



December 19, 2019

Good Afternoon Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that we are already wrapping up the fall semester and saying farewell to 2019. As we get ready to unwind during the much-needed holiday break, I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued dedication to our students and support of one another.

I enjoy this time of year because we are able to gather and celebrate with each other. Earlier this month, we filled the Student Center at our annual holiday party. I hope you enjoyed the live entertainment by our Cerritos College instrumental band, the dancers, and the company of your colleagues. Culinary Arts yet again spoiled us with an incredible and delicious meal. I would like to extend a special thanks to our generous donors who provided many prizes for our annual drawing; congratulations to our prize winners as well.

We collected nearly **500 toys and gift cards** for our CARE/CalWORKs/ LINC/Veterans students, far surpassing the 225 contributions from last year. Many of you also contributed to our voluntary employee giving campaign and we raised over **\$800 for our students**. Thank you for your generosity, especially during a season that can be trying for those in need.

Thank you for your professionalism and dedication that you bring to your work each day. I am happy to be part of the Cerritos College family. I wish you and your families a happy holiday season. May the coming year be a time when you continue to achieve personal and professional goals, bringing happiness and joy along the way.

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