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President's Message

As you read through this issue, you will find many success stories of our outstanding students, talented faculty, exceptional staff, excellent programs, and construction efforts. We take pride in our rich history of providing quality education and training to people in our community and in responding to the workforce needs of business and industry.

We have had record activity and success within our programs here at Cerritos College, including our signature culinary arts program, our innovative career technical education division, student scholarships, athletics, and Cerritos Complete, our California Promise Program. In addition, we want to continue to make Cerritos College your campus by hosting many community events on campus like our job and health fairs, and cultural events. With all of the exciting things happening on campus, I encourage you to stay connected with us online or in person.

Finally, I wish to remind you that our doors are open to you. It is never too late to expand your skills or to pursue a degree or certificate to further your education and ultimately change your life. We want to help you gain access to the emerging and ever-changing world of opportunities that are available to you through education.

Dr. Jose Fierro
President/Superintendent



Cerritos Complete: A California Promise Program

Last year, we made a promise to students within the District that we would waive tuition for one year for students who wanted to attend college. Our promise is stronger than ever. Cerritos Complete, which is a California Promise program, is the College's student success initiative that focuses on students' pledge to "earn" and complete their degrees or certificates on time. In exchange, the College will provide up to 800 students each year from local high schools with a merit-based scholarship for a tuition waiver or a \$200 book voucher for one year. So far, 600 students from ABC, Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk-La Mirada, and Paramount Unified Districts have successfully completed their first semester and are studying this spring with no tuition. For more information about Cerritos Complete, please visit: www.cerritos.edu/cerritoscomplete

Student Profile

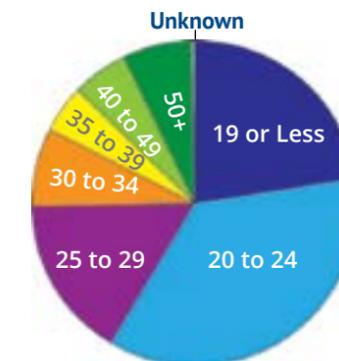
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Student Count: 23,805

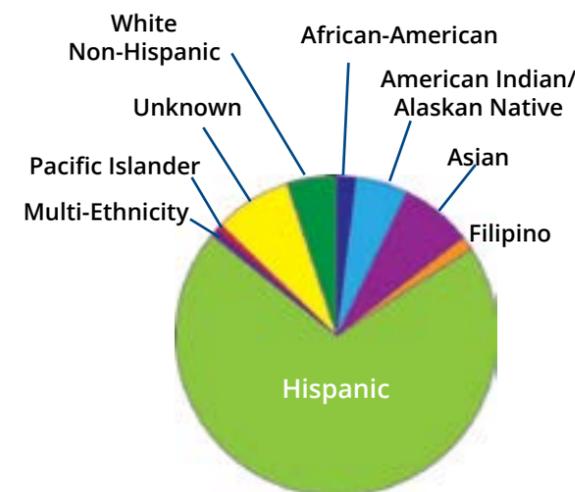


Gender

Female: 12,404 (52%)
Male: 10,980 (46%)
Unknown: 421 (2%)



Age		
19 or Less	5,417	22.76 %
20 to 24	8,543	35.89 %
25 to 29	3,859	16.21 %
30 to 34	1,864	7.83 %
35 to 39	1,125	4.73 %
40 to 49	1,320	5.55 %
50 +	1,664	6.99 %
Unknown	13	0.05 %



Ethnicity		
African-American	489	2.05 %
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1,251	5.26 %
Asian	1,734	7.28 %
Filipino	305	1.28 %
Hispanic	16,692	70.12 %
Multi-Ethnicity	216	0.91 %
Pacific Islander	129	0.54 %
Unknown	1,829	7.68 %
White Non-Hispanic	1,160	4.87 %

Cerritos College Welcomes New Vice Presidents



Felipe Lopez



Dr. Adriana Flores-Church

Cerritos College welcomed Felipe Lopez as Vice President/Assistant Superintendent of Business Services and Dr. Adriana Flores-Church as Vice President/Assistant Superintendent of Human

Resources. Lopez oversees the Business Services Office including budgeting, accounting, payroll, information technology, purchasing, contract and risk management, auxiliary services, and facilities and construction. Dr. Flores-Church oversees the Human Resources Office and all of the human resources and employee relations programs.

