



Office of the
President

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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the fall 2024 semester! I hope you had an incredible first day of the new school year. With so many new faces arriving on campus, I hope you had an opportunity to answer their questions and get students where they needed to go. I enjoyed being able to walk students to their classes and their eagerness and excitement was contagious; I too am excited to start another semester and continue to put students first in all that we do.

2024 Welcome Day

A special “thank you” to everyone involved in last Friday’s Welcome Day event. Hosted by the Welcome Center, we greeted approximately 1,500 students who received an excellent introduction to the wide array of programs and services on campus. Our team members who tabled the event displayed just how dedicated we are in supporting students to achieve their goals. As we start our fall semester, let’s continue that momentum by walking around campus and connecting with each student you meet. Alongside Welcome Day, we also hosted Congresswoman Linda Sanchez’s Senior Resource Fair and the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars competition. As I observed the thousands of students, families, and community members on our campus, I was reminded of Cerritos College’s significance within our community. We are here for our community and ready to serve them across all stages of life so they can achieve their goals.

2024 Convocation: Level Up for Student Success

I invite you all to attend our 2024 Convocation on August 29 in the Performing Arts Center, beginning at 11:00 a.m. This year’s event is sure to be inspiring as we highlight how Cerritos College will advance to the next level. Featuring guest speakers including our own colleagues and alumni, interactive elements, and delicious BBQ, this will be an event you won’t want to miss.

Budget Forum This Week

I encourage all of you to attend one of the campus budget forums held this week - either tomorrow (8/20) at 11 a.m. or Thursday (8/22) at 5:30 p.m. in LC 155. These forums present a great opportunity to hear updates on the 2024-2025 budget and to learn about the steps we are taking to protect our institution during a period of state budget instability.

I want to thank you for your dedication to Cerritos College and our students. Your level of service excellence and commitment to uplift the lives of our students is truly appreciated. I hope you have a successful fall semester.

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