



Office of the  
President

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Dear Colleagues,

A little over a week ago, we celebrated the end of another academic year. I couldn't help but take a moment to reflect on all we accomplished. Cerritos College had an incredible year, and proof of this is breaking another record for the largest graduating class in Cerritos College's history. This year, we awarded approximately 8,000 degrees and certificates! This is a remarkable achievement – for our students, faculty, staff, and managers. So let me begin by saying congratulations and a job well done.

To put this number in perspective, that is more than three times as many degrees and certificates awarded less than a decade ago. This number did not happen by accident or magic. It was the result of all of your combined efforts. We began this year by setting the ambitious goal of graduating fifty percent of our students within five years or less by Spring 2029. It was no surprise that everyone was quick to act in support of our students' success. We began laying the groundwork that is foundational to our achievement of this goal. Now more than ever before, our students have comprehensive educational plans that put them on the right path to graduate on time. We are creating our classrooms to be more accessible and equitable to reduce achievement gaps across our diverse student population. We are adapting our support services to better serve all our students' cultural, social, and economic needs. With the development of the Students First Framework, the work we did this year laid the foundation for our success to continue for years to come. We have many things to celebrate.

I want to take a moment to also recognize our outstanding classified and confidential staff. Last week, we had the privilege of formally acknowledging the work of our staff at the awards ceremony and celebrating the achievements of our heroes on campus. Congratulations to Samuel Chavez for being honored as the Outstanding Classified Employee of the Year for 2023-2024 and to all our classified and confidential employees of the month. We need to remember that all the work here on campus is important and serves the betterment of our students.

Thank you for your dedication to our students and our campus. Congratulations on another successful academic year. I hope you take some well-deserved time this summer to rest and recharge. I look forward to keeping our momentum going and seeing what new records we can break together!

Thank you,

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