

# Spring 2026 Semester Highlights



- More than 8,000 degrees and certificates were awarded at the 86th commencement ceremony **1**
- 120 high school students completed Cerritos College's Early College Program, saving thousands of dollars while gaining a significant head start on transfer **2**
- 2026 State of the College address redefines access and value through advocacy and innovation **3**
- Alum and instructor Willie Castro achieved the prestigious GM World Class Technician status **4**
- The women's wrestling team extends its dynasty with a fourth straight State Championship **5**





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- Antonio "Nio" Lavermon was honored with the 2026 Dr. Emilie Mitchell Rainbow Excellence Award **6**
- The robotics students showcased their skills at the 2026 VEX U Robotics World Championship **7**
- MESA Program Manager Helen Barriere and Adjunct Counselor Louis Williams made CSULB's 49 Under 49 list
- The student team El Velozo competed in the legendary 2026 Red Bull Soapbox Race **8**
- Engineering Technology Professor Miodrag Micic co-authored a study exploring how Parkinson's disease may begin
- The Public Relations and Communications team won the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations' Silver Paragon Award for the College Success Starts Now campaign **9**
- Juan Flores broke the school steeplechase record at the Bob Larsen Distance Carnival
- The Cerritos College-Warren High dual enrollment partnership selected for the California Exemplary Dual Enrollment Award.
- The annual professional development event, Falcon Day, inspired the campus to build community through kinship and innovation
- Cerritos College's partnership with National University was featured by *Community College Daily*
- The college hosted the sixth NASA on Campus event as part of the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) program **10**