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Cerritos College Ranks Seventh Among Nation's Top 100 Community Colleges for Latinx Students

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Norwalk, Calif. – October 13, 2021 – Cerritos College is ranked seventh among the top 100 community colleges with the highest Latinx enrollment in the United States, according to the National Center for Education Statistics/Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Department of Education database. Cerritos College is also ranked 38th with the number of associate degrees earned by Latinx students.

Cerritos College is a Hispanic-Serving Institution and boasts nearly a 70 percent Latinx student population. In 2020, Cerritos College was ranked eighth among the top 100 schools in the nation with the highest Latinx enrollment. The College was also ranked second in the state for Latinx transfers to the California State University system in 2015.

The College is recognized as one of the leading institutions for Latinx in the United States in the <u>Top</u> 100 Community Colleges for Hispanics issue of Hispanic Outlook magazine published on October 11.

"This recognition is a testament to the hard work of our faculty, staff, and above all, our students," said President/Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro. The communities we serve are facing challenges like never before, and our students continue to show extraordinary resilience in adapting to the changing educational settings. We must continue our efforts to close the achievement gaps for our students and make a positive impact on our students' lives."

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/.