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President's Message



Welcome to the Annual Report to the Community for 2019-20. With this Annual Report, we hope to provide you with a snapshot of the College's financial, demographic, and enrollment data, as well as construction updates and recent accomplishments.

This past year has been an unprecedented one for our College, students, instructors, staff, and community. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected how we live our lives, the ways in which we do business, our social interactions with friends and family, and the educational process.

Although this global situation affected all of us in many ways, I am proud of how we have come together. Our students have shown resilience by continuing their education in new ways, and the campus community worked diligently to successfully transition campus operations and instruction to a virtual format. In addition, we enhanced student resources and support services to ensure students seamlessly continue their education from home.

We are proud of the accomplishments our faculty, staff, and students have made this past year, and we look forward to continuing that success moving forward.

As things evolve in the coming year, we are committed to investing resources to develop innovative programs and initiatives that provide more students with strong support services. The development and academic success of our students remain our top priority as we prepare them for a vibrant future.

We thank you for your continued support and we look forward to what the next year will bring.

Dr. Jose Fierro
President/Superintendent

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Cerritos College Tackles Issue of Student Homelessness by Opening California's First Community College Housing Project



This past June, Cerritos College celebrated the grand opening of The Village, California's first community college housing development exclusively for students facing homelessness. Located blocks away from campus, the project is made up of seven modern townhomes featuring a mix of free and affordable rental options for students between 18-25 years old.

Homelessness is a persistent problem across California's community colleges. According to the 2019 #RealCollege Survey Report conducted by The Hope Center, nearly one in five community college students experience homelessness. This includes situations such as couch surfing, living in a car or motel, or living outside.

More than 50 percent of Cerritos College students who responded to the survey faced housing insecurity and had difficulty paying rent or a mortgage. More than 65 percent of students experienced at least one form of basic needs insecurity in the past year. As a result, these students struggle managing personal and financial responsibilities and navigating the demands of college life.

The report also identified specific high risk student groups, including foster youth, African American/Black, Native American, Southwest Asian, Pacific Islander, Asian American, and undocumented students.

Cerritos College has a long history of developing programs to support disproportionately-impacted student populations. To name some, the Falcon's Nest provides centralized support services for students facing basic needs insecurities. LINC assists former foster youth with completing their educational goals as they transition to college and

work. The Puente Program helps Latinx students achieve academic success. The UMOJA Success Program assists African-American students and others in achieving scholastic and life success. The UndocuAlly program helps undocumented students integrate into campus life.

The Village is part of the Board of Trustees' vision and commitment to address student success by meeting basic needs, including issues of poverty, housing, and food insecurity.

"Meeting the basic needs of our students is a major priority for the District," said Cerritos College Board President Marisa Perez. "The Village is one of many steps we have taken to serve our most vulnerable student populations, and it will provide students with a secure environment so they can become self-reliant while finishing their educational goals."

In 2016, the District entered into a partnership with Jovenes, Inc., a Los Angeles nonprofit that assists homeless and displaced young adults, to develop an innovative housing model with transitional homes and wrap-around support services exclusively for homeless students. The College also received support for the project from the City of Norwalk, Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn (4th District), and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

"We believe the collaboration model we used to develop The Village housing project can be widely replicated across the state to solve the issue of student housing for community college students facing homelessness," said President/Superintendent Dr. Jose Fierro. "Our goal with The Village is to provide a safe haven to students until they graduate and transition into their own self-supported space. When students don't have to worry about where they are going to sleep at night, they can focus on their studies and improve their grades."

Jovenes, Inc. serves as the lead housing service provider for The Village. It provides day-to-day management, resident selection, on-site supervision, case management, and maintenance. For more information about The Village, contact Jovenes at CerritosPN@jovenesinc.org.

