



# Cerritos College



*In Recognition  
of Our  
Retirees*

*2018*



*Ray Algieri – 31 Years of Service*

Ray Algieri began his full-time employment with the district on September 15, 1986 as an Electronics Equipment Technician in the Technology Division. Ray enjoyed helping the students, building electronic circuits and fixing the equipment. In 2001 he joined the Information Technology Department as Senior Technical Support Specialist. Ray has dedicated his career to improving the education of students by supporting faculty and maintaining many computers labs throughout our campus. Thanks to Ray's dedication and hard work, the Counselling Department has been able to meet the demands of our student's year after year. During his retirement, Ray is looking forward to spending more time with his wife and two dogs as well as dedicating more time to restoring his 1971 Plymouth Barracuda and building large salt water aquariums.

*Carlos Arce – 27 Years of Service*

Carlos Arce joined Cerritos College in 1991. Delighting and inspiring his students for nearly three decades, Carlos is best loved as an exuberant, playful, and devoted Professor of Spanish. His many other contributions to campus include serving many terms on the Faculty Senate, participating in and later chairing the hiring standards committee, leading the campus's integration of computer-enhanced instruction, advising the MECHA de Cerritos student club, and working with the Cerritos College Faculty Federation as a faculty liaison. More recently, Carlos led the effort to revitalize the Chicano Studies Program

*Amparo Atherton - 31 Years of Service*

Amparo Atherton has helped countless faculty in her capacity as an Educational Technology Trainer at the Center for Teaching Excellence (CTX). She started her career at Cerritos College in the Reading Center in Fall 1986, before moving on to the Innovation Center, and finally, the CTX. She has been the lifeblood of the CTX since its inception in 2012 and is one of the primary reasons the CTX has become recognized state-wide for its success in providing faculty with quality professional development. Amparo is willing to go the extra mile to help faculty. Her commitment to the college is exemplified in her offer to return to volunteer in the CTX after retirement! She will be dearly missed and we are all appreciative of her dedication to her colleagues and the college.

*Connie Boardman – 26 years*

Connie Boardman was hired full-time in 1991 after teaching anatomy and physiology as an adjunct for two years. Over the years, she taught anatomy and physiology, biology, and botany classes. She served on Faculty Senate, and as the department chair of the biology department. Connie was also a faculty advisor for the Wilderness Club and took students on monthly hikes, a weekend camping trip in the fall, and a 5-day trip over spring break because she felt it was important to get our students out in nature. She also offered her Biology 120 and Botany students a small amount of extra credit for going out to the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve to help restore the area by planting native plants, to stress the importance of community service. In 2015, Connie was appointed the dean of the SEM division. She still believes teaching at Cerritos is the best job in the world.

*Sue Boss – 18 Years of Service*

Sue Boss was initially hired as an adult hourly before obtaining full-time employment on August 12, 1999 in the Admissions and Records department. Sue's areas of expertise include admission, records, the College Bridge (formally known as Veysey program), currently known as CCAP and Non-CCAP program. Additionally she ensures that the semester grade rosters are collected and faculty have a friendly face to contact with questions and concerns. In July 2015, she was successfully reclassified to her current position as Admissions and Records Technician II. Sue is a resource and trainer for many adult and student hourly personnel and is an excellent resource for the Cerritos College student population.

*Karen Boyce – 28 Years of Service*

Karen Boyce has worked in the Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS) Department since 1990. Prior to her full-time position with DSPS, she also worked on a part-time basis. Her work in the Test Proctoring area involves excellent interpersonal skills with students and faculty. She assures faculty the exams are highly secure. Karen is especially skilled in helping reduce the student's test anxiety and feel comfortable. Her attention to detail keeps the "work-flow" going smoothly even during the busiest of times such as finals exams. Karen knows how to be a "team-player" and works with many other campus departments. She is well-known by the Assessment Center and coordinates with Facilities at the beginning of each semester to secure special furniture for students with disabilities. Karen is extremely knowledgeable and capable to assure that DSPS testing accommodations maintain the highest level of integrity and meet all legal mandates. Karen has many plans for retirement, but none more important than spending time with her "darling" grand-baby.

*Craig Breit – 33 Years of Service*

Craig Breit began his full-time employment with the District in 1985. He initially started his academic career as an adjunct then was tenured as a faculty member in the Theater Department where he taught a variety of courses including radio production classes. Craig is a caring instructor whose wit and talent as a broadcaster brought the college much praise from his colleagues and students. He inspired a generation of radio students to pursue their dreams. His dedication to the college extends through his leadership in Academic Senate, CCFF, and heading numerous committees that included hiring senior administrators and presidents. The well-known radio host, Ira Glass is quoted as saying "In radio, you have two tools, sound and silence." Craig commands both equally well. He was recognized as an Outstanding Faculty Award recipient in 2016-2017. Craig's timing is impeccable and his influence will have a lasting impact on our college.

*Robin Brugger – 38 Years of Service*

Robin Brugger has had a long career in Library service. She began working for Cerritos College in 1980 in the Business Division and Health Occupations Division before settling into the Library in 1986 as a Library Technical Clerk, on the front line serving students in the Library and later responsible for the periodicals collection. Since that time, there has been a literal revolution in periodicals management and access, and Robin has been along for the ride from the beginning, retraining to become proficient with online periodical databases and library automation that occurred beginning in the mid-1990s. She concludes her service as an Assistant Buyer, responsible for the wide-array of periodical databases and subscriptions that provide thousands of students with the information they need to complete their class assignments on a daily basis, 24-7. Her job is critical to student success, and she has performed it spectacularly throughout her career. She has adapted to and assisted with technological change on monumental levels, and provides a sense of humor throughout all of it. Robin is appreciated by her colleagues and will be missed.

