



Cerritos College 70th Anniversary



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1955-2025

CERRITOS
COLLEGE

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2025-2026 CONVOCATION

ELEVATE EVERY STUDENT,

EVERY COMMUNITY,

EVERY DAY



Peregrine Falcon. The fastest Bird in the World



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The fastest bird in the World
PEREGRINE FALCON

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2015 - 2016 CONVOCAATION





TEAMWORK

Coming together is a beginning... Keeping together is progress... Working together is a success.



Convocation 15-16 clip



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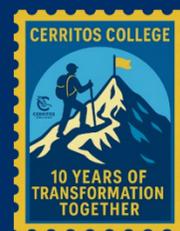


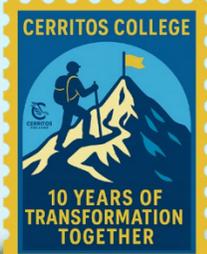
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**WHAT'S OUR
MOUNTAIN?**

**26% OF OUR
STUDENTS
GRADUATE IN 5
YEARS OR LESS**



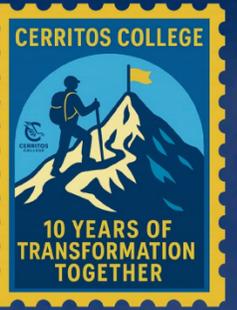


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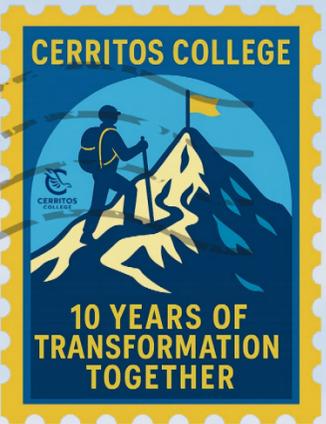


TOGETHER

BASECAMP



CLIMATE SURVEY



77%

Working with
Clarity

78%

Falcon
Pride

73%

Know Their
Impact in SFF

76%

Work as a
Team

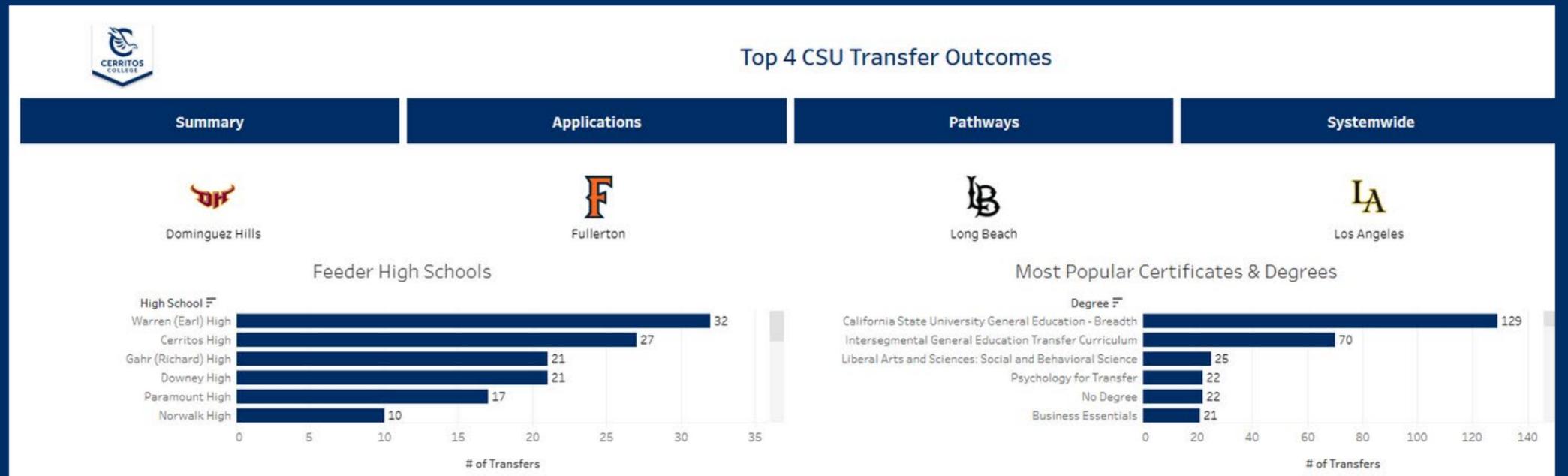
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Ready and
Growing





GEAR CHECK



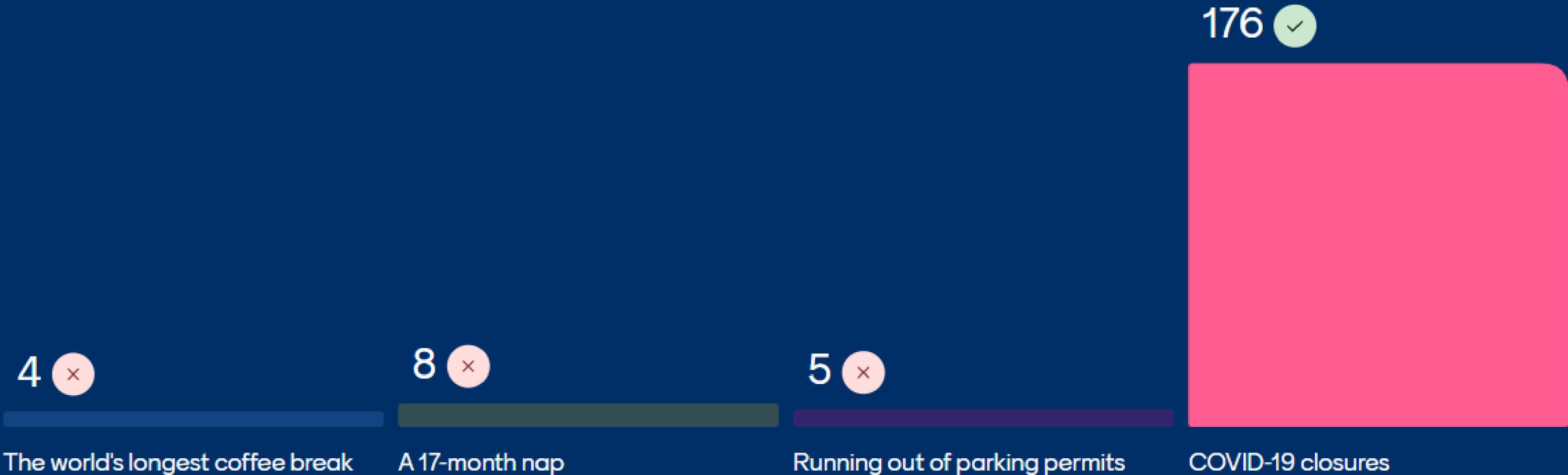
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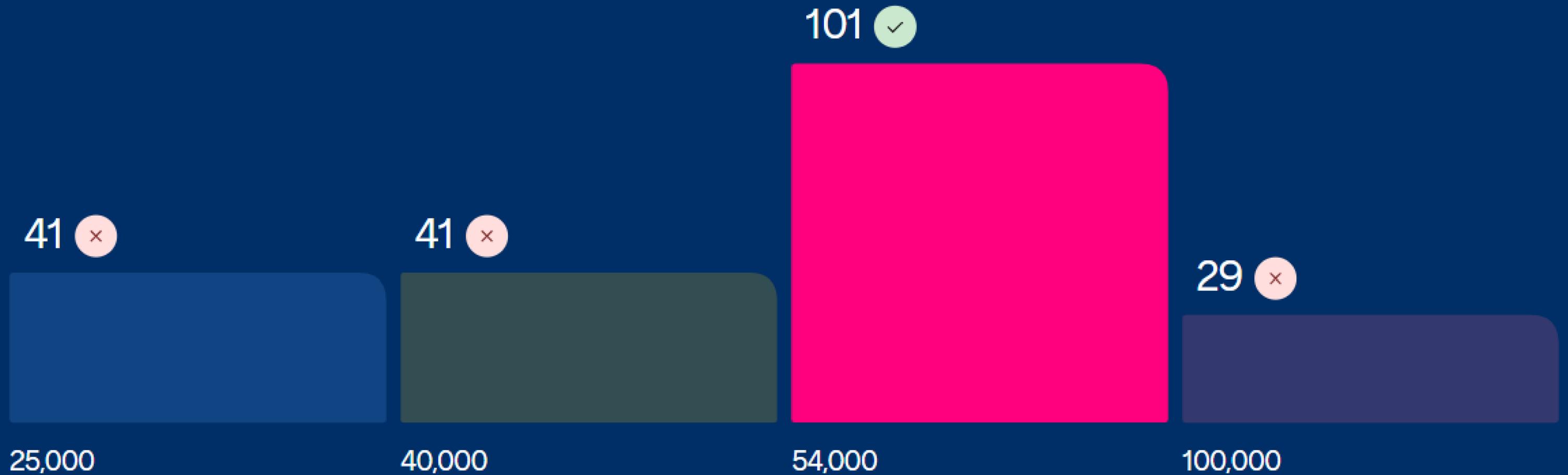
**STUDENT SUCCESS
AND EQUITY**



