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Cerritos College Opens Free, Trader-Joe's-Style Pantry to Feed Hungry Students

The Falcon's Nest provides food, clothing, hygiene support, and emergency aid

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WHAT: Cerritos College will celebrate the grand opening of The Falcon's Nest, a network of resources that support meeting the basic needs of students, including a free campus food pantry modeled after Trader Joe's with an assortment of healthy, fresh food and vegetables. The Falcon's Nest also offers clothing, hygiene support, emergency aid resources, and housing resources, among other services.



Feeding students and taking care of the community is a hallmark of Cerritos College. In 2017, the College established a partnership with L.A. Regional Food Bank to host monthly food drives on campus. During the pandemic, the College distributed more than **one million pounds of food to 23,000 families** in the region. To date, Cerritos College has fed more than **33,000** students and families since 2017.

Research shows food and housing insecurity is a persistent issue for college students. According to the 2019 #RealCollege Survey Report conducted by The Hope Center, 46 percent of Cerritos College student respondents experienced food insecurity within 30 days before taking the survey. To meet the growing need, the College launched The Falcon's Nest for students facing basic needs insecurity.

The Falcon's Nest is accepting donations of hygiene products, including shampoo, conditioner, socks, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shower gel, soap, deodorant, feminine-care products, and lotion.

More information about The Falcon's Nest and the College's basic needs support services can be found at www.cerritos.edu/falcons-nest.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 1, 11 a.m.

WHERE: Student Center
Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd
Norwalk, CA 90650
Parking available in Lot 1 (no permit necessary)

Campus map: www.cerritos.edu/guide or www.cerritos.edu/google-map.

RSVP: Please [RSVP](#) by February 22

About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs, and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies. Enrollment currently averages 21,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at <http://www.cerritos.edu/>.

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