Lopez began his career as an auditor with the accounting firm Vavrinek, Trine, Day, & CO., LLP. Most recently, he served as Chief Business Officer at the Compton Community College District. Dr. Flores-Church has been employed by the District as the Director of Human Resources/Risk Management since February 2006.

FAR Bazaar Transforms 30,000-Square-Foot Abandoned Midcentury Building to an Art Space

Cerritos College in partnership with the Foundation for Art Resources (FAR) presented FAR Bazaar 2017, an art collective and festival in January. FAR, one of the oldest artist-run non-profits in Southern California, celebrated its 40th anniversary with the festivities.

The large-scale event was held in the College's abandoned 1950's mid-century modernist structure and former Fine Arts building. The structure was slated for demolition just days after FAR Bazaar 2017 to make room for the College's new modern facility. More than 300 SoCal artists occupied more than 50 abandoned rooms, transforming the facility's 30,000 square feet of interior into a collection of alternative art spaces curated by local art groups. A fire dancer, musical performances, interactive shows, film screenings, food trucks and an art book/print fair pleased the visitors throughout the weekend.

Fire dance performance by Dragon Rising

Photo by Ty Bowman



Artist Tracey Weiss



Artist Kurt Miller





Culinary Arts students at the Beverly Hilton

Culinary Arts Students Assist with Golden Globe Awards Dinner - Again

Twenty-four Cerritos College Culinary Arts students had another golden opportunity to prepare meals for the 2017 Golden Globe Awards award dinner held at the Beverly Hilton. Led by Department Chair Chef Michael Pierini and Chef Jesusita Lopez, the students were invited three years in a row to help prepare food for the main event and four after-parties, including HBO, *InStyle Magazine*, Amazon, and Dick Clark.

The students worked in a larger and faster setting than their normal campus kitchen. They also worked with distinguished chefs, including Executive Chef Alberico Nunziata at the Beverly Hilton.

Two students were hired by Chef Alberico as full-time cooks this year. Since the culinary arts students began assisting with the Golden Globes dinner, nearly 20 students have been hired at the Beverly Hilton.

"We thank each of the students for the incredible and extremely professional work they have done and the amazing support they gave us during these Globes," commended Chef Alberico.

Welcome

CARE



Dental Hygiene Students Provide Free Dental Cleanings

Cerritos College Dental Hygiene students provided free dental care at the Care Harbor L.A. event held at the Reef in downtown Los Angeles in January.

The event provided free medical, dental and vision services to as many as 3,500 uninsured, under-insured and underserved in the Los Angeles community.

Students worked from sun up to sun down at the event, offering dental hygiene care to over 150 patients. Oral cancer screenings, oral hygiene instructions and fluoride treatments were given to over 200 additional patients.

For Dental Hygiene student Brianne Donovan, it was a fulfilling experience. "Care Harbor makes an impact not only on the patients we see, but on us as dental hygiene students. We are reminded of the meaning of community and giving back to others."

Care Harbor's mission is to promote the health and well-being of underserved populations by offering free clinic events that provide quality, sustainable care.

Students in the Cerritos College Dental Hygiene program regularly volunteer in the community.

Programs Offered in the Fine Arts Complex

First floor:

- 3D design
- Jewelry
- Printmaking
- Ceramics
- Film
- Art Gallery

Second floor:

- Painting
- Drawing
- Computer Graphics
- Photography
- Mass Communication

New Mathematics/ Computer Information Science Building and Fine Arts Complex Open

Thanks to Measure CC (2004) and G (2012) Bond dollars, Cerritos College celebrated the grand opening of the new Mathematics/Computer Information Science (CIS) Building and Fine Arts Complex with a ceremony on February 15.

The Math/CIS Building is a \$22-million project funded by Measure CC Bond dollars and is located in the area previously occupied by

the Technology Building. The 33,000-square-foot facility's lobby was dedicated in honor of Jim Woolever, who has taught computer information science at Cerritos College for the past 53 years.

