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Cerritos College Kicks off Fall Semester Online with Renewed Focus on Student Success and Innovation

2,000 high school grads enter Cerritos Complete Promise Program

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Norwalk, Calif. – August 17, 2020 – As public health concerns rise over COVID-19, students heading back to Cerritos College for the fall 2020 semester will take their classes online. The College will open a limited number of Career Technical Education (CTE) labs on campus for students in programs like culinary arts, dental hygiene, nursing, automotive, welding, among others, that cannot be offered 100% online.

Approximately 2,000 new high school graduates will begin their fall semester in the College's award-winning Promise Program Cerritos Complete. Cerritos Complete offers two years of free tuition and early enrollment to students who are committed to achieving success. The program offers personalized support to help students graduate from college in less time. Since its inception in 2015, Cerritos Complete has benefited 6,852 students. Cerritos College is approximately one of a dozen California community colleges that offers two years of free tuition.

While the campus remains limited for in-person instruction, the College transformed its gymnasium into a [Study Hall](#) to allow a restricted number of students to utilize the facility to focus on their studies in a quiet environment. The Study Hall is equipped with Wi-Fi, and is available to all currently enrolled Cerritos College students by appointment on a first-come-first-serve basis. The Study Hall operations will strictly follow all Los Angeles Department of Public Health requirements with social distancing, face coverings, and disinfection practices.

Students enrolled this fall will also see a wide selection of new 100% online programs. The College launched five fully online degree/certificate programs in business administration, commercial music, cloud computing, cyber security, and network/system administration. For more information, visit www.cerritos.edu/online. The College also introduced a new [Social Justice: Africana Studies](#) Associate of Art for Transfer (AA-T), [Hospitality Management](#) and [Film, TV, and Electronic Media](#) Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T) degrees, and an accelerated [crossover Esthetician](#) certificate program.

"We are excited to welcome new and continuing students back to school this fall semester. Although most of our classes will be held online, it is still critical that we provide our students with as many resources as possible to ensure their success during these unprecedented times. We remain committed to developing innovative programs and services in an online environment that will help

support our students through their educational journey," said Dr. Jose Fierro, President/Superintendent.

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. Enrollment currently averages 21,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at <http://www.cerritos.edu/>.*

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