



Office of the
President

September 3, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

It was an honor to welcome you into our newest campus building during our Convocation event. After three years of virtual gatherings, it felt great to spend time with you at the Performing Arts Center to showcase all the amazing work that our Cerritos College team has been doing in support of our students. I encourage you to visit our [Convocation web page](#) to view the presentation as well as a couple of great videos celebrating the [past year's accomplishments](#) and, of course, [the LCPs](#).

As I mentioned Thursday, it took Apple Inc. nearly three decades to become the world's first company to be worth \$1 trillion. But just two short years after that, Apple surpassed even that remarkable feat by doubling their worth to \$2 trillion. I mentioned this exponential growth to highlight the similarities to what we are seeing today at Cerritos College. While it has taken us many years to lay the groundwork for the institutional successes that we are seeing, I believe that we will continue to see exponential success as we fine-tune our processes and roll out innovative programs in support of our students.

Many of us have heard of or been directly involved in our Learning & Career Pathways on campus, and Traci Ukita brought the initiative to life during her presentation at Convocation. Traci and Dr. Angela Hoppe-Nagao have worked tirelessly behind the scenes with colleagues across campus to develop eight Learning & Career Pathways (LCPs) that guide our students through their journey at the college. Similar to how the racing pit crew puts all hands on deck to get their driver across the finish line, the LCP success teams consist of individuals across campus determined and armed with resources to support students in achieving their academic and professional goals.

Throughout the school year, we as a campus will focus our efforts on LCPs to help get our students where they need to go. You can help in this effort by:

- Adding LCP links to websites and Canvas shells
- Creating assignments that incorporate LCPs
- Adding LCP information to workshops
- Incorporating LCP info into materials
- Requesting LCP posters for your office space
- Participating in Professional Development opportunities

I invite you to visit the [LCP Web page](#) for additional information. And don't forget to check out the [LCP music video](#) featuring the work of Damon Cagnolatti and Miya Walker, and an

unforgettable performance by our student performers Steven Cobos, Sofia Chun, Andrea Dargo, Emily Gomez, Heaven Prado and Justin Simon.

I enjoyed the opportunity to get to chat with many of you after Convocation as we enjoyed a fresh meal from the Loading Fresh & Foodilicious food truck—I actually had two meals, that’s how good it was! The cookies from Culinary Arts never fail to bring a smile to everyone’s faces as well, and I hope you were able to make it over to the giveaway table for a Cerritos College fanny pack to carry your important items as you walk across campus. The post-Convocation lunch included live entertainment by our Commercial Music Ensemble, and I would like to thank our students for making the day a special one. Also, I would be remiss if I did not extend a thank you to the Fine Arts faculty, staff, and students for welcoming us to an open house event with performances within and viewings of the Recital Room, Band Room, Choral Room, Piano Lab, Costume Shop, Scene Shop, Makeup Lab, and Dressing Rooms.

On a final note, yesterday we officially welcomed over 60 new and promoted employees who joined the Cerritos College family in the past year. It was the perfect event for our newest employees to experience first-hand the level of professionalism, respect, and service excellence that all of our employees achieve while working together. I know that the list below may not be comprehensive, but I would like to recognize each and every one of our faculty, classified, confidential, management, and hourly team members who continue to raise the bar at Cerritos College. Please join me in celebrating their collective efforts:

Alanah Liggins	Dave Ward	Miya Walker
Amber Douglas	David Betancourt	Monica Acuña
Andrea Wittig	Denise Marshall	Monica Castro
Andrew Maz	Facilities Team	Monique Rodriguez
Angela Hoppe-Nagao	Forrest Hartl	Nayeli Duenas
Angie Oliva	Jasmine Arguello	Richard Crother
Anna DeMichele	Jason Dunk	Roxanne Mitchell
Aya Aoki	Joy Roche	Samuel Chavez
Brandt Reiter	Jurizz Barroga	Sara Chavez
Catherine Lu	Kelly Kwan	Sarah Pirtule
Cheryl Thury	Kim Applebury	Susan Watanabe
Christine Lopez	Lakeisha Wright	Toni Grijalva
Cristal Vergara	Linda Kaufman	Traci Ukita
Culinary Arts Team	Margo Winners	Vanessa Salas
Damon Cagnolatti	Marina Rodriguez	

Thank you all for being part of a wonderful event, and for all the work you do. Have a restful Labor Day Weekend.

Sincerely,
Jose

Jose Fierro, D.V.M., Ph.D.
President/Superintendent