

Dr. Jose Fierro
President's Message
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Dear Colleagues,

Celebrating the holiday season with our Cerritos College family is a very special occasion for me. It was great to see both new and familiar faces at the holiday reception yesterday afternoon. With over 300 Cerritos College Falcons in attendance, we filled the Student Center and had a great time.

I enjoyed the live entertainment by our Cerritos College instrumental band and drum line, and Culinary Arts wowed us with a spectacular meal. How did you fare in our first-holiday bingo game? It was fun to see everyone interacting with each other to earn those extra raffle tickets. I saw many of you striking a pose at the photo booth; I hope you did not mind me "photobombing" you here and there!

Once again, I am in awe of your generosity during the holiday season. We collected **225 toys and gift cards** for our CARE/CalWORKs/ LINC/Veterans students, surpassing our contributions from last year! I also know that additional gifts were donated directly to the offices. Many of you gave \$1 (or \$1 for each year employed by the district) to contribute to our employee giving campaign. We collected over **\$600** for our students and donations are still rolling in. Thank you for your generosity toward our students and their families.

Did you win one of the **61 drawing prizes** this year? [Click here to see the winners](#) and our donors who gave generously. A special thanks to **Ziba Beauty for giving goodie bags** to all of our employees, too. If you have not received one yet, please stop by the President's Office to get the coupon for a free brow shape at any Ziba Beauty Studio.

Our staff works exceptionally hard on this event every year, and while there are too many individuals to list here, I would like to acknowledge our Culinary Arts staff and students, Facilities staff, our musical performers, Franco Falcon, and last but not least, the many employees who decorated, organized, and set up for the event. Also, please help me thanking Cheryl Thury for the many hours she spent planning this event.

It was a top-notch party. I appreciate all of you for making this a great place to work.

Happy Holidays!

Jose

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