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Cerritos College to Hold Virtual Commencement on June 23

Class of 2020 is the 5th consecutive largest graduating class on record

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NORWALK, Calif. – May 27, 2020 – Cerritos College will host a virtual commencement ceremony for its graduating Class of 2020. The asynchronous event will begin on June 23, 2020 and can be viewed online any time through June 30, 2020.

The College will present **5,300** associate degrees and skills certificates to students who completed their course of study during the 2019-2020 academic year. This represents a **six percent increase** in the number of graduates compared to the 2019 graduating class which represents an **increase of 120 percent** in graduates since 2015. Students will transition to some of the nation's top colleges and universities, including UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, California State Universities Northridge, Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Fullerton, among others.

"Although public health concerns restrict us from holding an in-person 2020 commencement ceremony, we will not lose the opportunity to celebrate our students' accomplishments and hard work toward finishing their educational goals, whether they have earned a degree, earned a certificate, or are transferring to a four-year college," said Dr. Jose Fierro, president/superintendent. "This year, we are proud to host a memorable virtual event for the Class of 2020 and their families to celebrate this significant milestone."

For more information, visit <u>www.cerritos.edu/commencement</u>.

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 <u>http://www.cerritos.edu/</u>.