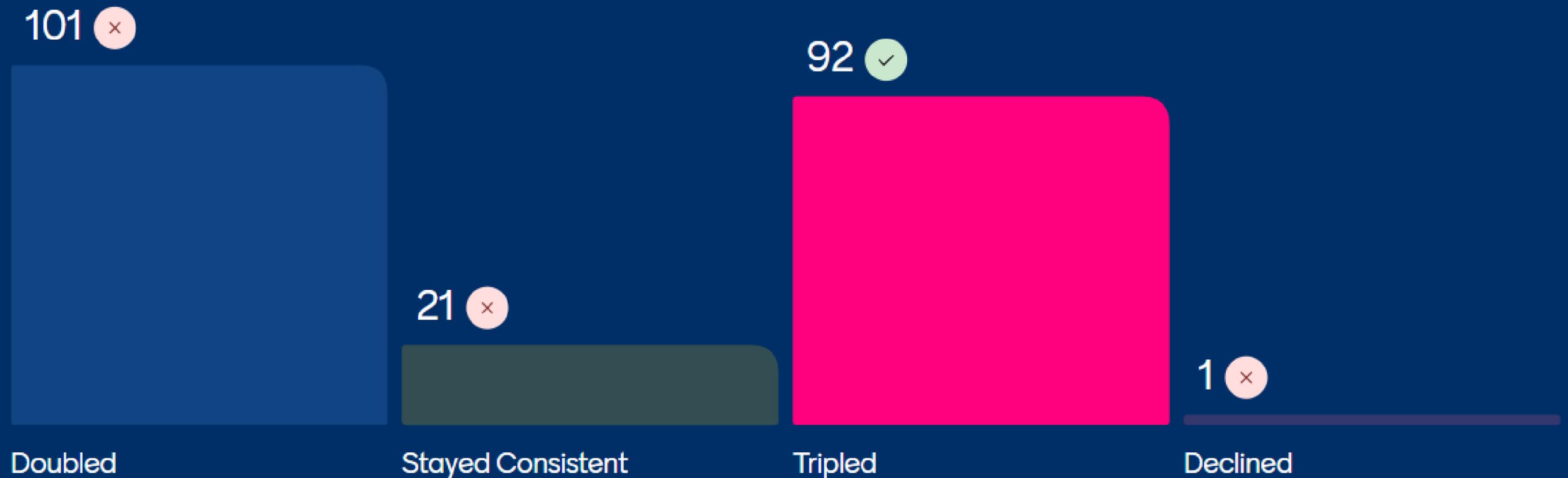
In Fall 2021, Cerritos College finally reopened campus after...



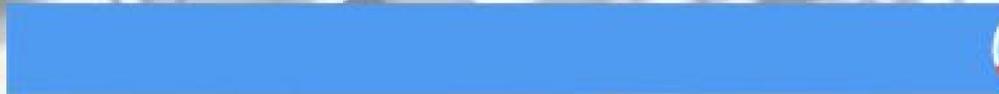
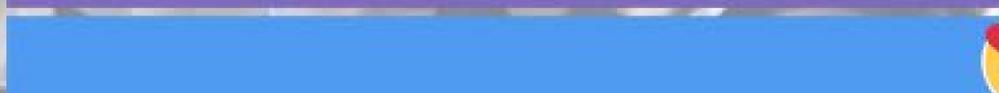
Since 2015, Cerritos College has awarded how many degrees and certificates?

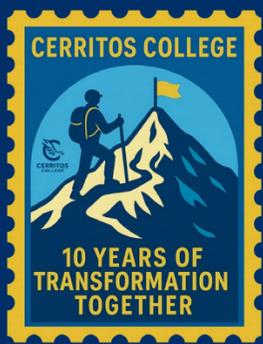


From 2015 to 2025, annual completions at Cerritos College have:



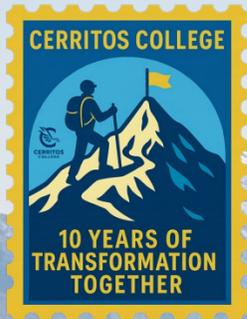
Quiz leaderboard

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2745 p		 Maverick
2736 p		 Sasha
2715 p		 DW
2707 p		 Caitlin M
2667 p		 Stingilicious
2651 p		 A rock
2650 p		 Me
2647 p		 Esmeralda Torres
2642 p		 Jose Fierro



STUDENTS FIRST FRAMEWORK





PATH TO THE PEAK

INCREASING EQUITABLE ACCESS: BUCCANEERS PILOT PROGRAM

LAURA ESTRADA
SASHA LEONARDO
JAMIE QUIROZ
DR. CLARA ROSS-JONES



WHY BELLFLOWER?



TYPICAL BELLFLOWER HIGH STUDENT: 97% GRAD RATE, ONLY 25.5% UC/CSU READY

OPPORTUNITY: CLOSE THE GAP WITH IN-CLASS, HIGH-TOUCH ONBOARDING

BRIDGE THE GAP: CERRITOS COMPLETE PROMISE PROGRAM

FREE TUITION

**PRIORITY
REGISTRATION**

**COUNSELING
SUPPORT**



OUR BUCCANEERS' JOURNEY

1: KICK OFF EVENT!

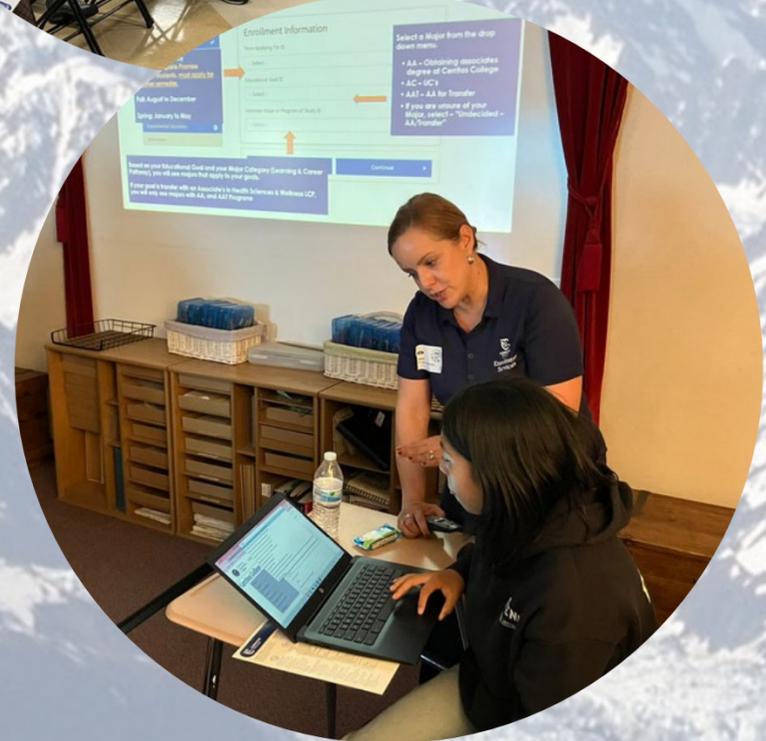
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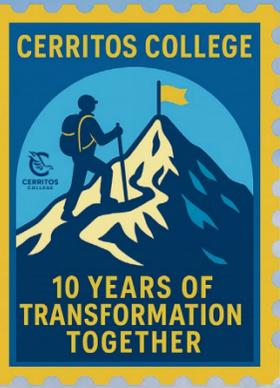
3: FINANCIAL AID

