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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for attending Cerritos College's 2022 State of the College on Wednesday, October 12. We are honored to host you and share how our school continues to serve not only our students, but the community as well. From the incredible meal prepared by our nationally ranked Culinary Arts program to the success stories from former and current students, we hope that you enjoyed celebrating their achievements with us.

With over 600,000 residents in the Cerritos Community College District, we value the enormous opportunity we have to effect change and growth within the communities we serve. You may recall that the likelihood of a family member completing a college degree increases with each successive generation of college graduates. That is why we are no longer asking if our students are college-ready; instead, we are asking ourselves if Cerritos College is student-ready.

By refocusing our efforts, we are becoming more responsive to our students' needs so that they can continue to break barriers across all industries of employment. Through initiatives like The Village, Falcon's Nest, and the Metro GoPass program, we aim to provide access to housing, basic needs resources, and transportation services so that students can prioritize their education and improve their own upward social mobility. These efforts – worked on collectively by the staff, faculty, and management of Cerritos College – are driven by our mission to develop culturally competent students with the knowledge, skills, and values that prepare them to be productive members of their local and global communities.

We hope that you enjoyed your time at the State of the College. I encourage you to view the presentation on our State of the College webpage and I am hoping to continue the conversation with each of you as we continue to work together for the communities we serve. Thank you again for your support as we continue to soar to new heights.

Thank you,
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