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Dear Colleagues,

As we come to the close of the semester, I know many of us are looking forward to the holiday break and the chance to rest and recharge. Before we step into that time, I want to pause and say thank you.

This year was extraordinary, not because it was easy, but because of how you showed up for our students and for one another. Your dedication, creativity, and steady commitment moved Cerritos College forward in meaningful ways. Together, we achieved the strongest momentum in student success in our history, were recognized as number one in return on investment in Los Angeles, and stood proudly as the top Hispanic Serving Institution among California's two year colleges. These outcomes reflect your work, your care, and your belief in what our students can achieve.

What makes me most proud is not just what we accomplished, but how we accomplished it. We exceeded goals in expanding student education plans, increasing attempts in transfer level math and English, and supporting early CTE completion. Where challenges remain, we made real progress and laid the groundwork for continued improvement. The strategies you are using are working, and the momentum we have built is something to carry forward together.

This season also gave us meaningful moments to come together. Seeing so many of you at our holiday celebrations, sharing conversations, laughter, and time with colleagues, was a powerful reminder of what makes Cerritos College special. I invite you to take a moment to revisit those memories by viewing the [holiday photos](#) from the reception. They capture the spirit of connection, pride, and community that defines our campus.

I am deeply grateful for each of you. Your work matters. Your presence matters. And the impact you have on our students is lasting. As you enjoy this holiday season, I hope you find time with those who matter most and return renewed for the important work ahead.

Thank you for all you do for our students and for our community.

With gratitude,

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