4: STUDENT EDUCATION PLAN

5: ORIENTATION

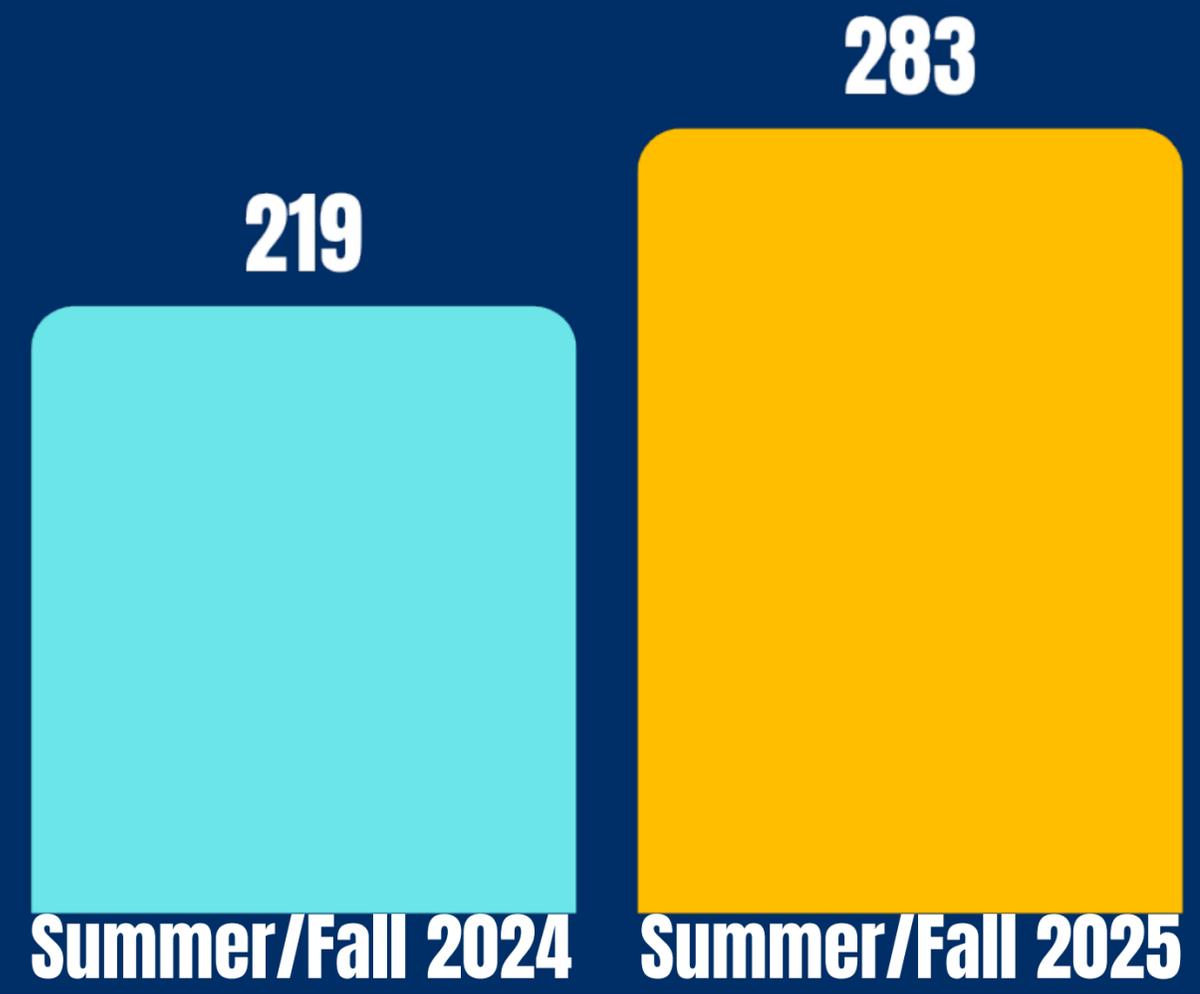
6: ENROLLMENT





THE PILOT: ADMISSIONS

Students



AWARENESS INTO ACCESS

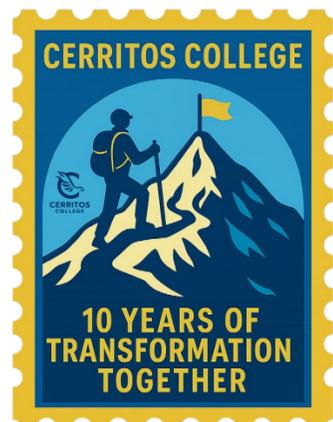


**OCT LABS:
FSA USER IDS**

**JAN LABS:
FAFSA/CADAA APPS**

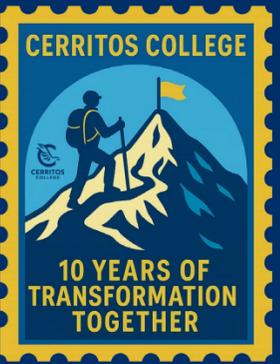
DEC: FA INFO NIGHT

**JAN - APR:
FAFSA/CADAA WORKSHOPS - EVENINGS &
SATURDAYS**



