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International Day of Non-Violence Celebration Coming to Cerritos College on October 1

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WHAT: Cerritos College will host an International Day of Non-Violence Celebration on Saturday, October 1. The day will begin with a Peace Parade around campus at 10 a.m., followed by guest speakers and performances in the College's Performing Arts Center at 11 a.m., and a luncheon at 1:15 p.m.

All are welcome to participate. Many parade participants will carry signs promoting peace, unity, and non-violence. The parade will be followed by a two-hour program in the College's Performing Arts Center with guest speakers and musical and dance performances. Dr. John Haas, Cerritos College history professor and founder and director of the Global Consortium for Sustainable Peace, will give a keynote presentation on "Fostering Sustainable Peace in a Divided World." Dr. Haas has interviewed and worked with many international leaders and received numerous accolades for promoting global peace, education, and understanding, including a commendation from the United States Congress.

The International Day of Non-Violence was established in 2007 by a United Nations General Assembly resolution to spread the message of non-violence through education and public awareness. The official observance is October 2, the birthday of political and spiritual leader Mahatma Gandhi, a pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence.

"This is the first major public event made possible through generous donations to the Cerritos College Foundation to establish a Peace Center Endowment and a current-use fund for programming around peace, unity, and non-violence," said Carol Krumbach, executive director of the Cerritos College Foundation. More than 50 donors have contributed to date.

For more information about Cerritos College's International Day of Non-Violence event, please visit <https://cerritoscf.org/international-day-of-non-violence-celebration/>. To learn more about the Peace Center Endowment initiative, please contact the Cerritos College Foundation at foundation@cerritos.edu or 562-860-2451 extension 2719.

WHEN: Saturday, October 1

10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Peace Parade (check-in at the entrance of Performing Arts Center)

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Program in Performing Arts Center

1:15 p.m. Lunch in Student Center

WHERE: Performing Arts Center (north of Parking Lot 10)
Cerritos College
11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650
Parking is free in Lot 10

COST: Attendance is free for Cerritos College students. A donation of \$10 is suggested for general attendees. [Community members RSVP](#)

CONTACT: Cerritos College Foundation, foundation@cerritos.edu or (562)860-2451 extension 2719

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