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Cerritos College  
**InSight**

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**President's Message**

Welcome to the spring 2019 issue of InSight.

As you read through this issue, you will find many student success stories, talented faculty, and excellent programs and services. We take pride in our rich history of providing a quality education and training to people in our community for new careers and in responding to the workforce needs of business and industry.

Our campus continues to grow with new programs and new construction. Our California Promise Program, Cerritos Complete, now offers two years of free tuition to any student who is willing to commit to achieving success. Since its inception in 2016, the College has seen a 30 percent increase in the number of degrees and certificates awarded to our students. The College is expanding with construction projects through the Bond program, including the upcoming opening of the new Health and Wellness Center and the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Performing Arts Center.

Whether it is to earn a degree, to prepare for transfer, to upgrade technical skills, or to train for a new career, the College offers resources that cover all aspects of education and professional growth. There are many exciting things happening here on campus. I hope you will stay connected to Cerritos College.

Dr. Jose Fierro

*President/Superintendent*



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**Meet Our New Vice President of Student Services Dr. Dilcie Perez**



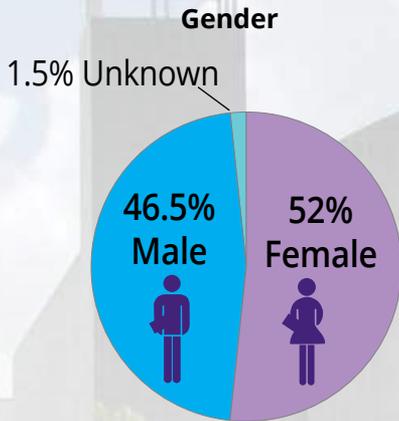
Cerritos College welcomed Dr. Dilcie Perez as its new Vice President of Student Services in January. Dr. Perez comes to Cerritos College from MiraCosta Community College District in Oceanside, CA, where she served as Dean of Student Life & Judicial Affairs. Dr. Perez has an extensive background in all facets of student affairs. She earned a bachelor's degree from California State University, San Marcos in political science, a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University, and a doctorate in educational leadership from San Diego State University.

# Student Profile

(Fall 2018 data)

Student Count: 23,045

Student Enrollment by Ethnicity



African-American

1.5%



American Indian/  
Alaskan Native

5.5%



Asian

8%



Filipino

1%



Hispanic

71%



Multi-Ethnicity

1%



Pacific Islander

0.5%



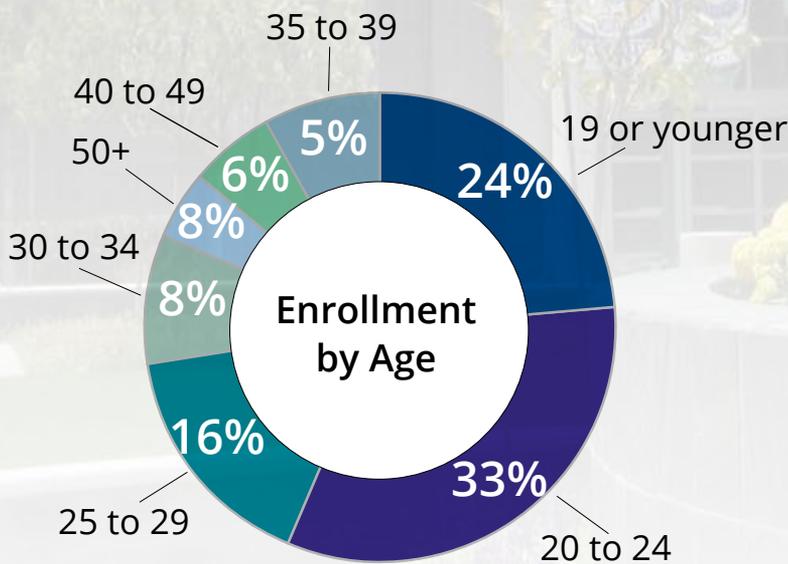
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8%



White Non-Hispanic

3.5%





## Two Years Free - Cerritos Complete Adds a Second Year

There are two more reasons to love Cerritos College! The College added another free year of tuition for students through its Promise Program, **Cerritos Complete**. High school seniors who graduate from participating districts are eligible to enroll in Cerritos Complete, and are required to finish the Promise Program's seven steps. Cerritos Complete was officially established as the College's Promise Program in 2016 and has served more than 1,500 student participants, to date. Unlike traditional Promise Programs, Cerritos Complete not only focuses on free access to college, it also emphasizes completing a degree, certificate, or transfer. The program gives students the tools they need to succeed in college, and provides personalized support services to help them graduate in less time. Students who participate in Cerritos Complete generally outperform non-



participants in units completed, persistence, and completion of entry-level math and English, and other academic areas.

