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WPMD wins back-to-back America's Best Two-Year College Radio Station title

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NORWALK, Calif. – November 21, 2023 – Cerritos College's WPMD student radio station earned the Best Two-Year College Radio Station award for two consecutive years at the College Media Association (CMA)'s Pinnacle Awards. WPMD also won the best station award in 2019 and 2022.

CMA is a national organization that serves student media professionals, staff, and programs with education, research, and resources, representing the nation's collegiate media newspapers, yearbooks, magazines, and electronic media, in addition to broadcast. Its Pinnacle Awards honor the best college media organizations and individual work in the United States.

WPMD is a student-operated radio station at Cerritos College that provides content and programming worldwide on streaming sites, including [Tuneln](#), [Streema](#), and [Radio Shaker](#). WPMD was also named America's Best Community College Radio Station by the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System in 2018.



Carlos Madrigal on mic

Radio students received numerous recognitions from CMA this year:

- First place (Best Podcast) - Joelee Francos' "The Esoteric Realm"
- Second place (Best DJ Personality) – Carlos Madrigal
- Third place (Best Audio Talk/Entertainment Program) – Carlos Madrigal
- Third place (Best Audio Special Event Coverage) – Joelee and Elycia Young
- Third place (Best Film) – Roberto Hoyos' "Delayed"

In addition, WPMD Advisor and Theatre Arts Instructor Casey Piotrowski was recognized with the Distinguished Advisor Award for his service and mentorship to WPMD and the students.

"We've won four best station awards in seven years," said Piotrowski. "Winning these national awards is a great accomplishment for our students and will have a lasting impact on them as they continue their academic journey."

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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