The new Fine Arts Complex is a \$33.5-million project funded by Measure G Bond dollars. The facility is a two-story building with approximately 55,000 square feet. The Fine Arts Complex's exterior features metal paneling to reflect Piet Mondrian, abstract painter noted for his unique painting using horizontal and vertical lines and primary colors.

Both buildings meet the California Green Building Standards Code CALGreen for energy efficiency.

Upcoming projects include:

- Health & Wellness Complex (Measure G): \$51,217,000
- Field House (Measure G): \$9,750,000
- Performing Arts Center (Measure G): \$54,500,000

Programs Offered in the Mathematics/ Computer Information Science Building

First floor:

- Math Faculty Offices
- Math Classrooms
- Study Center

Second floor:

- Computer Information Labs
- Classrooms
- Study Center





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Make a Difference in the Life of a Child

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Explore Exciting Culinary Careers

Learn practical cooking skills, restaurant operations, and the hospitality business in the award-winning Culinary Arts program. Culinary students assist with the prestigious Golden Globe Awards dinner. www.cerritos.edu/culinary-arts



Women's Soccer Named National Champions for Fifth Time

By John Van Gaston, Cerritos College Sports Information Publicist

For the fifth time in school history, and fourth time in the last five seasons, the Cerritos College women's soccer team was named the NSCAA Division III (non-scholarship) National Champions. The Falcons, who captured their fifth consecutive CCCAA State Championship, and seventh in school history, beat out SUNY Broome (NY) Community College for the national title.

"This is a great accomplishment for our team, our program and our school," said head coach Ruben Gonzalez, who has been at the helm for each of the Falcons championships. "It's a great testament to the hard work our players and coaches put in on a daily basis. It takes a special type of person who's willing to get up early and come to practice every day and compete. They all know they're not going to get equal time on the field, so for everyone to give the same commitment to the program is one of the main reasons we continue to have success."



Wrestling Squad Pins Dual State Championship

By John Van Gaston, Cerritos College Sports Information Publicist

With the top two ranked teams facing each other for the CCCAA Dual Team Wrestling State Championship, the Cerritos College wrestling team came out on top, 23-16 over host Fresno City College. Ranked #1 in the state, the Falcons took on the defending team dual state champion, #2-ranked Rams in the fall 2016 season. It was the first team dual state championship for Cerritos College since 1993 and third in school history.

"This is a very hard-working team and they have overcome some adversity this season," said head coach Donny Garriott, who led the Falcons to the state championship in 2014. "We have continued to work hard and we did what we needed to in order to beat a good Fresno team."



Alumna Sets a High Bar

After Briana Givens graduated from Palm Springs High School in 2010, she and her best friend decided to get out of the desert and into the city, and moved to Norwalk to attend Cerritos College.

Briana always knew that she wanted to be a lawyer, but did not get serious about that dream until she attended Cerritos College. For a while, her dreams of becoming a lawyer didn't seem very attainable because she thought she missed her chance to attend a university.

"Boy was I wrong! All it took was a few wonderful professors and faculty members that believed in me – Professor Sunday Obazuaye, Coach Kodee Murray, Brian Cable and the rest of the Athletic department." She recalls sitting in Professor Obazuaye's political science class one day when he took a few minutes to discuss following dreams.

"Looking back at my time at Cerritos, I would not have done anything differently. The two years I spent at Cerritos College changed my life forever and I will forever be thankful for the quality of professors and faculty members that work endless hours to encourage students to reach their goals and then surpass them."

Briana transferred to the University of California, Riverside in 2012 and graduated in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in political science/law & society. She's now a Juris Doctor candidate at Thomas Jefferson School of Law. Briana and her colleagues have made history with their recent appointments to the Thomas Jefferson Law Review editorial board, making them the first all African-American women managing board for a law review in California. Briana serves as the Executive Editor.

Briana hopes to work in the health law field as an in-house counsel at a hospital and wants to give back to the youth and encourage them to follow their dreams. She has interned at two law firms in San Diego and is working on obtaining a highly-coveted judicial clerkship this year.