Cerritos Complete won the 2018 Examples of *Excelencia* Award (Associate Level) at the *Celebración de Excelencia* for supporting Latino students last fall. In January 2019, Assembly Member Cristina Garcia (D-58) recognized Cerritos Complete's efforts to improve student success in the State Capitol. The Promise Program was also named as a finalist for the prestigious Bellwether Award.

For more information about Cerritos Complete, visit [www.cerritos.edu/cerritoscomplete](http://www.cerritos.edu/cerritoscomplete).



*Egungun by Mark Steven Greenfield*



*Immigrant Landscape by Nery Gabriel Lemus*

## **New Public Art Collection to Make Cerritos College A Creative Landmark**

Cerritos College is establishing a unique new public art collection. The collection, to be spread through publicly accessible areas of the campus, will feature paintings, drawings, prints, and photographs ranging in size from multiple small works on paper to two massive fourteen-foot shaped-canvas paintings. Themes presented in the works will reflect the areas of study covered in nearby classrooms. The collection also prominently features works by traditionally underrepresented groups, including notable female artists and artists of color.

A map with display locations will be made available on the College's website by the end of spring 2019. The campus will continue to expand this public art collection in the coming years.

A public art collection of this scale is rare for a community college. In 2015, the College established the Committee on Art in Public Spaces to develop a comprehensive and permanent plan to display art around campus, adding to a small number of existing public art pieces already on view, including a painted wood construction titled *To Whom It May Concern* (2013) by Salvadoran-American artist Daino, and a sound-sculpture, *The Sound Pavilion* (2011), by John David O'Brien and Steve Roden. Both are currently on display in the College's new Fine Arts Building. The College also recently installed a cast-concrete sculpture donated by artist Gustavo Godoy titled *Vacant Marker* (2012) at the entrance of the Kincaid Baseball Field.



*Visionary Plants by Naida Osline*



## Men's Soccer Team Earns First National Championship

The Cerritos College men's soccer team was named National Champions (Division III – non-scholarship) for the first time in its history. The championship, voted by United Soccer Coaches, came after the Falcons amassed a 22-0-2 record. After opening the season with a loss, they went unbeaten in their final 24 games, including wins in their final 14 matches.



## Falcon Wrestling Wins Third Straight SoCal Team Dual Title

For the third season in a row, the Cerritos College wrestling team captured the Southern California Team Dual Championship in 2018. The Falcons won the state title in 2016.



## Football Celebrates Southern California Bowl Win

Facing Golden West College in the Southern California Bowl, the Cerritos College football team capped off their fall 2018 season with a 21-9 win.



## Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Raises Funds and Awareness

The College hosted the inaugural Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event in October to celebrate those who have fought the battle against breast cancer, and to educate the community about the disease.

The event featured a survivor, family and supporter walk, as well as a Luminaria ceremony to honor survivors and those who have lost the battle to cancer. Participants also learned about breast cancer resources during the event.



## College Celebrates International Education Week

In celebration of the fifth annual International Education Week, the College presented a week full of activities featuring a presentation on global awareness, Taiwan Study abroad student panel, and cultural dance performances.

Cerritos College's annual International Education Week highlights the benefits of global education and cultural exchange worldwide. International Education Week is part of a joint, national initiative led by the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education to promote programs that prepare Americans for the international marketplace.



## **Inaugural State of the College Highlights Progress and Success**

Cerritos College hosted its inaugural State of the College on October 29, 2018. President/ Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro delivered the inaugural State of the College address to more than 60 community, business, and K-12 partners, providing an update on the College's growing list of progress and successes. Dr. Fierro focused on four core tenets that highlight the College's efforts to advance student success and its impact on economic growth across the region: robust student support programs, student investment and community partnerships, transforming the landscape of Cerritos College, and funding student success. The 2018 State of the College was co-sponsored by the Artesia Chamber of Commerce and the Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds from the event were donated to the Cerritos College Foundation for student scholarships.