*Lynn Cavallaro – 28 Years of Service*

When Lynn Cavallaro joined the Liberal Arts division as a tenure-track English professor in 1990, she had already been teaching at the college for five years as an adjunct instructor. Her outstanding rapport with her students has been one of her finest assets. Throughout her career, Lynn participated in my projects, committees and celebrations for our students. She worked with the Cerritos College Foundation to fund her students to attend plays, many of whom had never before had the chance to attend the theater. In addition, she exposed students to cultural enrichment related to her classes, such as the holdings of the Huntington Library, the Getty Museum, and the Museum of Remembrance. Lynn brought an undeniable joy and light to learning, a magic that students, staff, and colleagues all know and cherish.

*Graham Chalmers – 27 Years of Service*

Graham Chalmers started teaching in Canada and taught high school level mathematics to adults. He was a Teaching Assistant at U.C. Berkeley, had a temporary position at the University of Hawaii, and taught at Cal State Long Beach and various community colleges before finally settling at Cerritos College as a full-time instructor in 1991. Professor Chalmers commented, "Teaching at Cerritos has been a great experience, including the opportunity to teach many wonderful students, and I am sad that this will come to an end as a full-time activity, and I will miss the regular contact with my colleagues." He looks forward to spending more time with his son and three granddaughters.

*Pam Chambers – 22 Years of Services*

Pam Chambers has been a valued member of the Cerritos College family since 1996. After serving as an hourly employee, she began full-time in the Liberal Arts Division as a Typist Clerk and transferred to Academic Affairs as a Secretary Clerk in 1998. She worked as a Curriculum Assistant in Academic Affairs Office from 2003 to 2015. For the past three years, Pam has been responsible for the Welcome Center where she uses her extensive knowledge of the campus and friendly disposition to help first-time visitors to the campus.

*Jean Chambers – 28 Years of Service*

Jean Chambers began her full-time employment with the district in May 1990 as an Accounting Clerk in the Financial Aid department. She is responsible for financial aid disbursements, returning funds to the Department of Education, and notifying students of any debts they have incurred. She is the historian in the office with financial aid data charts from the 1980's to the present. She likes to remind us that we had about 1,000 students on the Pell grant when she started working and disbursed to each of them manually. We now have over 10,000 students on the Pell grant. She is also known for her interesting news article and/or fact of the day. Jean is admired most for her dedication, work ethic, and generosity and was selected as 2010-2011 Classified Employee of the Year. During retirement, she will have more time for several of her passions which include crocheting, reading, animals, and traveling.

*Marcia Chaney – 32 Years of Service*

Marcia Chaney began her career at Cerritos College in the Financial Aid Office in November 1985. She promoted to EOPS Specialist and has served as a liaison between the two departments. Marcia has been instrumental in the implementation and development of the Cooperating Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) program. She has assisted thousands of single, head of household, CalWORKs/TANF recipient parents understand the value of education and empowered them to be self-sufficient and break the cycle of poverty. Marcia's supportive nature, patience and genuine interest in the well-being of students is truly an inspiration and will be missed.

*Mary Clarke – 38 Years of Service*

Mary Clarke joined the Cerritos College faculty full-time in 1980. She is passionate about the intrinsic beauty of mathematics and her enthusiasm in the field is contagious. She has taught the full spectrum of mathematics courses offered at the college with inexhaustible energy and dedication, convinced that every student can experience the joy of understanding the amazing patterns, logic, and connections embodied in the study of mathematics. For over 38 years, she has immersed her students in the exciting world of Fibonacci numbers, the golden ratio and calculus. Although she has served on committees, developed courses and conducted workshops, her first love has been and continues to be the students and classroom. In 2002-2003 Mary was recognized as an Outstanding Faculty Award recipient for her dedication and commitment to our students.

*Geraldine Codd – 21 Years of Service*

Geri Codd began her career in the Reading department in 1997. She stimulated lively, interactive discussions in her classrooms, empowered her students by encouraging them to take ownership of their learning and establish high standards for personal success. Her impressive work within the classroom was matched by her considerable contributions outside of the classroom. Geri is a strong advocate for our students and has been instrumental in the development of many specialty programs. In addition, she has served on numerous committees. Geri has been recognized for her hard work and dedication by receiving an Outstanding Leadership Award as part of the Teacher TRAC team from the Chair Academy; as an Outstanding Partner from both the Norwalk-La Mirada and ABC Unified School Districts, and, in 2004, as an Outstanding Faculty member.

*Dr. Jan Connal – 39 Years of Service*

Dr. Jan Connal began working at Cerritos College on September 9, 1979 as the Director of Instructional Research. She has served in many capacities including Director of Research and Development, Dean of Educational Support Services and Dean of Institutional Advancement. On July 1, 1999 Dr. Connal became a Counselor in the Counseling Department. Since then she has served as Transfer Center Director, the 3CSN Liaison, Region 8 Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) Liaison, coordinator for the faculty inquiry project, Carnegie Foundation participant, and has served many years as the SLO Coordinator in many areas on campus. In addition, she has also served as an adjunct instructor in education and has had a more recent focus on Habits of Mind and Growth Mindset. Dr. Connal's future focus will become addressing Service Learning with 3CSN for community based learning.

*Ernesto Cordova – 16 Years of Service*

Ernesto Cordova taught as an adjunct instructor in the Math Department prior to being hired full-time in August 2002. Teaching at Cerritos was a second career for him. He worked for Oscar Mayer Foods for 12 years, and found himself looking for another job because the company closed its local branch in 1991. Ernesto decided to go back to school to further his education. Professor Cordova would like the campus to know he is very thankful he was given the opportunity to work at Cerritos College. He states, "It was an honor and privilege working with all the people in the SEM division, but especially with my colleagues in the Math Department. I consider myself extremely lucky, and I will be forever thankful to God, and to the hiring committee that gave me the opportunity to work here at Cerritos College."