**THE RESULTS: 67% OF GRADUATING COHORT WITH FA
85% INCREASE FROM PRIOR YEAR**

COMPREHENSIVE COUNSELING



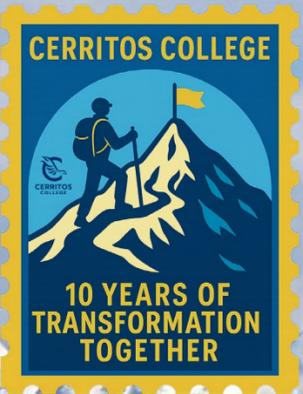
FEB: CSEP PLANNING SESSIONS

MARCH: MINI-ORIENTATION SESSIONS

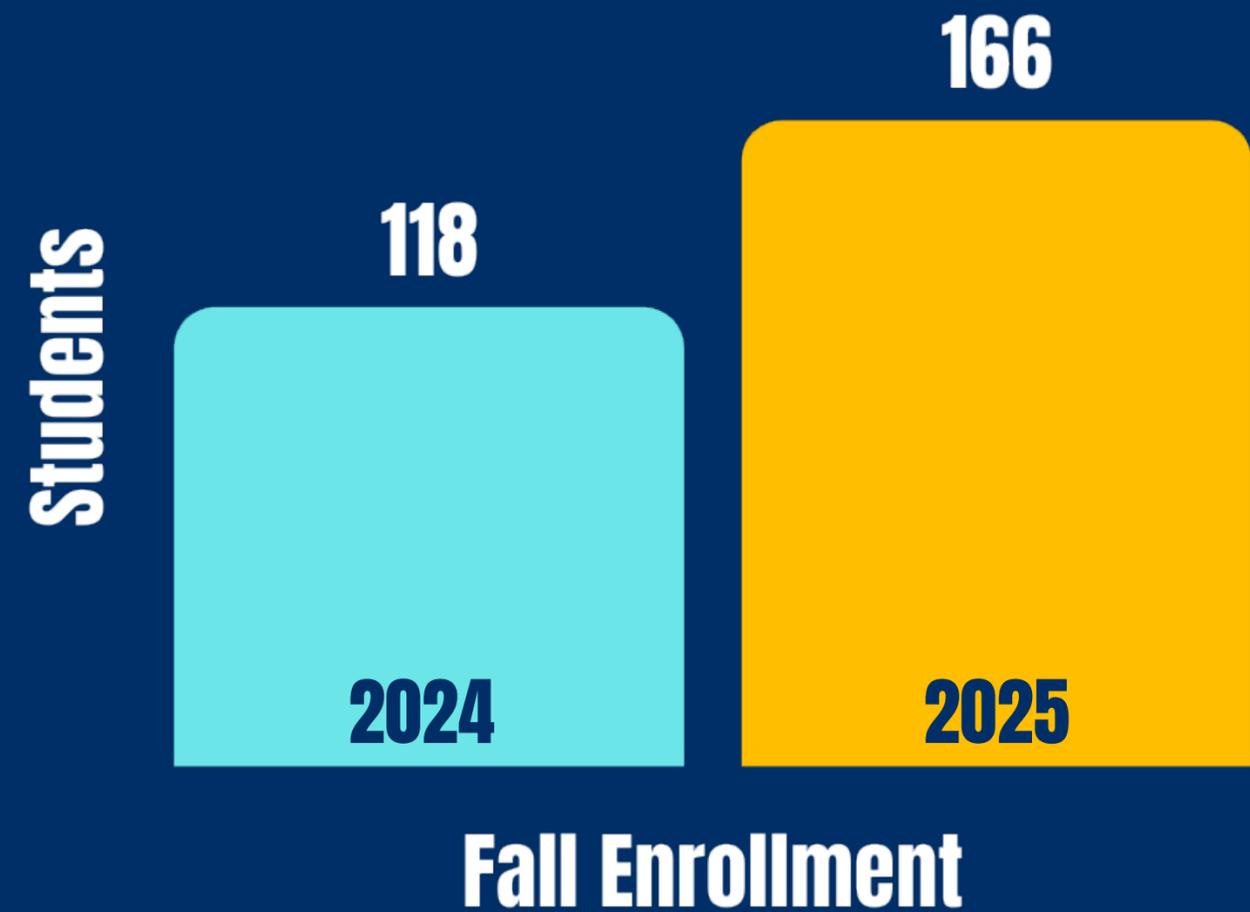
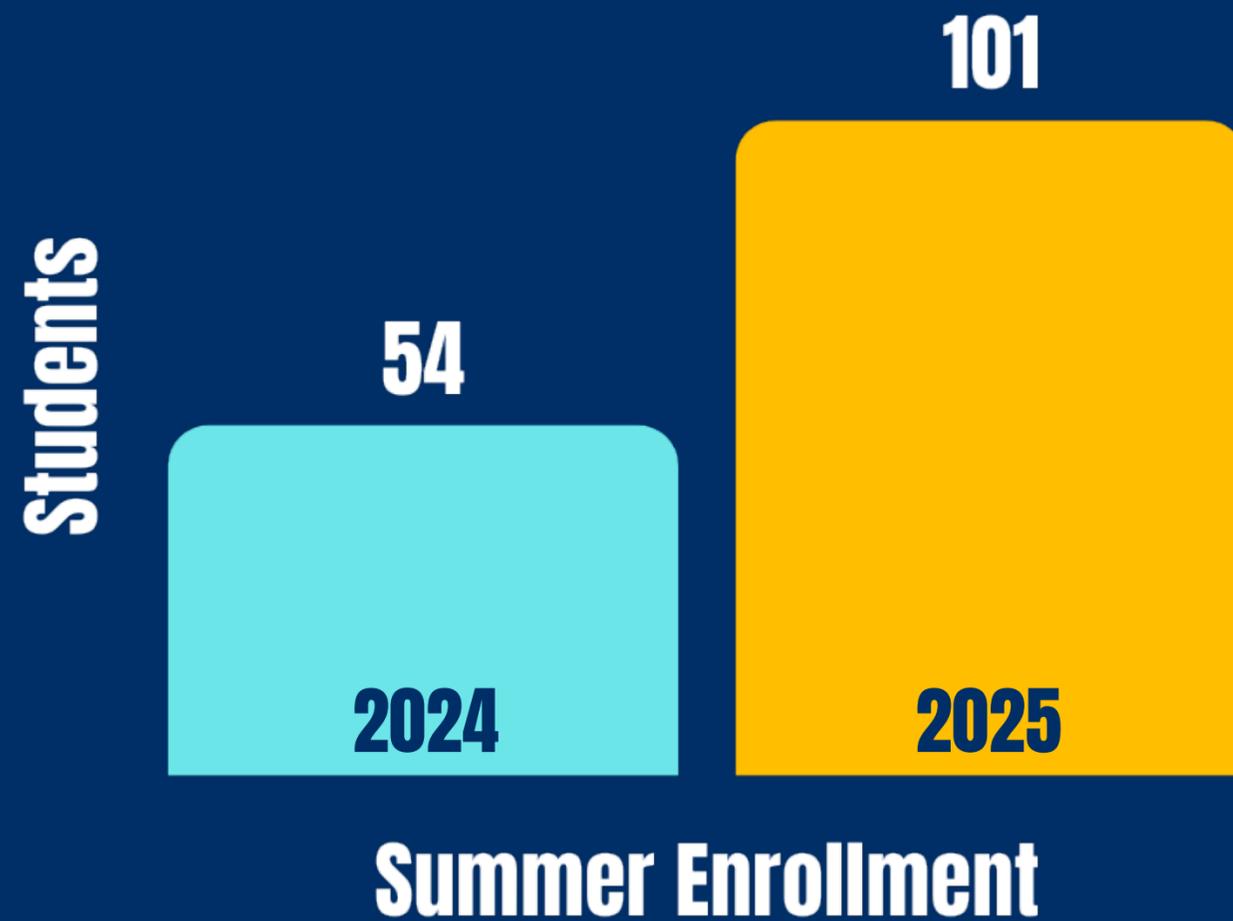
- **INTRO SPECIAL POPULATIONS**
- **NEW STUDENT RESOURCES/SUPPORT**
- **MYCERRITOS PORTAL**
- **SUMMER ENROLLMENT**

