

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDENT PRESIDENT'S CAMPUS UPDATES



March 2, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you had a great weekend. I just wanted to share a few highlights from the month of February.

Beyond Measure: Black History Month Celebration

Our annual Black History Month celebration was filled with engaging and informative events, presentations, and discussions around African-American culture and the contributions made by Black Americans to society and throughout history. I hope you had a chance to participate in the festivities. One event that I personally enjoyed was the Double Dutch exhibition. I can tell you learning how to jump **Double Dutch** was not as easy as it



looks, but I loved the challenge! A special thank you to the planning committee for organizing a great month of activities. Additionally, in support of our diversity efforts, the Board of Trustees adopted [Resolution No. 0219A](#) to officially recognize Black History Month at its February 19 meeting. We have more diversity events planned for the entire year. Look for more information about our upcoming [Women's History Month Activities](#) scheduled for March.

2020 Economic Development Summit

I am excited that the College will be hosting its second **Economic Development Summit** on **March 6**. Industry leaders, businesses, and educators from across the region will get together to forecast economic trends and identify solutions to meet the area's workforce and labor demands with guest economists and specialists. It is critical that the College continue to align its educational programs with business interests in the communities we serve, in order to improve our residents' lives. [Visit the webpage for more information.](#)

Student Housing Development Update

As I reported in January and last fall, we are incredibly close to officially opening a unique transitional housing development to address student housing insecurity. The College has been working with a long list of great partners, including **Jovenes, Inc.**, a non-profit housing organization, that will provide exclusive services to homeless Cerritos College students. Jovenes, Inc. will serve as the primary onsite manager that will be responsible for all aspects of property management and handle all student residents. **The City of Norwalk, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn (Fourth District)**, and the **Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority** also played a critical role to make this project successful. We will be hosting an official grand opening ceremony in the City of Norwalk in April.

Cast Your Vote

As you already know, Cerritos College is an official **Vote Center** for the 2020 election. L.A. County registered voters were able to vote on campus over the weekend, and can still cast their ballot today from **8 a.m. - 5 p.m. and tomorrow on Election Day, March 3, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.** at the **Conference Center**. Please let your family and friends know. [View the flyer](#) for more information. Your vote matters.

President's Spring 2020 Speakers Series

We hosted another great session from the

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on February 21, focusing on the topic of Finding Balance Financially, Mentally, and Physically.

Presenters included **Nazih Yehya**, Falcon alumnus, Cerritos College Foundation board member, and financial advisor, Dr. Hillary Mennella, Associate Dean of Student Health, and Dr. Carrie Edwards, professor of Health, Fitness/Wellness. Our next session is scheduled for **Friday, March 13** and will cover the topic:

Challenging Yourself. To register for each session, please login to the [Flex Reporter](#). For additional information, please visit the [President's Speaker Series website](#).

I'm looking forward to another great month.

Thanks,
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