*Veronica Cortez – 27 Years of Service*

Veronica Cortez began her employment in January 1991. She has worked in several offices on campus and most recently as Administrative Clerk I in the Admissions, Records & Services department. Her willingness to support the students, staff and the public has benefited all that work with her. Veronica is patient and caring, and cherishes the time with her children and grandchildren.

*Trudy Dellimagine – 27 Years of Service*

Trudy Dellimagine began working at Cerritos College in 2001 as a Program Facilitator in the Cosmetology department. In 2007, Trudy applied for a lateral transfer to the Community Education department. Her upbeat spirit, her cooking and sharing the culinary delights with us, and her unwavering friendship that she shared with every single employee in her department will be missed.

*Kamal Demian – 21 Years of Service*

Kamal Demian joined Cerritos as an adjunct instructor in 1996 and was hired full-time in 1998. He shares shortcuts to make problems easier and can do insane math tricks such as squaring any number in his head. Kamal donates all the proceeds he receives from a textbook he authored to scholarships for students. Four of his former students are now full-time community college mathematics instructors because of Kamal's encouragement. He continues to mentor them to this day. Kamal has twice been named an Outstanding Faculty Member, with the latest recognition being this year. On May 22, he will be acknowledged by UC Irvine at their Educator Recognition Event. A former student identified him as the teacher who had the most significant impact on the student's academic performance and successful entrance into UCI.

*Arcely Donnell – 16 Years of Service*

In November 2001, Arcely Donnell was hired as a Budget Analyst in the Fiscal Services Office. She has been instrumental in helping develop the annual budgets for the entire campus. Her personal attributes contribute greatly to the successful daily operation of the budget department and she never hesitates to go above and beyond the call of duty to complete her job with perfection and the highest level of professionalism. She has made a great impact on her colleagues and we will definitely miss her friendly nature, cheerful demeanor and positive attitude. Arcely is actively involved in the Charismatic Prayer Community at the Holy Family Catholic Church. Some of her other interests include taking Zumba classes on campus, taking walks, spending time with her dog Miguel and travelling within the United States with her husband.

*Michael Farina – 29 Years of Service*

Michael Farina was born and raised locally, and is a proud graduate of Cerritos College. After working full-time in the corporate world, he was hired as a full-time Accounting instructor in August 1989. Michael served as co-chair of his department for over 20 years, and as a member of the CCFF Executive Board for four years. During his tenure at Cerritos, he has taught ten different courses, and originated the highly popular QuickBooks and Retirement Planning and Investing courses. He is highly respected by students and fellow faculty was named Outstanding Faculty in 2008, 2015, and 2018. He is proud to have been a member of the CCFF negotiating team where he and Dr. Namala were instrumental in getting part-timers, for the first time in 50 years, three pay columns rather than just one. Michael enjoys spending time with his family, sports, and wine tasting.

*Susan Fuschetto – 18 Years of Service*

Susan Fuschetto is a proud alumnus of Cerritos College. She earned an Associate's degree in Data Processing Programming while working full-time. While continuing to full-time and go to school she earned her bachelor's and master's degrees. Susan worked for universities, government, aerospace and automotive industries for about 20 years. At Cerritos College, she was an adjunct instructor ten years before becoming full-time in fall 2000. She taught many Computer and Information Sciences (CIS) classes, however her primary focus was the Systems Analysis and Design; Project Management for Information Technology, Microsoft Project, and Excel courses. She served on several committees and participated on several campus projects. Susan also co-chaired the CIS department and was the CIS Hispanic Serving Institution-STEM Grant Coordinator.

*Ken Gaylord - 28 Years of Service*

Ken Gaylord is the latest in a line of great baseball coaches at Cerritos College and has carried that mantle well. In his 26 years coaching and under his leadership, our baseball team he has an overall record of 644 wins, 161 losses, and 6 ties. He has guided the team to 12 conference championships and appeared in the Southern California regionals 19 times. In 1995 his team was the state runner up. His effective mentoring and academic emphasis has led to 170 of his student-athletes to earn university baseball scholarships in which 52 went on to play professional baseball and 24 went on to coach baseball. He has been named Conference Coach of the Year six times. This season he is having one of his best years ever. Coach Gaylord will be sorely missed.

*Don Harkins - Years of Service*

Donald Harkins, began his employment at Cerritos College as an hourly employee and became a full-time Custodian on September 17, 1980. Don worked as a custodian in different areas within campus which he displayed considerable pride and was passionate about his duties. He understood his responsibilities as a senior staff member and was often a mentor to young staff as they began their service to the District.

*Linda Harris – 22 Years of Service*

Linda Harris has been an integral part of the Biology department as the Instructional Laboratory Technician for 24 years. Prior to accepting the position of the Instructional Laboratory Technician, Linda taught part-time for the department, and has continued to do so throughout her career. In addition to being responsible for ordering supplies and equipment needed for the department, preparing materials needed for laboratory exercises, she also made thoughtful suggestions on how to improve the lab experience for students, especially in Biology 120.

