelencia Award (associate level), and was selected as a finalist for the 2018 Bellwether Award. Since its inception in 2015, the program has served over 2,500 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. Since then, the program has seen dramatic improvement in student success rates by enhancing student learning at greatly reduced costs. The project was chosen as a Campus Technology Innovator by Campus Technology magazine. In 2016, the project received the Online Learning Consortium’s Digital Learning Innovation Award.


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.

Student Ethnicity (Spring 2019)

- Hispanic/Latino: 70%
- White Non-Hispanic: 17%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 8%
- African-American: 4%
- American Indian/Alaskan Native: 1.5%
- Unknown: 9%
- Multi-Ethnicity: 1%

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

• Cerritos College's official California Promise Program Cerritos Complete won the 2018 Examples of Excelencia Award (associate level)
• For the third consecutive year, Cerritos College honored its largest graduating class in the campus' history
• Home to a 2018 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar
• The College partners with Amazon to offer a cloud computing certificate program
• Cerritos College Art Gallery is among 15 best college art galleries in Southern California by LA Weekly
• The College received the California Community Colleges Board of Governors 2017 Energy and Sustainability Award for its Science Building retro-commissioning project
• Cerritos College ranks 14th among the top 100 schools with the highest Hispanic enrollment in the United States
• Cerritos College ranks among the top 100 two-year colleges with the highest alumni salaries in the United States (PayScale.com)

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

GRANTS AWARDED

• Teacher TRAC receives more than $1 million in gifts to prepare future educators
• 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

SERVING THE STUDENTS FROM

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