

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT/SUPERINTENDENT PRESIDENT'S CAMPUS UPDATES



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Dear Colleagues,

Chancellor Oakley Visits Cerritos College

On October 23, we had the honor of hosting California Community College Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and his delegation. Dr. Kim Perigo and Bill Rawlings from the Board of Governors; Fermin Villegas, Deputy Council, Michael Quiaoit, Dean of Educational Services and Support, and Gary Alexander, Analyst from the Executive Office, accompanied the Chancellor. During his stop here at Cerritos College, Chancellor Oakley spent time in open discussions with our campus community, including students, staff, administrators, and faculty. [View the short clip of the Chancellor's visit](#)



2019 State of the College: Transforming Lives



We hosted our 2nd annual State of the College on October 30. We highlighted the College's efforts to transform the lives of students and the District's economic impact on the region. Three extraordinary students: Jesus Ayala, Nicole Rodriguez-Cano, and Edgar Romo-Munoz, spoke about how their lives changed after enrolling at Cerritos College. Each of them persevered against tremendous odds to become successful students. We also shared the College's efforts to accelerate student success and the District's effect on economic growth

across the region. [You can read more about the key points online.](#)

Roger Waters and Zarela Martinez Join Professor John Haas' Life Work Global Consortium

As many of you know, History Professor Dr. John Haas has been quite active advocating for world peace and conflict resolution through his global learning community, Global Consortium. John spent two years pitching an idea to interview **Roger Waters** about his political activism. Roger, a founding member of the English rock band **Pink Floyd**, served in the group as a musician, songwriter, and vocalist. John traveled to Hamptons, New York to meet Roger at his home to engage in a broader dialogue. The interview topic



was about Roger's activities related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. John also interviewed culinary legend **Zarela Martinez**, who is currently battling Parkinson's disease with great courage and humor. Zarela introduced fine regional Mexican cuisine to a national and international stage and has continued to blaze trails for more than three decades. John's interview with Zarela was centered around the Mexico-U.S. border issues. Both interviews will be part of his upcoming documentaries. Don't miss John's presentation featuring his interview with **Roger Waters** on **Tuesday, November 5, 11 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. in S201.**

So Many Reasons to Celebrate October



October was a busy month for diversity celebrations and awareness campaigns. **Latinx Heritage Month** celebrated Latin cultures with presentations and performances. **LGBTQ+ History Month** highlighted the history of the LGBTQ+ rights and related civil rights movements. **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** brought attention to the issue of domestic violence and ways to address prevention through a series of workshops and informational sessions. Additionally, **Paint the**

Town in Pink Health Expo and Breast Cancer Awareness Walk helped increase awareness of the disease, promote early detection, and raise funds for breast cancer research and treatment. Thank you to all that organized and participated in these events that promoted awareness, inclusiveness, and diversity.

Thanks,
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