*Sally Havice - 43 Years of Service*

A Cerritos College District native, Sally Havice is a Cerritos College alumnus. She was hired as an adjunct instructor in 1973 and subsequently hired full-time in September 1975. She taught in the Speech, Spanish and the English departments. From the beginning of her career, Sally has been a role model and inspiration for women, people-of-color, and a fierce advocate for equity and social justice. Sally served as a faculty advisor for student clubs and served on numerous committees throughout her career. In addition, Sally has been an active member in her community serving on the ABC Unified Board of Education and as a member of a variety of committees. In 1996, she was elected to the California State Assembly, where she served for three terms and she authored legislation that benefitted students across the state. As Chair of the assembly on Public Employees' Retirement and Social Security Committee, she authored and shepherded through legislation to increase PERS employees' retirement to 2.5% per year. In retirement, Sally plans to expand her language tutorial service for low-income children and visit family members who live throughout the country.

*Suzy Heapy - 36 Years of Service*

Suzy Heapy began her career as a substitute secretary, moving from office to office across campus, meeting new people, and learning about the college before landing full-time in Student Activities in 1982. There, she worked with clubs and organizations, planning events, concerts, dancing, and activities - it was her dream job! She found a second dream job when she moved to Community Education and worked with enrichment programs, children's programs, and travel. In 2011, Suzy was instrumental in the start up the Student Success Division, where she learned, memorized, dreamed about, and understood her role in student success and the seven circles. Her sense of humor, hard work, intelligence, and knowledge are vital to the smooth functioning of the area. In her retirement, Suzy plans to enjoy time traveling with her husband and two boys.

*Woodrow "Woody" Hendricks - 6 Years of Service*

Woody Hendricks was hired a Senior Application Analyst in the Information Technology department October 2011. His primary focus has been on supporting Human Resources and Payroll in which he pays immense attention to detail and is tenacious about his projects. He is always eager to learn new technology. During his retirement, Woody plans to spend more time seeing his grandson and traveling with his wife Lynn.

*James Henriques - 30 Years of Service*

Jim Henriques began his full time teaching career in the Physics-Astronomy Department in 1988, after working as an adjunct for a year. Jim was one of the first instructors that introduced computers in the classroom. He injected technology in the everyday life of the Physics, Astronomy and Engineering department. He also rewrote and updated the lab manuals for all the physics classes, and has served as Department Chair. Jim developed the Physics 112 class for our Teacher TRAC students from the ground up. He provides the lab manuals needed by physics students on his website. Students have been accessing materials for their classes free of charge for at least 15 years. In his free time, Jim plays in a band called "ScienceNV" and they will be releasing a new CD soon.

*Jayananda Hiranandani – 26 Years of Service*

After holding high ranking industrial positions and teaching adjunct at several community colleges, Jayananda Hiranandani made his way to Cerritos College to become an engineering design technology instructor 1992. He brought with him rich experience in manufacturing engineering and is considered to be one of the Computer Assisted Design pioneers in the automotive and electronics enclosures industry. He was the first to introduce classes on solid modeling as well as significantly advanced the AutoDesk educational product offerings on our campus. Jaya educated numerous engineers and engineering technologists, many of which hold leading positions in local defense, aerospace and medical device industries, engineering education and are adjunct faculty at Cerritos College. Most recently Jaya was involved with teaching 'Project Lead the Way' Classes, and obtained his certification from the organization. He was loved by his students, and was the recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Award. Over the years, Jaya was involved in many campus activities promoting his department and the engineering design profession at large, and participated in many different committees and events.

*Dr. Stephen Johnson – 12 Years of Service*

Dr. Stephen Johnson retires after a 37-year career in education, which has featured both administrative and teaching assignments. Prior to arriving at Cerritos College, Dr. Johnson held positions at three community colleges in San Diego County, Mira Costa College, and Pasadena City College. Dr. Johnson joined the Cerritos College family on August 1, 2005 and has overseen the Student Services departments with professionalism and focus. He has fostered an environment where people are committed to doing the right thing for students. Many students have benefited from Dr. Johnson's caring demeanor and advice. He is well-liked by his staff and colleagues and will be truly missed by all on our campus. Dr. Johnson's service to the college is appreciated and the college wishes him the best in his retirement.

*Alice Kusumoto – 12 Years of Service*

After working as a nurse at St. Mary Medical Center and substitute teacher in the Bellflower Unified School District, Alice made her way to Cerritos College to become the Health Occupations Skills Lab Coordinator in January 2006. She has been commended for taking initiative to develop services and tools which benefit students and staff. She was recently recognized by the spring 2018 nursing graduating class for her personal interest in maintaining the brand new appearance of the Skills Lab, for her hard work during the recent remodeling of the skills lab, and most importantly for her dedication to the students. In addition to her dedicated work in the skills lab, she has taught part-time both the Medical Assisting and Nursing programs. Upon retirement, Alice plans to work in her garden, travel, and spend quality time with her family.

*Ana Maria Marques – 10 Years of Service*

Ana Marquez has been the graveyard Dispatcher since January 2008. As the first point of contact for the police department, Ana always represented the department in a positive, professional manner greeting each caller or visitor with an infectious smile and willingness to provide whatever assistance was needed. She treated the officers and cadets as family and did everything in her power to insure they were safe, by providing them with the necessary resources to do their jobs. In addition to her dispatching responsibilities, Ana was responsible for many collateral duties such as, managing the college's driver's clearance list, maintaining and updating the dispatch and report logs, sales of parking permits and utilizing confidential law enforcement data bases. She has touched many lives in her role and her dedication to the college and the department will be missed.

*Sala Mauinatu – 28 years of Service*

Sala Mauinatu began her full-time employment with the district in 1989 in the Liberal Arts division as a Typist Clerk and promoted within the division as an Intermediate Typist Clerk and Division Secretary. In 2011, she was promoted to Instructional Scheduling Specialist, where she provides specialized technical and logistics support to the development of the schedule of classes and other college publications. Sala is always courteous and polite to everyone that comes into the office, and her thoughtful, steady approach to her work has been appreciated by those who work with her. Her dedication, knowledge, expertise and love of Cerritos College will be extremely missed. In her retirement, Sala plans to move to Las Vegas, visit the casinos from time to time, travel, and spend more quality time with her 5 children, 16 grandchildren, and her only furry grandson, Baron Davis Peasley.