Professor Recognized for Her Dedication to People with Disabilities

Dr. Cynthia Alexander is 2016 CAPED Teacher of the Year

Cerritos College's Educational Technology Professor Dr. Cynthia Alexander was named the 2016 Teacher of the Year by the California Association for Postsecondary Educators of the Disabled (CAPED).

The Teacher of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding instructor or teacher (outside Disabled Student Programs and Services) who has made extraordinary efforts to meet the needs of learners with disabilities in the classroom through the use of innovative instructional techniques and accommodations.

Dr. Alexander has been an active advocate of online accessibility and incorporates universal design into her courses. She was instrumental in integrating captioning and assistive technology into distance education classes. She has also played a vital role in making the College's Open Educational Resources (OER) accessible for students with disabilities.

Statewide, Dr. Alexander is the president of the California Community College Distance Education Coordinators Organization. She also serves as the Vice President-Information for the Community College Consortium for Open Educational Resources, and represents Cerritos College on the Open Course Ware Consortium.

"Since Cynthia first came to DSPS in 2007, she has advocated for DSPS students and accessibility in instruction," said Dr. Lucinda Aborn, dean of Disabled Student Programs and Services at Cerritos College. "Her knowledge and advocacy have impacted Cerritos faculty and provided leadership to change campus culture to include accessibility in all instruction, and she has supported a great number of students with disabilities."

In keeping with its mission to enable all students to equally access activities and programs in the campus community, Cerritos College is committed to accessibility on campus in many aspects, including web, information technology, instruction, and facilities. The Abilities Empowered student club is also active on campus advocating for students with disabilities.



Cerritos College Open Education Resources project team

Cerritos College Wins 2016 Digital Learning Innovation Award Business Administration's Open Educational Resource Project Named Top Innovation

Cerritos College received the 2016 Online Learning Consortium's (OLC) Digital Learning Innovation Award for its Business Administration Department's Open Educational Resources program.

Cerritos College was one of three institutions and five faculty-led teams selected from among 106 submissions in this first year of the OLC Digital Learning Innovation Award competition. The award includes a \$100,000 gift that will help enhance digital learning and more open educational resources to reduce financial barriers that many students face.

The College's strategy to lower book costs stems from a growing trend of financial barriers that impede student success. Data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows textbook costs have grown as high as 1,000 percent over the past four decades.

Since the initial pilots with open educational resources in 2008, the program has seen

dramatic improvement in student success rates by enhancing student learning at greatly reduced costs. In the fall 2015 semester alone, more than 4,000 students took courses featuring online courseware at a savings of nearly \$500,000. Each student saved an average of approximately \$150 per course.

Student input has also been pivotal in the College's pursuit of lowering book costs. In an unprecedented move, Cerritos College student leaders led campus efforts to re-negotiate textbook costs with book vendors, playing a critical role in helping to bring down the cost of books at the campus.

"Affordable yet high-quality textbook options mean better educational access and student success," said Dr. Bob Livingston, professor, Business Administration, who leads the OER project at Cerritos College.



History Professor Recognized for His Contribution to Peacebuilding

Dr. John Haas Wins 2016 Mediation Association Award

Dr. John Haas, assistant professor of history, received the 2016 Southern California Mediation Association's (SCMA) Education Foundation Directors Award for his global peacebuilding effort.

Dr. Haas is the Founder and Director of the Global Consortium for Sustainable Peace, a network of global partners that share a common goal of bridging cultural gaps in the world and promoting peace.

Global Consortium broadcasts live from Cerritos College to over 2.1 million college students throughout California, webcast on the internet, broadcast on 3CMediaSolutions, and interactively shown live to partner schools, educators, students, and institutions across the globe.

Using technology, Dr. Haas has linked with Northern

Ireland, Israel, Palestine, and Turkey to examine models of conflict management with his students. He has also hosted a live international conference of peacemakers on an SCMA Panel on Technology and Peacemaking.

Dr. Haas has received numerous accolades, including a commendation from the United States Congress, recognizing his work in promoting global peace, education and understanding. He has lectured at universities and symposia around the world and the United Nations, and has facilitated discussions with leaders in education, conflict resolution, cultural studies and history.



