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Nearly 600 Cerritos College Students Complete Manufacturing Certifications

Certifications give students a competitive edge

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NORWALK, Calif. – July 31, 2017 – The Cerritos College Technology Division announced that 580 students received industry certifications in engineering design technology, welding, and machine tool technology during the 2016-17 academic year.

Welding had its 391 students certified in American Welding Society, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and Los Angeles City Welder. The Engineering Design



Students passed Solidworks certification

Technology program's 135 students received SolidWorks or AutoDesk industry certification. Fifty-four students in the Machine Tool Technology classes received National Institute for Metalworking Skills, Inc. (NIMS) industry certification.

"Manufacturing provides many high paying jobs in Southern California. Industry certifications give students an edge in employment. Manufacturing industry is experiencing growth and provides opportunities for students to make competitive wages," said Instructional Dean of Technology Dr. Yannick Real.

The <u>Cerritos College Technology Division</u> provides career and technical education in 13 departments: Architecture, Automotive Collision Repair, Automotive Mechanical Repair, Cosmetology, Engineering Design Technology, Engineering Technology, Industrial Arts, Machine Tool Technology, Manufacturing Technology, New Product Development, Plastics and Composites, Welding, and Woodworking Manufacturing.

About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college's district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey,

Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at http://www.cerritos.edu/.