*Frank Mazzotta – 42 Years of Service*

It is unprecedented to have a California Community College Football Coach be at the same college for 42 years. Frank Mazzotta has orchestrated the development and maintained one of the top football programs in the state. His game statistics are phenomenal ending his career with an overall record of 255 wins, 161 losses, and 6 ties. He has guided his teams to seven conference championships and participated in 21 post-season bowl games with a 12 wins and 9 loss record. However, his greatest accomplishment may be in his ability to mentor his student-athletes and motivate them to excel in life and academic skills. His off the field accomplishments include 546 of his players received university football scholarships, 31 of them went on to play in the NFL and more than 60 of them went on to become football coaches. He has been a positive influence and has changed the lives of thousands of Cerritos College football players over the years. Coach Mazzotta will be sorely missed.

*Alfonse Mejia - 30 Years of Service*

Al Mejia began his full-time employment in June of 1988 as a Programmer Analyst and is currently a Senior Applications Analyst in the Information Technology department. He is an outstanding employee that is always dedicated to the success of any project he touches and is always willing to take on the most technically challenging projects. Al generates the college's apportionment report, which is our single most critical report generated. He added support for Student Financials, Student Records, Academic Advising, Catalog and Schedule, Apportionment Report, Electronic Transcripts, Assessment, Data Warehouse and Payroll. He always made himself available to take emergency calls or requests during his personal time off. Al is equally dedicated to his wife Georgina and his family. His new career will be Grandchild Babysitter, Home Improvement guy and Motorcycle bum.

*Antonio Melo - 31 Years of Service*

Antonio "Tony" Melo began his employment on April 27, 1987 as a custodian and worked in various buildings across campus. He was a dedicated, hardworking custodian who went about his work day quietly and amicably. Tony was consistent, reliable and thorough in his duties and displayed remarkable steady attendance throughout his career.

*Ron "Nick" Metz - 27 Years of Service*

Nick Metz has provided service to students as a Library Technical Clerk since fall 1990. Nick was responsible for maintaining the order of the library's collection of over 100,000 print book titles (which is no small feat) and organizing checkout of these vital resources to Cerritos College students. Nick also organized and processed the Library's large reserve textbook collection, which is a lifeline to students who cannot afford expensive textbooks. Nick provided excellent customer service to students at the Circulation Desk. Nick frequently had a smile and a laugh and was always willing to share his wife's delicious baklava dessert at potlucks with his colleagues. Nick trained many part-time employees who went on to full-time classified and faculty employees at Cerritos College. Family and faith have always been important to Nick. His ear-to-ear smile will be missed, but we are happy that he will have more time to share that smile with his family.

*Alice Miller- 33 Years of Service*

Alice Miller joined the Reading department in 1986, distinguishing herself from the outset with innovative and creative ideas, particular concerning the integration of newly emerging computer-assisted instruction by securing funding which resulted in the first Reading Center Computer Lab. An energetic instructor with infectious enthusiasm, Alice developed well-planned classroom activities making use of the most current technology, evolving with technology from overhead transparencies and audio tapes to online forums and the Internet. An active member of the Reading department, Alice made innumerable contributions to the department in Program Review, the development of Student Learning Outcomes, and in the development of new curriculum.

*Gloria Morales – 19 Years of Service*

Gloria Morales began her employment as a full-time counselor on July 1, 1999. Prior to joining Cerritos College, she worked as a counselor in the UCLA academic advancement program and at Leeward Community College in Hawaii. Gloria has coordinated in-person orientations for the department, served as Teacher TRAC counselor and Court to College counselor. She has a heart for working with all students and ensuring that their overall needs are met and will be missed.

*Vykki Morgan – 26 Years of Service*

Vykki Morgan began her full-time employment at Cerritos College in August 1992. Prior to being hired at Cerritos College, she worked as an official court reporter. Vykki loves working with students and especially being able to create online classes and materials for students. Students enjoy taking her courses because she is knowledgeable, responsive, and always positive. The Court Reporting program was a series of challenging courses. Currently, Professor Morgan is the department chair of Educational Technology. She has diverse knowledge and skills including the design and development of online coursework and has been an inspiration to other faculty on campus working towards developing online resources.

*David Mussaw – 28 Years of Service*

David Mussaw began his full-time employment with the district on November 6, 1989 as an Instructional Aide in the Technology Division CAD labs where he was tasked with providing support for students and faculty in the labs. In 2011, he joined the Information Technology department as Senior Technical Support Specialist. Dave's support areas include the Physical Science & Technology and Fine Arts buildings. He also has provided support for the largest computer lab in the Learning Resource Center. With a calm and friendly demeanor, he is always willing to go the extra mile to ensure the work gets done his department. Dave looks forward enjoying his retirement and spending more time with his family.

*Glen Myer – 8 Years of Service*

In August 2003, Glen Myer began his employment with the college as an adjunct instructor/assistant coach for Water Polo and Swim. On July 1, 2010, he was hired as Pool Maintenance Technician, while continuing his coaching duties. Glen could be considered a "waterman" at Cerritos College. While serving as an assistant coach for the water polo and swim teams, he also oversaw the summer "Learn to Swim" program for Community Education, and served as the steward of the new Aquatics Center. Glen took immense pride in the new pools, and that pride was evident in the pool condition and operation. Often cited as the cleanest pool in Southern California, it was due to Glen's tireless attention to detail and workmanship at the Aquatics Center. Due to his dedication and commitment, Glen was recognized as an Outstanding Faculty Award recipient in 2007-2008.

