

December 14, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

I hope all of you had a wonderful time at the Annual Holiday Party last Thursday. The Culinary Arts team went above and beyond this year and prepared a wonderful feast for everyone to enjoy. The student musicians and the Dance department students shone on stage and provided festive holiday entertainment. I would like to thank you for the tremendous support of the Falcon's Nest as well; your donations helped stock the shelves for our students who continue to need our support.



Photo: An large quantity of personal hygiene items donated to the Falcon's Nest along with two student workers.

From what I heard, this year's party was our best attended to date! Sadly, for the first time ever, I was not able to attend. I was quite disappointed to be unable to visit with all of you, however, we all know that rest and isolation is what the doctor orders when we aren't feeling well. I am glad that everyone seemed to have a great time.

You can find a few photos of the party [online](#), and all of the photo booth pictures can be found here: [Pixster Photo Booth](#) (Password is 12082022)

Voters Pass Measure CC for Cerritos College

I would like to thank the voters in our district for approving Cerritos College's \$425 million General Obligation Bond measure in the November 8 election. Measure CC passed with nearly 58 percent of the total votes and will provide much-needed funding for the continued renovation of our 67-year-old campus. We are thankful that voters supported our plan to update our facilities, which will allow us to continue to serve as an essential educational resource for our community. Thank you for the vote of confidence in your community college.

The construction of the Health Services building is currently underway, and with the passage of Measure CC, we are also able to resume construction on the planned Student Services-Administration building. Stay tuned for information regarding the much-anticipated groundbreaking event in the late spring or early summer 2023.

Guided Pathways Update

The Guided Pathways team and I would appreciate your support in helping us increase student awareness of our Learning and Career Pathways (LCPs) by adding a statement to your syllabi next semester. Here's an example, developed by Angela Hoppe Nagao and Traci Ukita, to incorporate or adapt to fit your style:

Finding your Path: Choosing a major can be hard. Find the right program to meet your academic and career goals through our Learning and Career Pathways (LCPs)! Whether you're planning to transfer, earn an associate degree, or develop new skills for the workforce, Cerritos College has a pathway to help you cross the finish line. The programs at Cerritos College are organized into 8 LCPs, based on broad areas of interest. Each LCP has its own Success Team made up of individuals to help you on your journey at Cerritos.

Explore our Learning and Career Pathways to find your path by going to <https://www.cerritos.edu/learningcareerpathways/default.htm>

Additionally, you might consider adding pages to your Canvas shells. Please reach out to Angela Hoppe-Nagao or Traci Ukita for more information.

Free Family Event at Cerritos College – December 10

On Saturday, the college hosted its first-ever holiday meet and greet event in our brand-new Performing Arts Center. We had an amazing turnout of families eager to meet Santa and Franco! The campus train ride was also very popular. We estimated over 400 adults and little ones visiting our campus and for many, it was their first time at Cerritos College. I look forward to seeing this new campus tradition grow in the years to come. This event was part of the Board's goal to invite more of our neighbors to campus to see what Cerritos College is all about, and we will be planning an event in the spring as well, so keep an eye out for that.



Photo: Families boarding the train ride at the entrance to the Performing Arts Center

December continues to be full of wonderful events, and I would like to thank each of you who work hard to ensure an enjoyable experience for our students, employees, and community. You have all made it to Santa's "nice" list this year, and I appreciate all the work you do.

I hope that the remainder of finals week goes smoothly for all of you. Thank you for all the hard work you've committed achieving this semester; it's been another successful term and I am already looking forward to the spring. Enjoy a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones and be sure to get some rest.

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