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Cerritos College Honored as California's "Strong Workforce Star"

College's innovative programs increase students' social mobility

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NORWALK, Calif. – April 20, 2018 – Cerritos College is pleased to announce that 26 of its career technical education programs recently earned the California Community College's Strong Workforce Stars recognition; two Gold, six Silver, and 18 Bronze Stars. The programs were honored for improving student employment and wage outcomes.

Strong Workforce Stars is an annual recognition for career education programs within the California Community Colleges system whose graduates show significant gains in factors important for advancing social mobility - a substantial increase in earnings, attainment of a living wage and a job closely matched with the field of study. The Cerritos College programs recognized include:

Gold Stars: Dental Hygiene and Registered Nursing

Silver Stars: Engineering Technology, New Product Development, Machine Tool Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Dental Assisting, and Infant/Toddler Teacher.

Bronze Stars: 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.

"This recognition is a testament to our talented faculty and staff who have cultivated our career training curriculum into innovative, highly specialized, and competitive programs. Cerritos College has a proven record for excellence in equipping students with the skills and credentials they need to expand their job prospects," said Dr. Jose Fierro, president/superintendent, Cerritos College.

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/>.

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