

Spring 2020 Semester Highlights



- ▶ Cerritos College opens The Village, **California's first community college housing project to tackle student homelessness**
- ▶ College celebrates **the fifth consecutive largest graduating class** on record with **5,300** certificates and degrees presented
- ▶ Debra Ward appointed to serve on the state Early Childhood Policy Council Workforce Advisory Committee
- ▶ Teacher TRAC, in partnership with the Columbia Memorial Space Center, receives **\$274,583** in grants from the National Science Foundation for its new BE-STELLER program to prepare underserved college students to become STEM educators
- ▶ Teacher TRAC celebrates **20 years of training more than 800 future educators**
- ▶ Financial Aid awards \$2,751,900 as a first disbursement from the Cares Act to 7,329 students
- ▶ Vice President of Student Services Dr. Dilcie Perez chosen for National Presidential Fellowship for Community College Leaders
- ▶ Board President Marisa Perez elected First Vice President of California Community College Trustees Board
- ▶ College hosts L.A. Regional Food Bank food drive twice a month; operates on drive-thru after stay-home orders
- ▶ College hosts a free drive-thru meal giveaway in collaboration with local restaurateur Jay Bharat to serve 500 meals



- ▶ Dr. Fierro re-elected to the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges Board
- ▶ Cerritos College joins statewide efforts to celebrate Community College Month in April
- ▶ Assistant Professor of Psychology Dr. Jaclyn Ronquillo honored with National Teaching Excellence Award
- ▶ Cerritos College delivers over 100 laptops and webcams to students to continue their education online
- ▶ The Foundation rolls out the Student Emergency Fund campaign to help Cerritos College students facing urgent needs amid COVID-19: the campaign raises over \$35,000, and disburses over \$20,000 in cash and grocery gift cards to students in need
- ▶ Stay the Course, Finish Strong campaign encourages students to stay in school during the COVID-19 hardship
- ▶ Campus programs and services successfully transition online in response to COVID-19
- ▶ The Second Economic Development Summit focuses on Gateway region's workforce development opportunities and education-industry collaborations
- ▶ President Dr. Fierro selected for inaugural Aspen Institute's New Presidents Fellowship
- ▶ Cerritos College serves as an official Voter Center for the 2020 election.
- ▶ Student Services hosts its first Spring Block Party with food, games, prizes, and showcases of many Student Services programs and resources
- ▶ Machine Tool Technology receives \$20K grant for student scholarships from Gene Haas Foundation
- ▶ Dr. Fierro hosts the successful Spring 2020 President's Speaker Series
- ▶ The College hosts a successful accreditation team visit; the team commends the College for creating and encouraging innovation leading to institutional excellence.
- ▶ The College offers new programs: Transfer Degree in Film, TV, and Electronic Media, Accelerated Crossover Esthetician Program, Transfer degree in Hospitality Management, and Social Justice Studies: Africana Studies Degree
- ▶ The College celebrates diversity with campus-wide events: Black History Month, Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Awareness Week, Women's History Month, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month