## **Cerritos College Breaks Ground on New Performing Arts Center**

Cerritos College celebrated the groundbreaking of the new Performing Arts Center with a ceremony in March. The project is funded by Measure G Bond dollars and will be located in the center of the campus immediately south of Falcon Square. The 70,000-gross-square-foot facility will replace the College's aging Burnight Theatre with a new, high-quality learning facility equipped with instructional labs and areas for social learning.

The Performing Arts Center will provide unique instructional spaces for future student artists and entertainment professionals who will be able to produce a broad spectrum of creative and artistic works for the campus community. The Performing Arts Center will feature a 450-seat state-of-the-art theatre, a smaller black box performance area, and support spaces. The building will also house the Music Department's instructional labs, lecture halls, band rooms, practice rooms, and faculty offices.

Not only will the new Performing Arts Center serve as a cultural hub for the campus, the Center will provide students with a quality education that meets the demands of the workforce and provide a creative learning environment for students in the theatre arts and music programs.



## Independent Audits Show Cerritos College as Good Steward Over Bond Construction Program

Cerritos College earned a clean audit report for the fiscal year ending June 2018 for its voter-approved bond construction program. Audits conducted by the independent accounting firm CliftonLarsenAllen, LLP concluded the District, in all significant respects, properly accounted for the financial costs associated with Measure CC and Measure G. “There were no findings related to performance,” according to auditors.

In 2004, voters approved Measure CC by 57.71 percent and authorized the District to use \$210 million in general obligation bonds to upgrade the 60-year-old campus with new state-of-the-art facilities and resources. Subsequently, in 2012, voters overwhelmingly approved Measure G by 70.33 percent for \$350 million in bonds to accommodate the growing demand for modern facilities and infrastructure upgrades.

To date, the District has completed eight major projects funded through Measures CC and G. A new Performing Arts Center and a Health and Wellness Complex are currently under construction. In addition, to maximize cost savings, during its last bond sale in 2017, the District secured a reduced interest rate that will ultimately save taxpayers \$22.4 million.

Since the passage of Measures CC and G, the District has consistently maintained a long-standing record of excellent audit reports that show strong fiscal management and compliance with local, state, and federal laws.

For more information about the 2018 audit report, visit [www.cerritos.edu](http://www.cerritos.edu).

# Welcome

# CARE



## Dental Hygiene Students Provided Free Dental Care

Dental Hygiene students provided free dental care to those in need at the Care Harbor LA event in October 2018. The students offered cleanings, oral cancer screenings, oral hygiene instructions, x-rays, sealants, and fluoride varnish treatments to more than 250 patients. The dental hygiene program boasts a 100-percent passage rate on the National Board exam for the past 14 years.

The Cerritos College Dental Hygiene Program is a competitive, two-year degree program. Upon completion, graduating students receive an Associate in Arts Degree in Dental Hygiene and qualify to take the National and State Board Dental Hygiene Examinations. Successful passage of the examinations qualifies graduates to practice dental hygiene in the State of California. The program is accredited by the American Dental Association, Commission on Dental Accreditation, and has maintained its accreditation status for each seven-year cycle.

# Student Accomplishments



**Graciela Espejo** was named a 2018 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar by Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), a national honor society. The psychology major plans to transfer to the University of California, Irvine. Graciela hopes to become a psychologist, and work with adolescents and seniors to help them develop healthy lifestyles.



**Alumna Diana A. Yanez** was named a 2018 recipient of the Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans, a premier graduate school fellowship for immigrants and children of immigrants. Diana was selected for her potential to make significant contributions to U.S. society and her academic field STEM. Diana transferred to the University of California, Los Angeles, and is currently working on a MD-PhD degree at Yale University.



**Darneanna Fallins** was selected to the 2019 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-California Academic Team. Darneanna's major is elementary teacher education with a focus on special education. She plans to transfer to California State University, Long Beach in fall 2019. Darneanna will pursue a master's degree in social and behavioral science to enhance her studies in behavioral intervention. She hopes to teach elementary school and college-level students throughout her career. PTK is the international honor society of two-year colleges and academic programs that recognizes and encourages scholarship among two-year college students.