**94% OF
BUCCANEERS
HAVE CSEP**

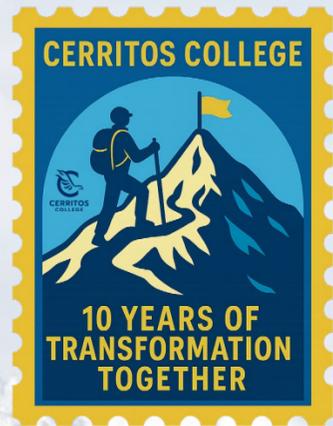




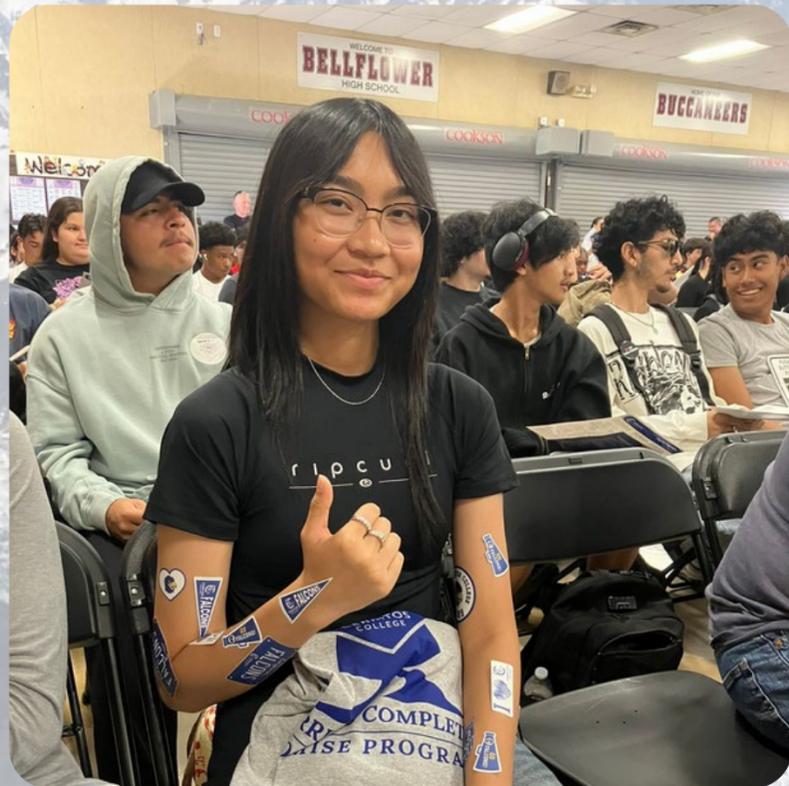
THE PILOT: ENROLLMENT



MOVING FORWARD



**EXPAND TO OTHER HIGH
SCHOOLS**



**2024-2025 LEAGUE FOR
INNOVATION AWARD RECIPIENT**

IT TAKES A CAMPUS TO ELEVATE A STUDENT

THANK YOU TO ADMISSIONS & RECORDS, FINANCIAL AID, COUNSELING DIVISION, EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS, SCHOOL RELATIONS, AND BELLFLOWER HS PARTNERS

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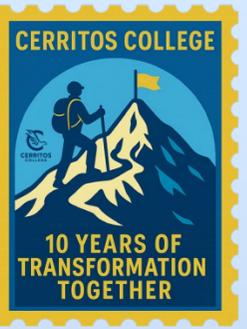
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**50% of our Students
Graduate
in 5 Years or Less**

**Fall-to-
Spring
Persistence**

**Attempt and Complete
Transfer-Level English**

**Attempt and Complete
Transfer-Level Math**

**Attempt 15+
Degree-Applicable Units (Fall)**

**CTE Cohort:
Attempt 9+ CTE units**

CSEP Finalized

FIRST-TIME, FALL START STUDENTS YEAR 1 KPIS

SFF:

COMPLETION

**50% of our Students
Graduate
in 5 Years or Less**

79%
**Fall-to-Spring
Persistence**

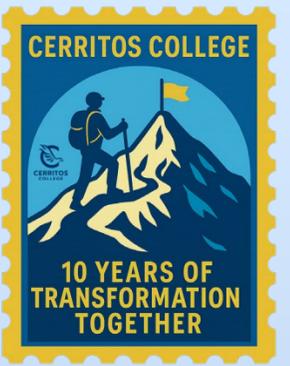
up 9%
**Attempt and Complete
Transfer-Level English**

**up
32%**
**Attempt and Complete
Transfer-Level Math**

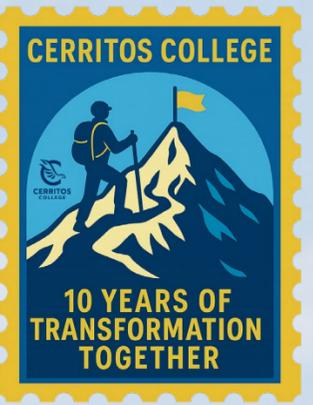
**up
17%**
**Attempt 15+
Degree-Applicable Units (Fall)**

**up
42%**
**CTE Cohort:
Attempt 9+ CTE units**

**CSEP Finalized
85%**



THE BOTTOM LINE



**THE STRONGEST
MOMENTUM WE'VE EVER
SEEN**

WE'VE SEEN THE NUMBERS
HOW DID WE DO IT?



**PROGRESS NOT
BY CHANCE**





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How being a math professor
feels like because no one
likes math

Watch on YouTube



**4 MILLION
VIEWS**

MATH BOOT CAMPS

PROFESSORS

AEMIRO BEYENE

ROCIO AGUILAR BASTIDA

ALEJANDRA LOPEZ CALDERON

MANNY MORALES

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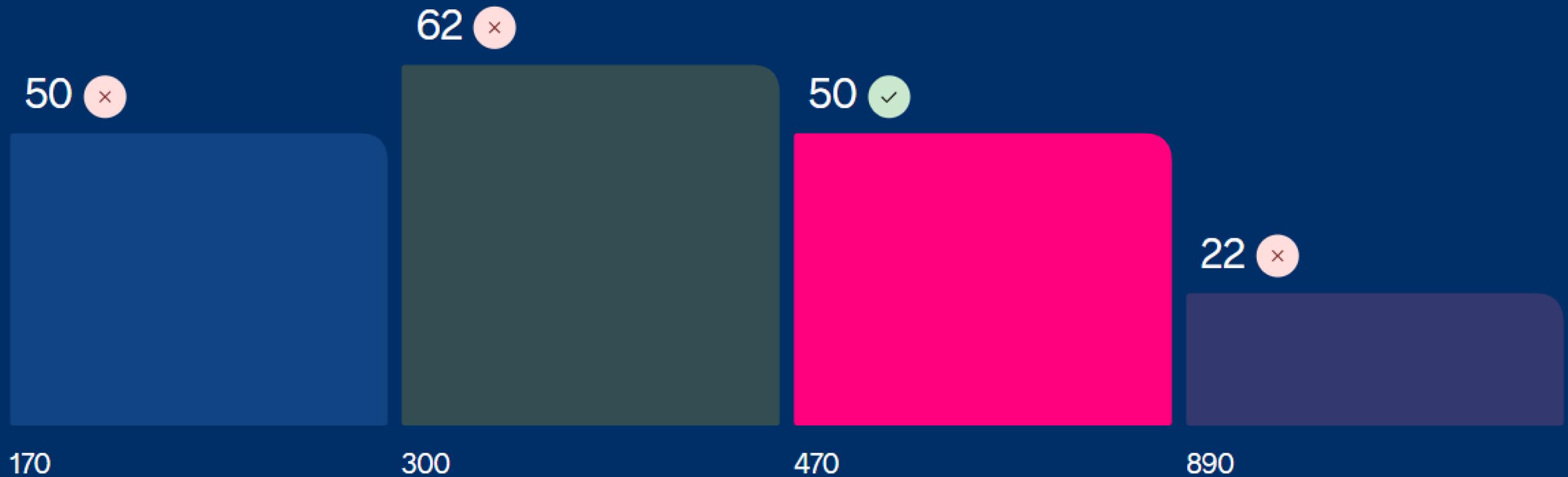
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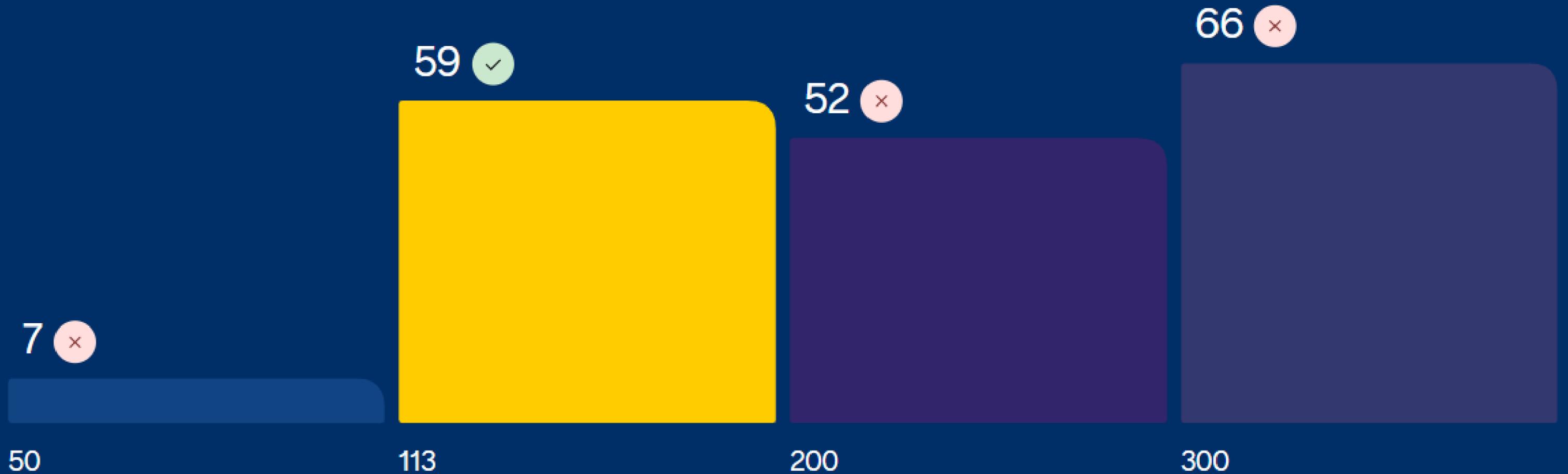
**CAMPUS
TRANSFORMATION &
INVESTMENT**



