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Cerritos College's New Performing Arts Center Breaks Ground with a \$500K Planned Gift

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NORWALK, Calif. – March 12, 2019 -Cerritos College officials, Board of Trustees and community members celebrated a groundbreaking for the new Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, March 6.

Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Jose L. Fierro thanked the community for supporting the bond measures, and announced a planned gift of \$500,000 for the Performing Arts Center by Dr. Connie Mayfield, professor of music, and her mother Lois Mayfield. The donation will be used toward the purchase of grand pianos for the Center.



College officials breaking ground

The \$80-million project is funded by Measure G Bond dollars and will be located in the center of the campus immediately south of Falcon Square. The 70,000-gross-square-foot facility will replace the College's aging Burnight Theatre.

The new Performing Arts Center will provide a 450-seat state-of-the-art theatre, a smaller black box performance area, and support spaces. The building will also house the Music Department's instructional labs, lecture halls, band rooms, practice rooms, and faculty offices.

Functioning as a cultural hub for the campus and greater communities, the new Performing Arts Center will provide a creative learning environment for students in the theatre arts and music programs, and an entertainment venue for the community.

Construction is expected to be completed in September 2021.

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/>. -END-