## Veteran Business Professor Bob Livingston Named 2018 Teacher of the Year

Business Administration Professor Dr. Bob Livingston was named the Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year by California Business Education Association. The award recognized his many years of contribution to student success through innovative teaching, community service, and dedication to program excellence.

A former business executive, Livingston has taught business administration at Cerritos College for 32 years. He was instrumental in introducing the award-winning Open Educational Resources to the College to improve the success of at-risk students by reducing costs of textbooks. As a result, the Business Administration department estimates it saves students \$1 million each year.



## Trustee Marisa Perez Honored with 2018 Student Equity Award



The Campaign for College Opportunity and the National Organization of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) honored Cerritos College Board member Marisa Perez with the 2018 Champion of Equity Award.

Trustee Perez's efforts to improve equity are part of the Cerritos College Board of Trustees' leadership strategy to advance student success. The Board strongly supports campus, state, and federal policies that increase student achievement for first-generation and underrepresented students. The Board funded Cerritos Complete before it became the

College's official California Promise Program, dedicating \$250,000 annually to provide students with their first year of college free. The Board also supported state legislation to implement the use of evidence-based assessment testing that allows colleges to use multiple measures to determine a student's placement in college courses, in part by considering student transcripts. The Board endorsed other student-centered legislation, including California's new funding formula for community colleges, access to affordable transportation, prevention of student hunger, and low-cost/digital textbooks, among other key bills.

## SPRING 2019 EVENTS

### CAMPUS EVENTS

#### Festival of Asian Cultures

April 24 | 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Falcon Square

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### THEATRE EVENTS

#### Adding Machine: A Musical

May 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 | 8 p.m. | Burnight Studio Theatre

May 12 | 2 p.m.

Burnight Studio Theatre

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

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### MUSIC EVENTS

#### \*Spring Guest Artist Piano Showcase

April 13 | 7 p.m. | Burnight Center Theatre

#### Spring Jazz Concert (free)

May 15 | 7 p.m. | Burnight Center Theatre

#### \*Spring Choir/Band/Orchestra Concert

May 17 | 7 p.m. | Burnight Center Theatre

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

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### ART EXHIBITION

#### Window Dressing:

#### Transgenerational by Dawn Ertl

April 8 – 19 | Cerritos College Art Gallery  
(Fine Arts Building Room 107)

#### Student Art Exhibition

April 30 - May 10 | Cerritos College Art Gallery  
(Fine Arts Building Room 107)

#### Exhibition Hours:

Monday - Tuesday: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. & 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday - Friday: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Art exhibition admission is free

For more information about the Cerritos College Art Gallery visit [www.cerritos.edu/art-gallery/](http://www.cerritos.edu/art-gallery/)

## SPRING 2019 ATHLETICS HOME SCHEDULE

### Baseball

April 11 | 2:30 p.m. | vs. Long Beach City

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### Men's and Women's Track and Field

April 12 | 9 a.m. | Cerritos Invitational

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### Men's and Women's Track and Field

April 13 | 9 a.m. | Cerritos Invitational

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### Softball

April 13 | 12 p.m. | vs. Southwestern

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### Softball

April 13 | 2 p.m. | vs. Southwestern

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### Softball

April 18 | 3 p.m. | vs. Compton

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### Softball

April 20 | 11 a.m. | vs. Santiago Canyon

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### Men's and Women's Track and Field

April 23 | 11 a.m. | South Coast  
Conference Preliminaries

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### Softball

April 23 | 3 p.m. | vs. El Camino

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### Baseball

April 25 | 2:30 p.m. | vs. Pasadena City

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### Men's and Women's Track and Field

April 27 | 1:30 p.m. | South Coast  
Conference Finals

For more information about the Falcon Athletics, please visit: [www.cerritosfalcons.com](http://www.cerritosfalcons.com)



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## Summer Campus Calendar

May 28 – August 16, 2019  
 12-Week Session

May 28 – June 27, 2019  
 1st 6-Week Session

June 28 – August 16, 2019  
 8-Week Session

May 28 – August 1, 2019  
 10-Week Session

June 17 – July 25, 2019  
 Swing 6-Week Session

July 8 – August 16, 2019  
 2nd 6-Week Session

### Administration

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*President/Superintendent*

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*Vice President of  
 Academic Affairs/  
 Assistant Superintendent*

**Felipe Lopez**  
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