

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
May 21, 2018

Good Afternoon Colleagues,

I want to take a moment to thank each of you who participated in the Commencement Ceremony last Friday. It was an incredible event; the atmosphere was electrifying and the energy was tangible. I do not have enough words to express my gratitude to everyone who made this event so special for our students and their families.

We continue to work diligently and challenge our students to do better, and it shows. **This year, we awarded nearly 3,500 degrees and certificates to our students.** For the third consecutive year, we have broken our own graduation record.

Perhaps the most powerful part of this year's ceremony was when our first generation students stood up to be recognized; it was nearly every student in attendance. That moment symbolized the impact we have in our communities and on the future of our students and their families. I reflected on that moment throughout the entire weekend. Today, I am even more committed to the work we do, and I could not be prouder of our students and each of you who contribute to the improvement of their lives.

It is truly an honor to be part of the Cerritos College family and community. Please take a moment to [see a few photos from this year's festivities](#). I am already looking forward to next year and to breaking another record.

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