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Student Building Bridges and a Culture of Understanding

Manny Muratalla discovered his interest in Chinese culture when he began taking Kung Fu lessons while in high school. For the Bellflower native born to Mexican parents, Manny was fascinated by Chinese culture. He enrolled in Chinese classes at the College in spring 2013 after graduating from Somerset High School. The same year, he had an opportunity to travel to China for the first time for two weeks on a scholarship offered through a partnership between the College and the University of California, Los Angeles. Since then, he has returned to China every summer. Each year, he visits several different cities and interviews people on the street to learn the culture.

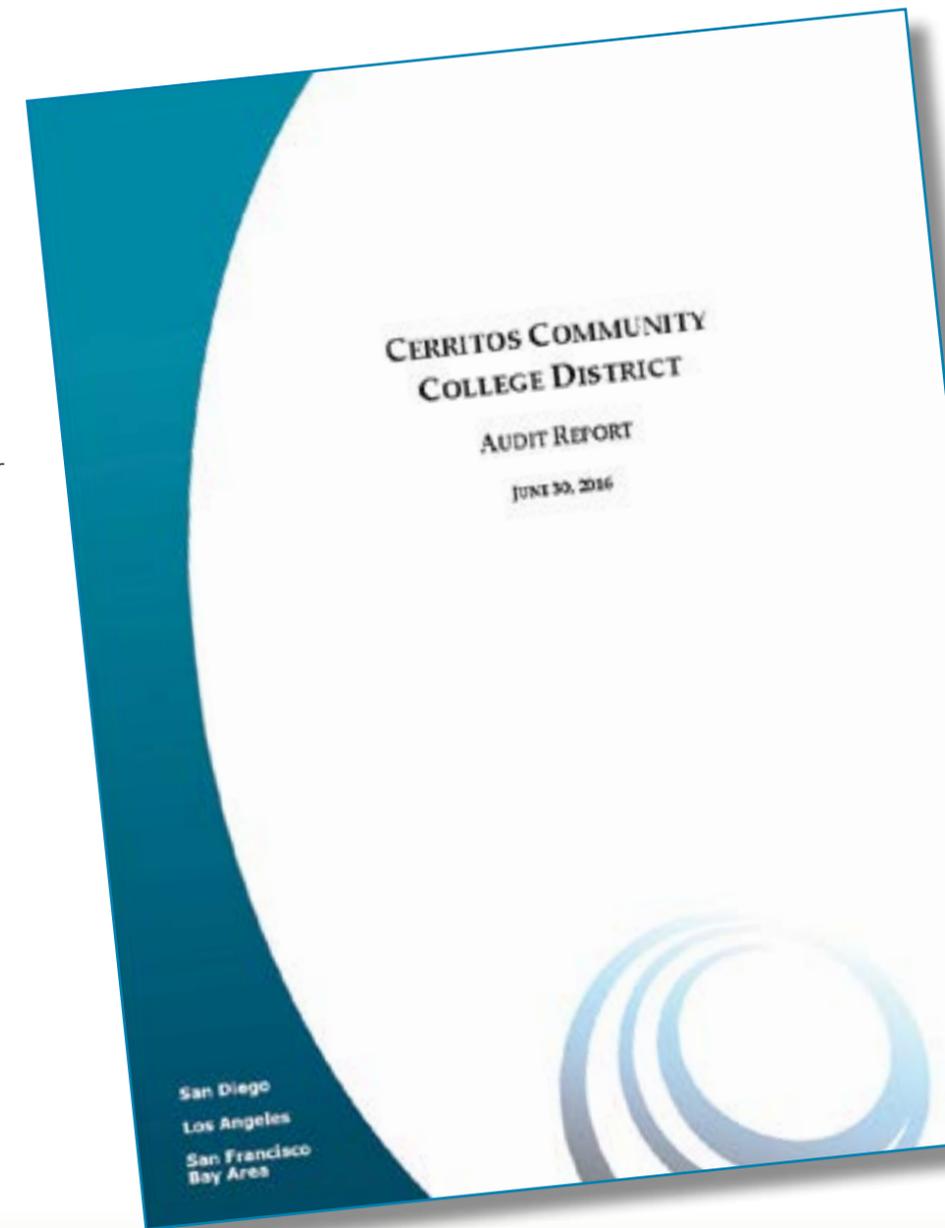
On campus, Manny wears many hats. The linguistics and Chinese major works as a teacher's aide and conversation facilitator in the Intensive English Program, where he helps international students learn English and American culture to prepare for their study at the College. Manny