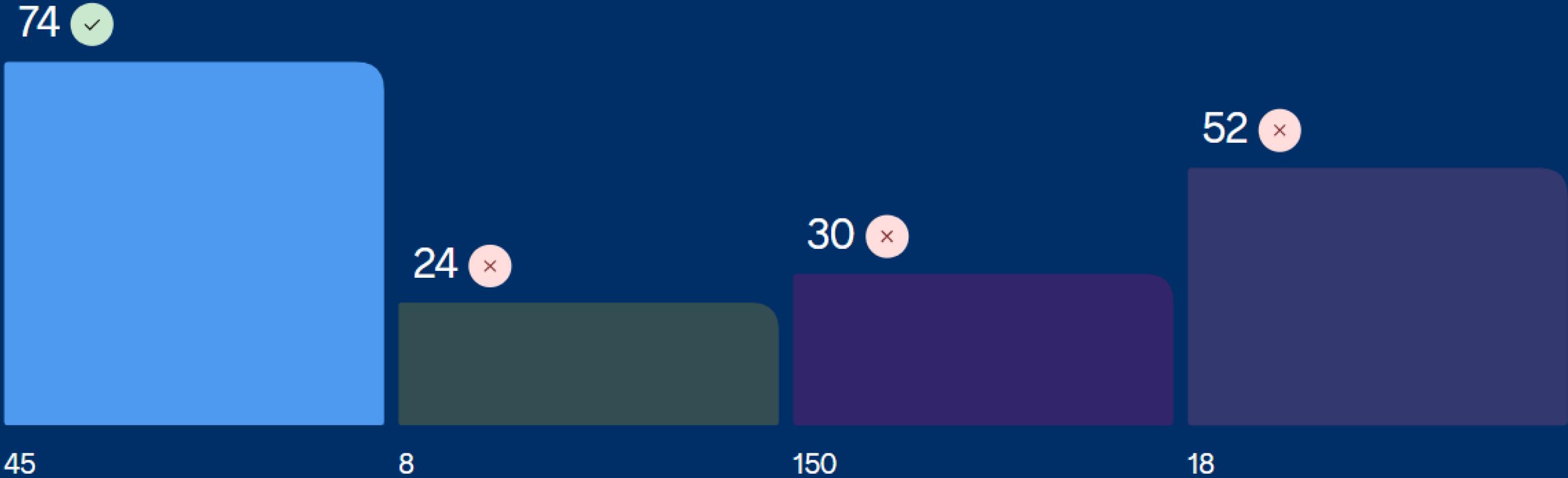
Cerritos College hired approx. how many new full-time employees in the past decade?



Of the 470 employees hired, approximately how many were full-time faculty committed to equity and student success?



Collectively, how many years have the vice presidents worked at Cerritos College?



Quiz leaderboard

4543 p

 Dionne

4367 p

 Moi

4363 p

 Peelings

4354 p

 Brianna Laza

4349 p

 fastest Matthew O

4225 p

 Joe Mulleary

4211 p

 Magical Rhino

4164 p

 DrKPHeNiX9

3992 p

 Cindy

3970 p

 Alexis

NEW HEIGHTS IN SUSTAINABILITY



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Native Plant Sanctuary



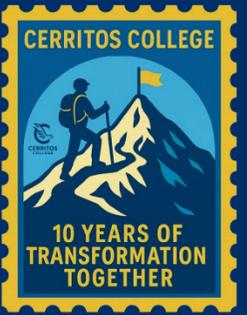
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The native plant sanctuary was created in collaboration with faculty and staff and supported by students in the Environmental Club and ASCC.

The purpose of the native plant sanctuary is to provide habitat and food for native wildlife, require less water than conventional landscaping, require less maintenance than non-native species, help to store water and nutrients in the soil, and store the land to its pre-colonization state of abundance and diversity.

[Cerritos College California Native Plant Sanctuary](#)
(@cerritoscollegecnps) • [Instagram photos and videos](#)





OUR ORIGIN STORY



- PROFESSOR VALCARCEL WANTED TO CREATE A HANDS-ON LEARNING SPACE FOR HER ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY STUDENTS

- PROFESSOR TSUHAKO'S ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB CREATED A NATIVE PLANT CAMPUS COALITION TO STRATEGIZE HOW TO BRING MORE NATIVE PLANTS ON CAMPUS.

FALCONS RISING PRESENTS

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE:
HONORING THE LAND
AND ALL THE PEOPLE ON IT**

MODERATORS:
HECTOR LEDESMA, ASCC SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTOR
MORGIYN DARRAGH, ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB PRESIDENT

PANELISTS:
JOSIAH EDWARDS, THE SUNRISE MOVEMENT
ALEXANDRIA CONTRERAS, HAPPY CITY COALITION
GLORIA ARELLANES, TONGVA/CHICANA ELDER
REBECCA ROBLES, PROTECT PUVUNGNA

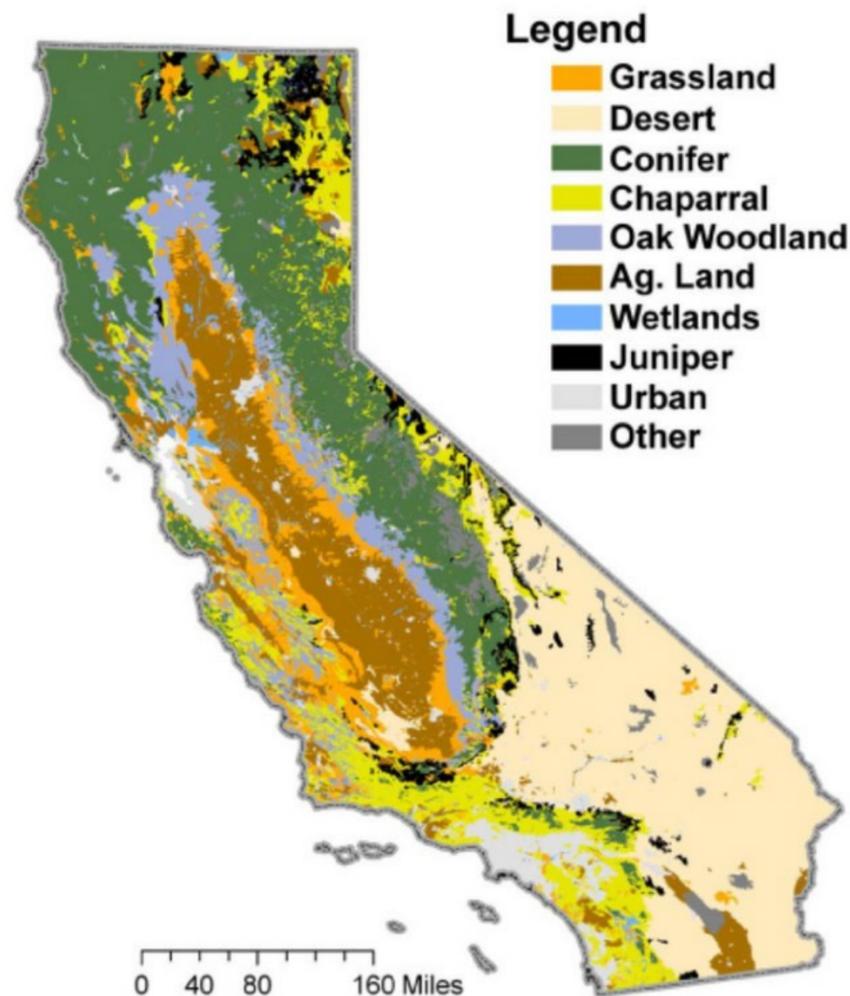
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NATIVE PLANTS

A native plant grew here prior to European contact, has evolved in a particular place, and continues to inhabit that geography in the wild

CA has over 6,500 plant species and contains 1/4 of all plants native to North America north of Mexico. Nearly 1/3 are endemic (do not occur anywhere else in the world).

