

**Mission Statement:** Cerritos College values its diverse student population and is committed to providing these students with high quality, comprehensive instructional programs and support services that improve student success and offer clear pathways to achieve personal, educational, and career goals. In doing so, the college develops in students the knowledge, skills, and values that prepare them to be productive participants in the global community.



**Jose L. Fierro**  
**D.V.M. Ph.D.**  
President/  
Superintendent

<b>Founded</b>	1955
<b>Degrees &amp; Programs</b>	200+
<b>Mascot</b>	Falcon
<b>School Colors</b>	Blue and white
<b>Enrollment</b>	Spring 2021 17,844 (credit)
<b>Campus Size</b>	135 acres
<b>Associate Degrees and Certificates Awarded</b>	Year 2020-2021 4,639

#### Accreditation

- Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- American Dental Association (Dental Hygiene Program)
- National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, Inc. (Nursing Program)
- American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (Pharmacy Technician Training Program)
- American Physical Therapy Association (Physical Therapist Assistant Program)
- National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (Automotive Mechanical Repair Programs)

#### Employees

614 full-time employees (255 faculty)  
928 part-time employees (674 faculty)

#### Board of Trustees

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#### Distinguished Faculty/Staff

**Dr. Jaclyn Ronquillo** — assistant professor of psychology, honored with National Teaching Excellence Award in 2020

**Lee Anne McIlroy** — ESL instructor, selected as an English Language Fellow in Tanzania by the U.S. Department of State

**Jannet Malig** — leads as the state's Sector Navigator for Advanced Transportation & Logistics

**Chris Richardson** — led Team USA Track and Field as women's head coach at the 25th annual Thorpe Cup

#### Special Recognitions

**The Village** — California's first community college housing development exclusively for students facing homelessness. Located just blocks away from the campus, the project features seven modern townhomes with a mix of free and affordable rental options that houses students between the ages of 18-25 years old. Jovenes, Inc. serves as the lead housing service provider for The Village. It provides day-to-day management, resident selection, on-site supervision, case management, and maintenance. Jovenes, Inc. also offers services to help students complete their educational goals. The service provider receives referrals from Cerritos College staff and departments. For more information, contact Jovenes, Inc. at [CerritosPN@jovenesinc.org](mailto:CerritosPN@jovenesinc.org).

**Cerritos Complete** — Cerritos Complete is the College's official California Promise Program that provides high school seniors from ABC, Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk-La Mirada, Paramount Unified School Districts, and Field of Dreams Charter School two years of college – free. The program also provides student support services including one-on-one counseling, early enrollment, and financial aid to help students succeed. Cerritos Complete assists high school seniors with a smooth transition to college, and allows students to explore career options, save money, and graduate from college on time. Cerritos Complete won the 2018 Examples of Excelencia Award (associate level),

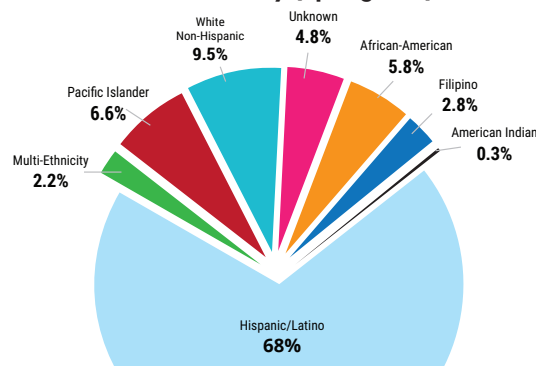
and was selected as a finalist for the 2018 Bellwether Award. Since its inception in 2015, the program has served over 2,500 students.

**Strong Workforce Stars** — Twenty-six of Cerritos College's career technical education programs recently earned recognition as California Community Colleges' Strong Workforce Stars. Gold Stars are Dental Hygiene and Registered Nursing. Silver Stars include Engineering Technology, New Product Development, Machine Tool Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Dental Assisting, and Infant/Toddler Teacher. Bronze Stars are Welding Technology, Automotive Technology, Automotive Collision Repair, Accounting, Business Management, Cosmetology, Children with Special Needs, Architecture and Architectural Technology, Drafting Technology, International Business and Trade, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, Office Technology-Office Computer Applications, Computer Programming, Computer Networking, Administration of Justice, Retail Store Operations and Management, Culinary Arts, and Human Services.

#### Green Cerritos Campus Sustainability Initiatives

— Cerritos College is an environmental steward. The District is dedicated to adhering to sustainability practices and policies that conserve the planet's diminishing natural resources. The District is creating a campus environment that fosters sustainability through conscious decision-making strategies. The College received Green Technology Magazine's Green Community College Leadership Award for reducing its water consumption by using reclaimed water for landscape irrigation. The California Community Colleges/Investor Owned Utilities (CCC/IOU) partnership selected the College for a pilot study to develop a Campus Energy Master Plan. The College received the California Community Colleges Board of Governors 2017 Energy and Sustainability Award for its Science Building retro-commissioning project that is saving the campus \$25,000 in energy cost annually.

#### Student Ethnicity (Spring 2021)



In addition, the college is home to more than 300 international students representing 35 countries.



*L.A. Regional Food Bank food drives on campus have served more than 20,000 students and families*



*College celebrates the Class of 2021 with drive-thru and online ceremonies*

## Highlights

- Named the best value accounting associate degree school in California
- Ranked ninth among the top 25 community colleges with the highest Hispanic enrollment in the United States in 2021
- Honored as a 2020 Equity Champion of Higher Education by The Campaign for College Opportunity for leading California community colleges in awarding Associate Degrees for Transfer to Black students
- The Foundation provided nearly \$100,000 in COVID-19 student aid
- Cerritos College's official California Promise Program Cerritos Complete won the 2018 Examples of Excelencia Award (associate level)
- For the fifth consecutive year, Cerritos College honored its largest graduating class in the campus' history
- Home to a 2018 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar
- The College partners with Amazon to offer a cloud computing certificate program
- Cerritos College Art Gallery is among 15 best college art galleries in Southern California by LA Weekly

## District Communities

District includes the communities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate

## MEMBER OF 10 CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, La Mirada, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate

## Grants Awarded

- The College received \$1 million gift commitment to establish the first community college endowed Jain scholar
- Advanced Transportation and Logistics Center (ATL) received \$1.5 Million Clean Transportation Grant from the California Energy Commission to prepare a skilled clean energy workforce
- Teacher TRAC, in partnership with the Columbia Memorial Space Center, received \$274,583 in grants from the National Science Foundation for its new BE-STELLER program to prepare underserved college students to become STEM educators in spring 2020
- Alumnus late John B. Smith, Jr. gave \$2.3 million estate gift for **woodworking scholarships**
- Teacher TRAC received more than \$1 million in gifts to **prepare future educators**
- Received \$1.6 million in local grant share to **implement the Strong Workforce Program for CTE programs** (Chancellor's Office)
- Received \$500,000 NASA Grant to **increase student and faculty engagement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs**

## Serving the Students from

- ABC Unified School District
- Bellflower USD
- Downey USD
- Norwalk – La Mirada USD
- and students from throughout Southern California

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