*Bernie Negrete – 37 Years of Service*

Computer and Information Sciences Professor Bernie Negrete has been teaching at Cerritos College since 1981. He has served on a host of college committees, and on Faculty Senate. About his career at Cerritos, Bernie stated, "I've always considered myself lucky to spend my time in the classroom and to be able to call so many talented people, staff, faculty and management, across our campus, colleagues. I'm just a guy that has tried to come to work every day and do the best I could with the time and resources provided. It's been a good run and now it's time to turn the page. Thank you Cerritos College for an excellent life." His colleagues at the college say he's been much more than "just a guy", and appreciate his service to his students, and the college.

*Doreen Pagano – 30 Years of Service*

In March 1986, Doreen Pagano was hired as an hourly employee. She subsequently was hired full-time in September 1988 and has worked in several offices on campus. She currently works as a Game Room Assistant in Student Activities, making the game room a fun and safe experience for students. Beyond her role, Doreen has always volunteered to help out her colleagues and has supported the implementation of important campus traditions such as Homecoming, Student Government Elections, Senior Preview Day, and Commencement. She always kept the student's best interest at heart, and created a community in the Game Room. Her team will miss the special dynamic she added to the group, and wishes her the best in her new adventures.

*Steve Portigal – 27 Years of Service*

After 27 years of service, Steven Portigal retires from Cerritos College as a dedicated educator, gifted ceramicist, and respected colleague. Artist Paul Klee's famous line about "art not reproducing the visible but makes visible" seems appropriate when thinking about the career of an artist-teacher. Professor Portigal throughout his tenure saw great potential in his students and created the professional standards necessary to establish one of the premier ceramics programs in Southern California. He helped numerous art students sculpt and master the potter's wheel. He saw the need and created a world-class ceramics facility for the college. Even when confronting the challenges of academic, Steve maintains a sense of camaraderie and collegiality. Steve was selected as an Outstanding Faculty member in 1993-94. His colleagues and students wish him all the best.

*Ingeborg Potter – 39 Years of Service*

Since 1979, when she first began teaching German, Inge Potter has been the heart, soul, and driving force of the German Program. Prior to being hired full-time, Inge was employed as an adjunct instructor in 1974. A master teacher, Inge cultivated an ideal classroom environment, which not only provided students with rich and varied instruction, but also maintained high expectations for her students. Her classes were rigorous, but she provided students with clear pathways and support to master German. She served as Chair of the Foreign Languages Department for 14 years, and in collaboration with the Schiller Internatthurional University, implemented a Study Abroad program. In 1997-1998, Inge was recognized as an Outstanding Faculty Award recipient.

*Robin Preece – 17 Years of Service*

After starting her family, Robin returned to Cerritos College in 1998 as a mother of two, working towards completing her degree which she did accomplish. While taking classes, Robin was offered an hourly part-time position in the Community Education department. She began helping out in the College for Youth summer program, and then worked as part of the Saturday crew. In 2000, she obtained a full-time position as a Registrar. Since then she has promoted to Program Assistant I, Administrative Clerk II and her current position of Administrative Clerk III. In October 2010, she was selected as Employee of the Month for her hard work and dedication. During her retirement, she will be moving to Oregon in the near future, where her two daughters and their families are now living, and she will have plenty of time to spend with her new twin grandbabies.

*John Reeves – 31 Years of Service*

John “J.R.” Reeves joined the Facilities department on June 8, 1987 and has given the college 31 years of dedicated service. He initially joined the college as a Maintenance Mechanic and was promoted to a Skilled Maintenance Plumber position in 2008. He always takes time to ensure that each task is completed and has always been available to respond campus emergencies. In 2012, JR played an important role in the renovation of 50 plus restrooms by providing his plumbing skills removing and installing fixtures to modernize the facilities.

*Evangelina Reichwein – 12 Years of Service*

Vangie Reichwein began her employment with the district in May 2006. Prior to joining us at Cerritos, Vangie worked for Northrop Grumman, and in the medical field. Everyone in the SEM Division appreciates Vangie’s warmth and dedication to our students. Vangie takes extra time to make sure students get their questions addressed, and has often personally walked students to different areas on campus to be sure they are getting the assistance they need. Her commitment to our students and their success was recognized in 2008 when she was awarded an Outstanding Employee of the Month Award. As Project Coordinator/Program Assistant for the HSI-STEM grant, she was deeply involved in the successful projects funded by the grant. Vangie is devoted to her family, and takes great delight in her grandchildren.

*Steve Richardson – 18 Years of Service*

Steve Richardson began his employment with Cerritos College as the Executive Director of the Foundation on January 3, 2000. Under his leadership, the Foundation has experienced significant growth in scholarships awarded, revenue generated and assets managed. He has formed many partnerships that have benefitted our students. Prior to assuming his role at the Cerritos College Foundation, Steve served as a turn-around management consultant to for-profit and non-profit organizations for 15 years. He leads seminars and workshops on crisis/change management, leadership, board management, and maximizing organizational effectiveness. During his retirement, Steve will have more time to explore his passions, including writing books, consulting, golfing and spending time with his family. His service to the college is appreciated and the college wishes him the best in his retirement.

