

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
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Dear Colleagues:

I hope you had a chance to celebrate today's tribute to International Women's Day and Women's History Month in some capacity. Since 1911, we have celebrated the many accomplishments women in our lives play on a day-to-day basis. They are our doctors, teachers, scientists, lawyers, mothers, aunts, and our friends. Today, women hold a majority of associate's, bachelors and master's degrees. The richness of our history and our diversity can be found in the contributions women instill in our lives every single day.

While women have contributed to the progress of our communities, they are still not sharing in the same achievements as their male counterparts. According to Mount Saint Mary's University's Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California, the median earning of California women working full-time is 84% that of men, losing \$8,000 annually in income. However, it is encouraging that over the last year women-owned businesses grew 9%, representing over 1.2 million businesses across the nation. Still, women represent less than 20% of senior executives and board of directors in Fortune 1000 companies.

While progress has been made, there is still much work to be done.

As we continue to celebrate women, I would encourage you participate in the many events planned for the rest of Women's History Month. You can find the calendar online at http://cms.cerritos.edu/ws/_includes/docs/2017%20WHM%20program_vWeb.pdf

Best,
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