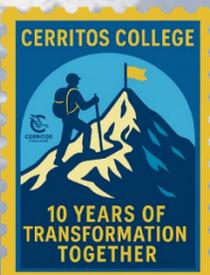


OUR VISION AND MISSION

**Fight Extinction & Climate
Crises**

Honor Native Land

**Build Empowered
Community**



Things to do

Museums

Transit

Ph

OUR FIGHT

Cerritos College
California Native Plant...

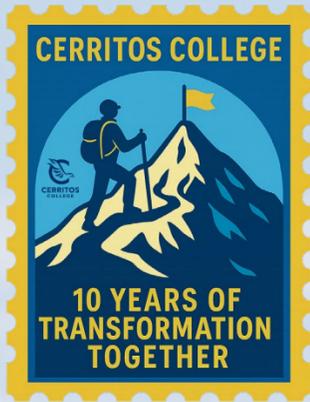


HONORING NATIVE LAND

NATIVE PEOPLE OF THIS PLACE



BUILDING COMMUNITY



THE POWER OF COLLECTIVE ACTION





GET INVOLVED!



**TELL COLLEAGUES &
STUDENTS!**

PARTNER WITH US!



VISIT & VOLUNTEER

**GET ON OUR EMAIL
LIST!**



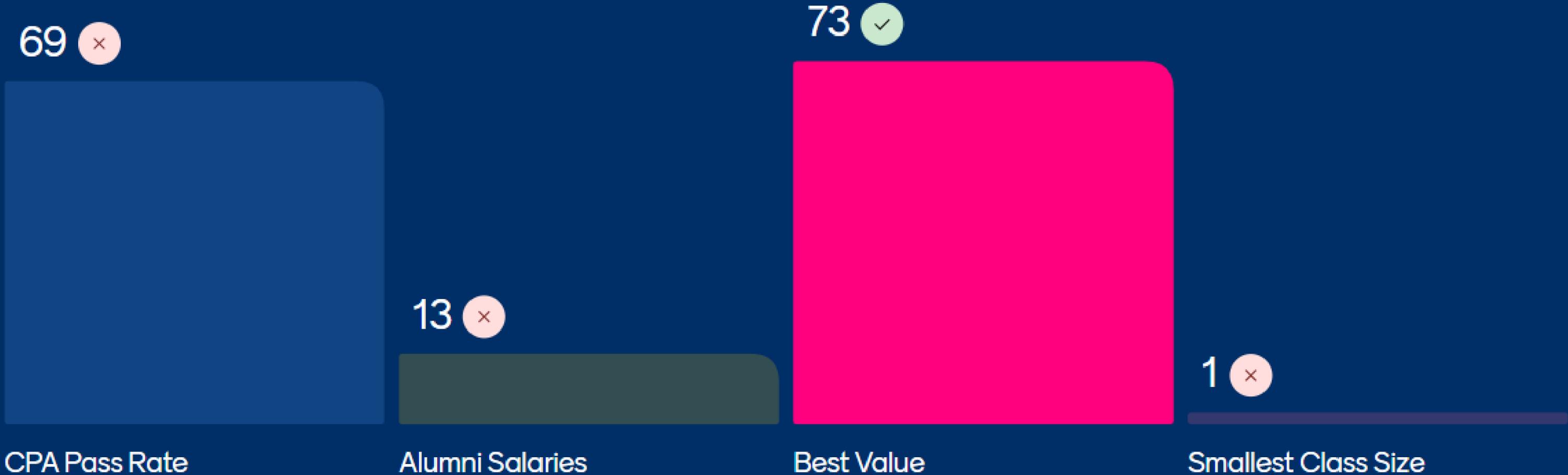
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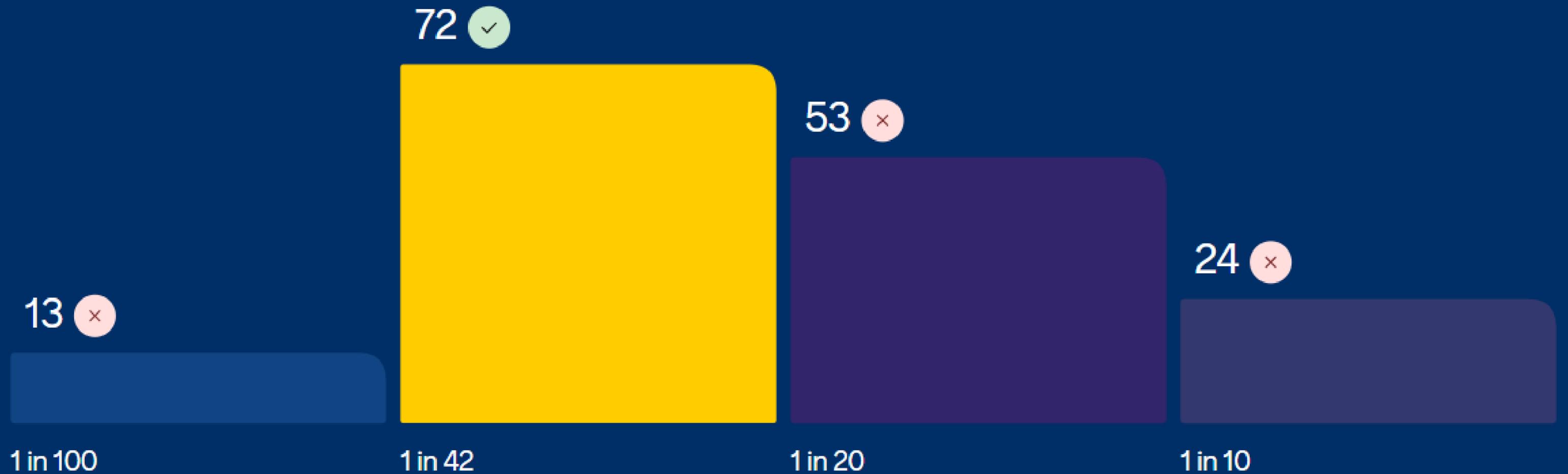
**POWERING THE
FUTURE**