*Anita Rios – 27 Years of Service*

Anita Rios has been a loyal Falcon for over 30 years. She was hired as an adult hourly then was subsequently hired at a full-time classified employee in October 1990. In 2005 she was promoted to her current position of Administrative Assistant (Confidential) to the Vice President of Student Services/Assistant Superintendent. In addition to managing the day-to-day responsibilities, she has been instrumental in the organization and preparation of the wrap-around (non-course listings) of the annual college catalog and the fall, spring, and summer class schedules. Her recognitions include twice being named Classified Employee of the Month and being trusted, appreciated, and respected campus-wide. Though her professional work has been very impressive, it is her family that is top priority. Anita enjoys spending time with husband, three daughters and six grandchildren. In retirement she looks forward to spending time with her family as well as enjoying family outings and celebrations.

*Charlie Robertson – Years of Service*

Charlie Robertson has been an instructor in the Automotive Collision Repair department since 1994 and has been instrumental in developing the facility and equipment to increase both productivity and student success. His diverse interests within the field challenges students to take on projects to advance their learning. Charlie's main focus has been student success. He wrote and implemented many courses and instigated three new degree programs in areas of body and refinishing technicians and estimating/management specialists. He maintained close relationships with automotive industry and created new programs. Charlie was also a pioneer in online teaching for technical trades in the Technology division. He taught over 6,000 students during his tenure. Many of those students many have gone on to become success stories in the automotive industry. Charlie's commitment and dedication will be missed.

*Cheryl Shimazu – 29 Years of Service*

Cheryl Shimazu came as a chemistry instructor in 1989, after working as an industrial chemist. She has been an active member of our campus community. She served on the Academic Excellence Awards Committee for years and delights in celebrating the achievements of our students. She was involved in establishing the Scholars' Honors Program, Teacher TRAC Program, and iFalcon and Habits of Mind campaign. Cheryl was recognized for her commitment to our college and her excellence in teaching when she was named an Outstanding Faculty member in 2000 and 2009.

*Dr. Dan Smith – 15 years*

In 2002 Dr. Dan Smith came to Cerritos College from Nanyang Technical University in Singapore, where he coordinated the Masters of Science Program in Exercise and Sport Studies within the Division of Physical Education and Sport Science. In June 2013 he completed a term as President of the California Community College Athletic Directors Association and in 2015 he was selected by this organization as their annual award recipient. Dr. Smith is currently a member of the Management Council of the California Community College Athletic Association as the state men's basketball representative. Dr. Smith's commitment to excellence is evident in all the departments of the Division of Health, Physical Education, Dance, and Athletics.

*Barbara Soden – 31 Years of Service*

Barbara Soden graduated with a Masters of Business Education degree from Marywood University with her mom in 1981 and had the pleasure of teaching with her at Wilkes-Barre Business School for 13 years. She started with Cerritos College in 1987 and was co-department chair by 1989 and has been in that position for 27 years. Professor Soden was highly talented in that she could figure out new programs, often volunteered to be a “user” while the programs got off the ground and on her own time, she volunteered to assist faculty in the division with eLumen, program review plus, and canvas. In 2010, she received the Faculty Senate Award, which she considers a great honor.

*William “Bill” F. Sparks, Jr. – 23 Years of Service*

Bill Sparks has been a full-time faculty member at Cerritos College since the Fall Semester of 1995. Prior to teaching at Cerritos, he taught speech courses at numerous universities and community colleges. He was known as a regional leader in Forensics and coached his teams to numerous championships. Bill participated on many shared governance committees including multiple terms on the Faculty Senate and was recognized as Outstanding Senator of the Year in 2008. In the classroom, Bill lessons demonstrate not only vast experience, knowledge, and expertise in teaching communication, but also his devotion to his students which led him to be recognized as the 2014-15 Most Outstanding Faculty of the Year.

*Peggy Stuart – 23 years of Service*

After her nursing career working as a medical-surgical nurse then with mentally ill patients, Peggy Stuart applied and began her teaching career at Cerritos College in fall 1995. Her primary lecture and clinical responsibilities are in the Psychiatric Nursing rotation. She demonstrates passion, compassion, and true interest in the care of the mentally ill population. She is able to maintain an upbeat, positive attitude in a clinical rotation that can be scary and overwhelming for students. She builds their confidence, helping students see clients as human beings with strengths rather than deficiencies. Peggy’s assignment included a 12-hour clinical day, and sometimes two 12-hour days. Students love her “real world stories” and find her lectures entertaining and engaging. She has a great rapport with students, faculty, and staff. Upon retirement, Peggy says she will be thankful to sleep in and never wake up at 4:45 a.m. again!

*Bruce Tanner – 45 Years of Service*

Bruce Tanner began his full-time employment in June of 1973 as Senior Operator/ TOPS-10 System Administrator with various titles along the way: Senior Systems Programmer/ System Administrator and is currently a Senior Network Administrator in the Information Technology department. He produces outstanding quality of work and provides insight and strategic direction. In addition to VMS administration, network support, security, firewall, SAN administration, VMware and Wi-Fi, Bruce also wrote applications including: Rosters+, Schedule+, Counseling+, Parking+, Lookup+, and Orientation+. He is an outstanding employee and is extremely knowledgeable on a vast number of topics. During his retirement, Bruce plans to travel with his wife Varutai.

*Marcia Taylor – 41 Years of Service*

Marcia Taylor has spent her entire career in Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS). She started as a part-time employee and then became full-time in 1976. She has a special talent for helping students with disabilities feel comfortable and welcomed. In her current position, Marcia coordinates DSPS data and records to assure reports are on time and meet all required mandates. Her knowledge of the campus and other programs has helped many students succeed in their educational pursuits. Marcia is known for her “networking” skills and is known “everyone” on campus as demonstrated by her willingness to serve on committees and workgroups. Marcia brings her knowledge of the community to the department and helps students with disabilities connect with off campus resources. Her retirement plans include time with family and continued support Cerritos College community.

