

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

Founded	1955
Degrees & Programs	200+
Mascot	Falcon
School Colors	Blue and white
Enrollment	Fall 2021 20,344 (credit)
Campus Size	135 acres
Associate Degrees and Certificates Awarded	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

Lee Anne McIlroy — ESL instructor, selected as the College's Jain Endowed Scholar

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

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

Falcon's Nest — A centralized network of resources that support **meeting students' basic needs** including food, clothing, hygiene support, emergency aid resources, and housing resources, among other services. Its offerings include **The Village**, California's first community college housing development exclusively for students facing homelessness, and **Franco's Market**, a free campus food pantry with an assortment of healthy, fresh food and vegetables.

GoPass — Cerritos College launched its new Metro GoPass program for all students through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Fareless System Initiative Community College pilot program. The Associated Students of Cerritos College (ASCC) sponsored funding to subsidize the cost to provide students with transit passes at a steep discount of more than 90%.

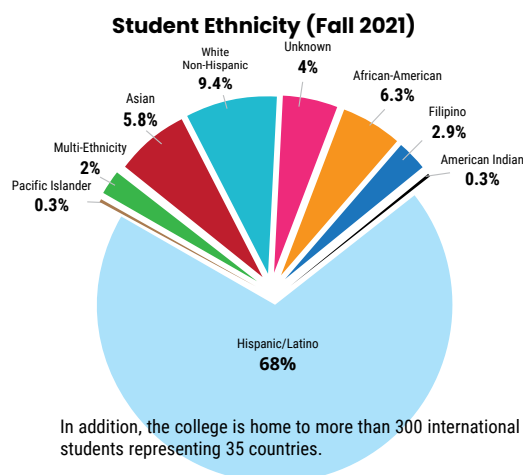
Cerritos Complete — Cerritos Complete is the College's official California Promise Program that provides high school seniors from ABC, Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk-La Mirada, Paramount Unified School Districts, and Field of Dreams Charter School two years of college – free. The program also provides student support services including one-on-one counseling, early enrollment, and financial aid to help students succeed. Cerritos Complete 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 earned recognition as California Community Colleges' Strong Workforce Stars in 2019. 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

— 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.





New Metro GoPass program launched in March 2022



Cerritos College celebrated the grand opening of Falcon's Nest in March 2022

Highlights

- First California community college to adopt a student-led Break Free From Plastic resolution
- Named the best value accounting associate degree school in California
- Ranked seventh among the top 100 schools with the highest Hispanic enrollment in the United States in 2021
- Honored as a 2021 Equity Champion for awarding transfer degrees to Latinx students by The Campaign for College Opportunity
- 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)
- 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

The 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 a \$1 million gift commitment to establish the first community college endowed Jain scholar
- Advanced Transportation and Logistics Center (ATL) received a \$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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