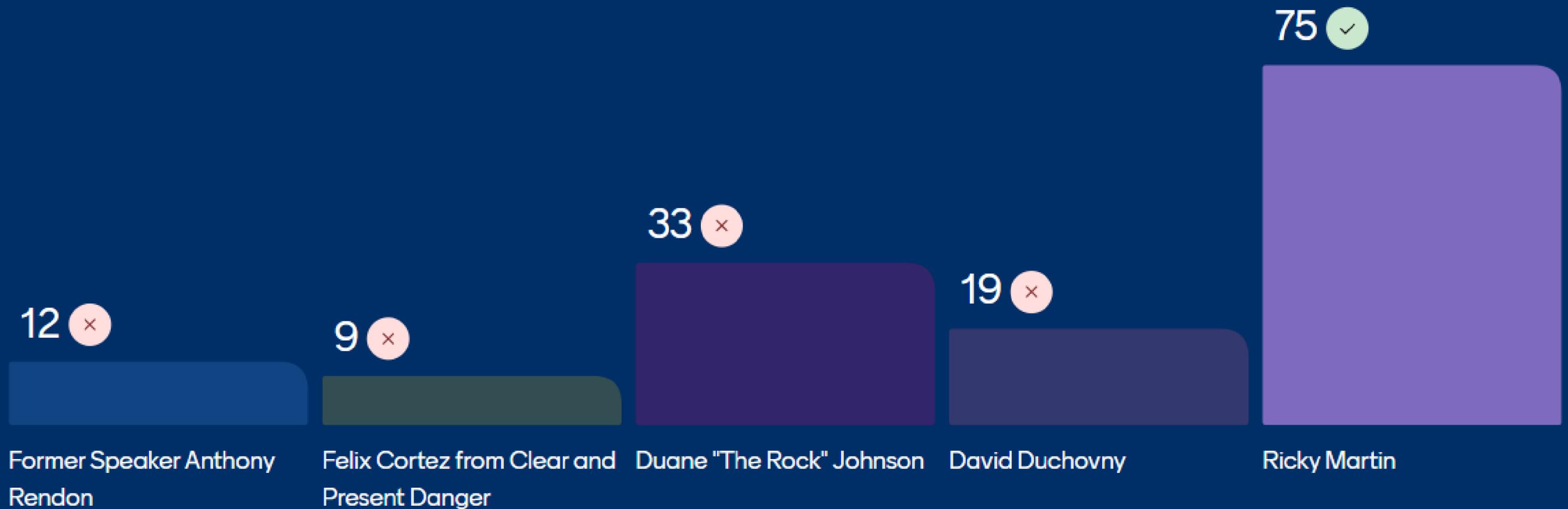
Cerritos College's Accounting Program was ranked #1 in California in 2022 for:



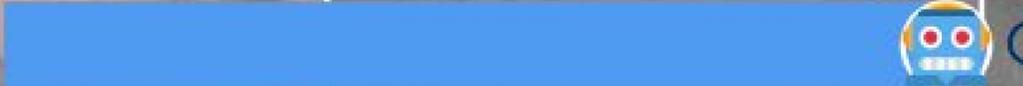
Today, Cerritos College's annual economic impact supports how many jobs across its 13-city region?



BONUS QUESTION: Dr. Fierro is most often said to resemble which notable person?



Quiz leaderboard

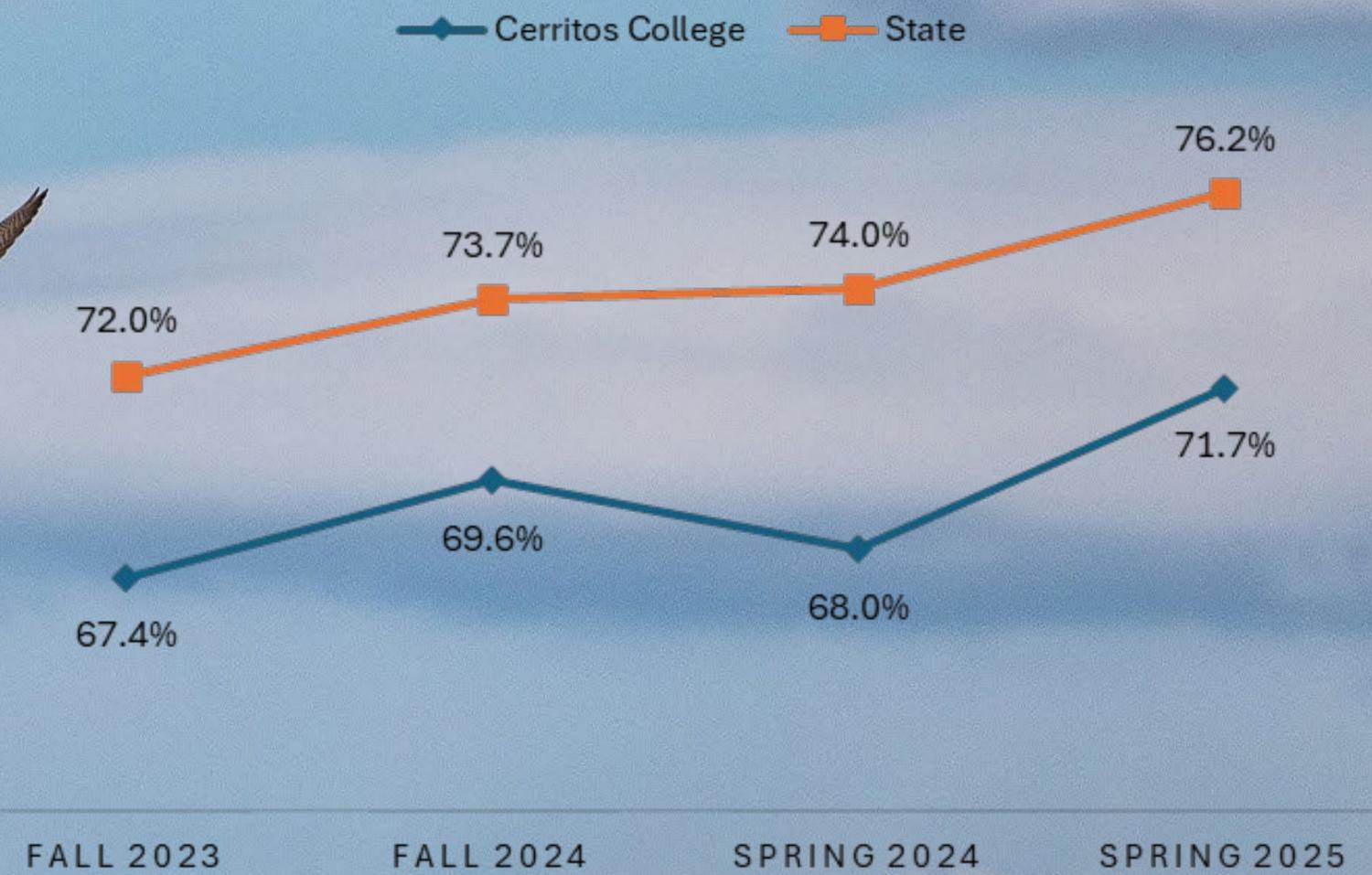
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5546 p		 Adamaris Moreno
5539 p		 Sw

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APPROACHING YARAK: FALCONS ARE GATHERING STRENGTH

Cerritos College students succeed in their courses about 71% of the time – but nearly 1 in 3 do not make it to the finish line.

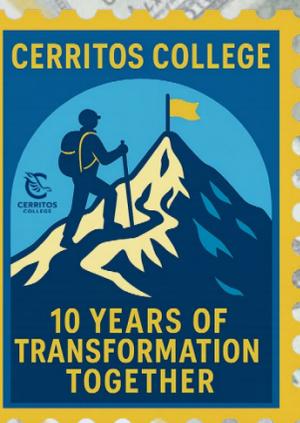


OUR STUDENTS MAKE

MORE MONEY FASTER

CERRITOS COLLEGE #1 IN

L.A. COUNTY



PRIME FITNESS

YARAK. **HYPER-ALERTNESS**

OPTIMAL HUNGER

PREDATORY DRIVE

**BALANCED STATE BETWEEN
WEAKNESS AND CONTENTMENT**



2024-25 COURSE SUCCESS RATES: WE'RE IN THE MIX, BUT THERE'S ROOM TO GROW



72.3%



**LONG BEACH
CITY COLLEGE**

70.9%



70.7%



**CERRITOS
COLLEGE**

**2024-25 COURSE SUCCESS RATES:
WE'RE IN THE MIX,
BUT THERE'S ROOM TO GROW**





Braveheart (3/9) Movie CLIP - They Will Never Take Our Freedom (1995) HD



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CERRITOS COLLEGE

10 YEARS OF TRANSFORMATION TOGETHER

The central graphic is a large, stylized logo for Cerritos College. It features a blue background with a white silhouette of a person climbing a mountain peak. The person is carrying a backpack and holding a flag on a pole. The mountain peak is also white and has a yellow flag on top. The logo is set against a background of a blue sky with white clouds. The text "CERRITOS COLLEGE" is written in large, bold, yellow letters at the top, and "10 YEARS OF TRANSFORMATION TOGETHER" is written in large, bold, yellow letters at the bottom.