also serves as president of the Chinese Student Club and organizes club activities. Because of his commitment and effort in promoting cultural understanding between the U.S. and China, he was selected as a 100K Strong Student Ambassador by the US-China Strong Foundation, a nonprofit organization that seeks to strengthen US-China relations by fostering a new generation of leaders, and was invited to its Student Ambassador Conference in Washington, D.C. representing Cerritos College.

This fall, Manny will transfer to San Francisco State University's Chinese Flagship program to further his Chinese studies. "The Flagship Program allows me to study a semester or year in China," said Manny. He plans to teach a few years in China after he completes his bachelor's degree, and obtain a master's in TESOL (teaching English to speakers of other languages) to bridge the two cultures as a translator and teacher.

Cerritos College's Finances Stay Strong

Cerritos College received a clean independent audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30. According to the report by audit firm Christy White & Associates, all of the financial reports for the District, the Foundation, Measure CC, and Measure G were in compliance with local, state, and federal regulations. The College had "no findings" in the report, which further highlighted the institution's long standing record of achieving excellent audit results. The report is available here: www.cerritos.edu/audit-report



Spring 2017 Calendar of Events

FREE COMMUNITY EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Job Fair	April 7	9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Library Sidewalk
2017 Festival of Asian Cultures	April 19	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Falcon Square
Earth Day	April 20	11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Falcon Square



2017 SPRING CERRITOS COLLEGE ATHLETICS HOME SCHEDULE



SPORT	DAY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
Softball	Saturday	Apr. 1	11:00 a.m.	Fullerton
Softball	Saturday	Apr. 1	2:00 p.m.	College of the Canyons
Baseball	Tuesday	Apr. 4	2:00 p.m.	ECC Compton Center
M&W Track	Friday	Apr. 7	9:00 a.m.	Cerritos Invitational
Baseball	Saturday	Apr. 8	12:00 p.m.	ECC Compton Center
Softball	Tuesday	Apr. 11	3:00 p.m.	Los Angeles Harbor
M&W Tennis	Thursday	Apr. 13	All Day	SCC Tournament
M&W Tennis	Friday	Apr. 14	All Day	SCC Tournament
Baseball	Thursday	Apr. 20	2:30 p.m.	Los Angeles Harbor
Softball	Thursday	Apr. 20	3:00 p.m.	ECC Compton Center
Softball	Saturday	Apr. 22	11:00 a.m.	Santiago Canyon
Baseball	Tuesday	Apr. 25	2:30 p.m.	East Los Angeles
Softball	Tuesday	Apr. 25	3:00 p.m.	El Camino
M&W Track	Saturday	6-May	9:00 a.m.	SoCal Prelims
M&W Track	Saturday	13-May	12:00 p.m.	SoCal Finals

Spring 2017 Entertainment Calendar

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Theatre Events It Ain't Nothin' But the Blues	April 28, 29	8 p.m.	Burnight Center Theatre
	May 4, 5, 6	8 p.m.	Burnight Center Theatre
	May 7	2 p.m.	Burnight Center Theatre

*Tickets are available online. For ticket pricing and information, please call (562) 467-5058 or www.cerritos.edu/theatre.

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Music Events Jazz Exchange (free)	April 5	7 p.m.	Student Center
	April 11	7 p.m.	Student Center
	May 10	7 p.m.	Burnight Center Theatre
Jazz/Pop Concert (free)	May 10	7 p.m.	Burnight Center Theatre
*Choir/Band/Orchestra Spring Concert	May 12	7 p.m.	Burnight Center Theatre

*Tickets are available online. For ticket pricing and information, please call (562) 860-2451 ext.2629 or www.cerritos.edu/music.





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Campus Calendar

May 15
 Summer open enrollment begins

May 19
 Commencement

May 22
 Summer 2016 session begins

June 19
 Summer 8-week session begins

July 3
 Summer 2nd 6-week begins

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