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### Re-Entry Student Receives Carmen Solis Pratt Scholarship

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**NORWALK, Calif. – December 7, 2018** – The Cerritos College Foundation recently awarded Cinthya Valladolid Vergara of Lakewood with the \$1,800 Carmen Solis Pratt Scholarship.

Judge Dan Pratt established the Carmen Solis Pratt Re-Entry Scholarship in 2001 in memory of his mother who valued education, but was unable to attend college herself. Each year, a recipient is selected among applicants who are returning to school, and are 35 years of age or older.



**Cinthya Valladolid Vergara and Judge Dan Pratt**

Cinthya is working on her associate degree in culinary arts, and hopes to transfer to California State Polytechnic University, Pomona to earn a bachelor's in hospitality. Her ultimate professional goal is to become a recognized chef, and to show her children that it's never too late to achieve a goal, as long as they have passion, dedication, and perseverance.

"I want to give my most sincere thank you to the Honorable Dan Pratt for choosing me as the recipient of the Carmen Solis Pratt Scholarship. Thank you for helping and supporting women like me who fight and work hard every day to improve our lives and the lives of our children," said Cinthya.

**About the Cerritos College Foundation:** The Cerritos College Foundation, a non-profit organization, serves as a charitable vehicle for the community, individuals and alumni, to assist with financial support of Cerritos College beyond that which state funding supports. Visit the Foundation online at [www.cerritos.edu/ccf](http://www.cerritos.edu/ccf).

**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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