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Dear Colleagues,

It looks like spring has officially arrived at Cerritos College, bringing much-needed showers to our campus. As we embrace this change in the season, I want to take a moment to highlight some of the exciting events and initiatives happening across our campus.

Halfway Through Women's History Month – Let's Keep the Celebration Going!

A huge shoutout to Lisa Boutin-Vitela and Kimberly Rosenfeld for creating an outstanding lineup of workshops and events in honor of Women's History Month. This year's theme, [*Moving Forward Together: Women Educating and Inspiring Generations*](#), reminds us of our collective role in shaping the future of our campus and community. If you haven't had a chance to participate yet, I strongly encourage you to attend the remaining events and show your support for your colleagues.

EC Connect: Competing, Connecting, and Celebrating!

I hope you've had the opportunity to take part in one—if not, many—of the [EC Connect](#) events this semester. Here's a quick update on what's been happening:

- We are half-way through the **EC Games** and hope you are enjoying the competition so far. After the scavenger hunt and 60-second showdown, our gamemasters assure me that the race is too close to call and there are still plenty of points up for grabs in the next two challenges. Even if you aren't officially participating, I encourage you to join the fun by watching the next event – a relay race – on April 18th.
- **Coffee with the Council** is making its way across campus and I have enjoyed getting to know you all a little better over coffee and pastries.
- We announced our first winners of the **EC Awards**. Our momentum makers, Suleman Hamid and Juan Mercado, have done an extraordinary job in transforming fraud prevention on campus. Look out for the next recipients to be announced at the end of this month.

And there's more to come! Keep an eye out for upcoming events, including a Job Shadow Day, a New Employees Breakfast, a *Hot Ones* episode featuring me and a surprise Vice President, and a Summer Cookout.

Manager's Retreat: Strengthening Leadership Together

A heartfelt thank you to all our managers who participated in the recent Manager's Retreat. It was a valuable day of reflection and learning each other's strengths to align our strategies and see how we can all work together as a team to accomplish accelerating student success. A special thank you to the planning committee for putting together a meaningful event that is sure to accelerate our progress in achieving our collective goal of graduating 50 percent of students. I look forward to seeing the momentum from this retreat build to strength our entire campus community.

I hope you all are having a great spring break,

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