*Robin Thompson - 34 Years of Service*

Robin Thompson’s contributions to the college have been numerous since she was first hired by the college in 1975. She has worked for many departments including Counseling, Academic Affairs and Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS). Excellence and the highest integrity are standards that she always practices. Robin is highly organized and knows how to ensure that the day-to-day operations are effective and efficient. Robin willingly takes on new challenges and enjoys seeing the success of her efforts. She has been the lead administrative support for the Medi-Cal billing program which provides services to students with disabilities and secures additional funds for the division. Robin is a role model of excellence who will have a long lasting impact on the DSPS department. In retirement, she will enjoy traveling and spending time with her children and many grandchildren.

*Miriam Tolson - 21 Years of Service*

Miriam Tolson joined Cerritos College on August 12, 1996, she has worked in several offices and currently serves as an Administrative Clerk II in the Business Education/Humanities and Social Science division. She has always been willing to give the extra time, do that little bit more, and always with a smile. Her 'behind the scenes' work has not gone unnoticed. Miriam’s calm and professional manner has helped numerous departments across campus.

*Ana Torres-Bower – 26 Years of Service*

Ana Torres-Bower began teaching Philosophy in August 1989 and has been a leader in the learning communities’ initiative at the local, state, and national levels for the past 20 years. She chairs two departments, Philosophy and Women’s and Gender studies, and is strong advocate for both departments and works diligently to bring awareness to each of them. She worked with Business Administration to create an associate’s degree for Women in Business. Her knowledge of pedagogy and curriculum development is highly sought after on campus. During her tenure she also served as the interim dean of Humanities/Social Sciences division. In her spare time, Ana has volunteered to mentor many new faculty hires in the Business/Humanities/Social Science division.

*Jacquelyn Troup – 27 Years of Service*

Jacqueline Troup has been a faculty member since 1991. During this time, she has been an integral part of the Sociology Department where she has taught classes such as Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency, Race/Ethnicity, Cultural Diversity and Social Problems. Her students have gone on to transfer to private schools, UC's and CSU's as well as earn graduate degrees in a variety of fields. Professor Troup has presented research on the criminal justice system at national and international conferences in order to create understandings on how the system works as well as propose reforms for the system.

*Ann Voorhies – 16 Years of Service*

Ann Voorhies began teaching part-time for the Nursing department in fall 2001 and was hired full-time in fall 2002. She served as the Assistant Nursing department chairperson for four years and became the department chair in 2011. During her seven years as the department chair, she has led the nursing department through multiple accreditations. Ann also serves as a Faculty Senator and sits on the Senate Committee on Student Learning Outcomes. Ann is a strong advocate for her nursing discipline and the maintaining of appropriate standards. As a clinical instructor, she was commended by students for leading them through the critical thinking process rather than giving them the answer. She works hard to promote student success in both the classroom and clinical settings. Faculty, staff and students find her easy to approach because of her sense of humor and caring nature. She was recognized as a 2012-2013 Outstanding Faculty Award recipient. During retirement, she looks forward to having relaxing mornings, learning how to exercise and how to mix cocktails, and explore Bora Bora.

*Donna Wedell – 18 years of Service*

In August 2004, Donna Wedell was hired full-time as a Dental Assisting instructor. Prior to being hired full-time, she worked as an adjunct instructor at Cerritos and several other colleges. Donna has played a primary role in the development of the dental assisting curriculum. She works very diligently at building and maintaining the excellence of the Dental Assisting program. Her hard work was recognized by the California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers when Donna was presented the 2015 Hazel O. Torres Excellence in Education Award. She has also served on the Faculty Senate and currently sits on the Senate Committee on Hiring Standards. During retirement, she plans to time with her husband, three children, and four grandchildren. Donna also wants to travel and her first destination will be to Africa to see animals in the wild.

*Ed White – 32 Years of Service*

Known to many across the campus, Ed White served has worked in many positions for the past 32 years. Most recently as the Maintenance Mechanic/Locksmith. In 2004, he served as the interim Facilities Manager for several months. His experience holding many different positions gave him valuable insight into the roles of the District staff and their service to the District. Ed was an active member of CSEA, serving as a CSEA president and a job steward. He contributed greatly to the Facilities department throughout his career, and represented his fellow CSEA staff whenever needed.

*Esther Wilson – 28 Years of Service*

Esther worked with the Cosmetology Department as an instructional aide for over 25 years and simultaneously worked behind the chair in a salon in private industry. As a Regional Occupational Center and Program (ROCP) instructor, she shared her passion for acrylics, nail design and taught basic fundamental of cosmetology. Several students completed the cosmetology program at Cerritos College because of her encouragement and enthusiasm during those ROCP classes. Esther also has a strong commitment to advanced education and attended the Redken Exchange Color Symposium in New York in several occasions. Esther was sought out by the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology Department of Consumer Affairs to be an evaluator of court cases. With her expertise, she evaluated the merit of cases and represented the board at hearings. She also worked for over 17 years with Marinello Schools of Beauty and was a lead with completing all state board documentation for our students. We will miss the mentorship that Esther provided to our students and instructors.

*Jack Wilson – 34 Years of Service*

Jack Wilson has had a long and varied career at Cerritos College, beginning as a student in 1979. He paid an out of state tuition at the time because he had just moved from Iowa. As a student, he worked as an Instructional Aide in the Math Learning Center under Professors John Baley and Martin Holstege. In January 1984, Jack was hired as Senior Systems Analyst Programmer in the Information Technology department. While working as a classified employee, he taught as an adjunct faculty member in the Business Computer Information Systems Department in the Business Education Division for five years, before becoming a full-time faculty member in the Computer Information Systems department in August 1999.



*To all the days here and after  
May they be filled with fond memories, happiness and laughter.*

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