



Office of the
President

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Dear Colleagues,

Celebrating Together

I hope you all had the opportunity to join us for our two holiday events. Last week, we invited the community to celebrate the holidays with our 2nd Annual Community Meet and Greet. It is great to see all the families dressed up and ready for their holiday pictures with Santa, enjoying face painting, games, and train rides. We are excited to keep growing these community events, and I would love to hear any ideas on what next event we should host in the spring.

We followed our community holiday event with our Annual Holiday Reception. I hope you enjoyed the entertainment provided by James McCoy and the returning Gospel Choir. Every year, the Culinary Arts team outdoes themselves, and this year was no exception. I think many of us will remember that whole-roasted pig for a while!

I want to thank everyone who attended and supported Falcon's Nest through our hygiene donations. Your donations contribute significantly to the success of our support services, and I know our students are very appreciative. Let's continue in this season of giving by remembering Falcon's Nest throughout the year.



Make sure to download [your photos](#) from the 360 booth!

College Goal Update

Finals are this week, and I think this is a great marking point to assess the progress of our college's goals. One of our key performance indicators to help us achieve our goal of graduating 50% of our students within five years is to ensure that all our first-time students receive a comprehensive student educational plan (CSEP). This year's goal was to provide 80% of our first-time students with a CSEP within their first year. Congratulations, and thank you to our Counseling team, **who are only 2% away from achieving their goal within the first semester.** This is the result of a tremendous effort by our Counseling team, and I appreciate their collaboration and hard work in exceeding expectations. I am confident that we will continue laying the foundation to achieve our main goal and to do exceptional work here at Cerritos College.

I wish you all a successful end to your semester and happy holidays! I can't wait to see you all in the New Year!

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