Cerritos College Celebrates its Largest Graduating Class in a Virtual Ceremony

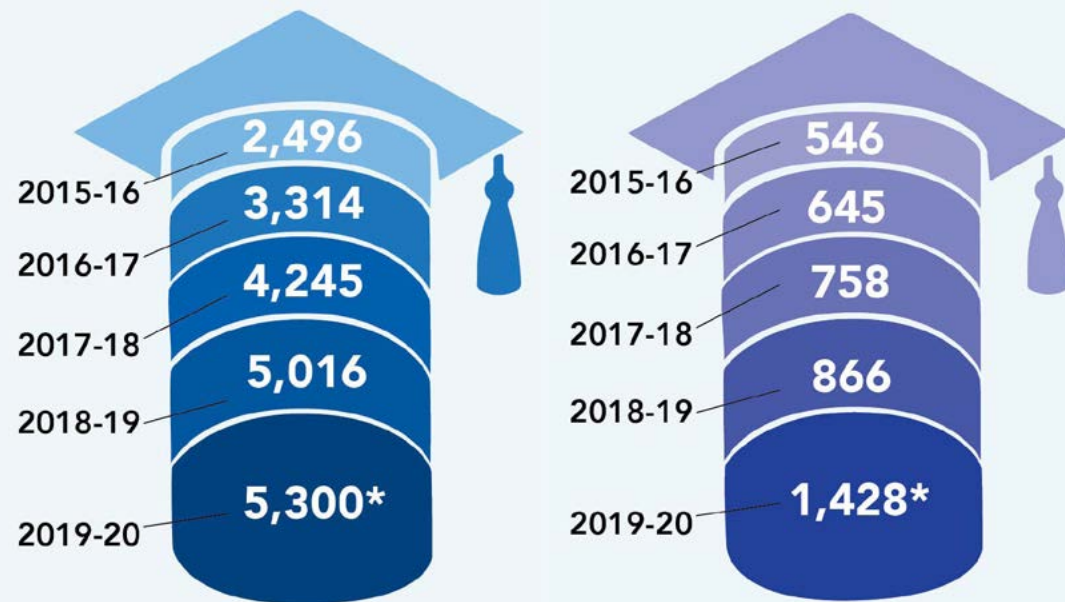
In spite of the unprecedented circumstances presented by COVID-19, Cerritos College proudly celebrated the achievements of more than 5,000 Falcons at a virtual graduation ceremony held in June. The 62nd annual commencement marked the fifth consecutive year Cerritos College celebrated its largest number of degrees and certificates, presenting 5,300 associate degrees and skills certificates to students who completed their course of study during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Since 2015, the College has seen its number of graduates more than double, and there was a six percent increase in the number of graduates from 2019.

“Although public health concerns restricted us from holding an in-person ceremony, we did not want to lose the opportunity to celebrate our students’ accomplishments and hard work toward finishing their educational goals,” said Dr. Jose Fierro, president/superintendent. “This year, we were proud to be able to host a memorable virtual event for the Class of 2020 and celebrate this significant milestone with them and their families.”

AD-Ts Awarded - The ADT degree guarantees transfer admission to the California State University system (2015-2020) *See page 6 for more

Degrees/Certificates Awarded (2015-2020)



*Data to be finalized December 2020

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Graduates transitioned to some of the nation’s top colleges and universities, including Yale, USC, UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara, and California State Universities Northridge, Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Fullerton, among others.



Tran Pham

Tran received an associate degree in accounting. She moved from Vietnam to the United States in 2017 and enrolled at Cerritos College.

Initially afraid to speak up because of the language barrier, she found her voice once she joined the campus’ Toastmasters Club, which provides a supportive learning experience that empowers members to develop communication skills to foster self-confidence and personal growth.

As she became more confident, Tran assumed leadership positions with the Accounting Club, where she served as the president. The accounting major transferred to the University of California, Berkeley, where she plans to pursue a career as an accountant.



Jesus Ayala

Jesus is a 32-year-old single father and a 11-year survivor of a violent crime that left him with paraplegia.

For Jesus, there is no such thing as quitting or giving up.

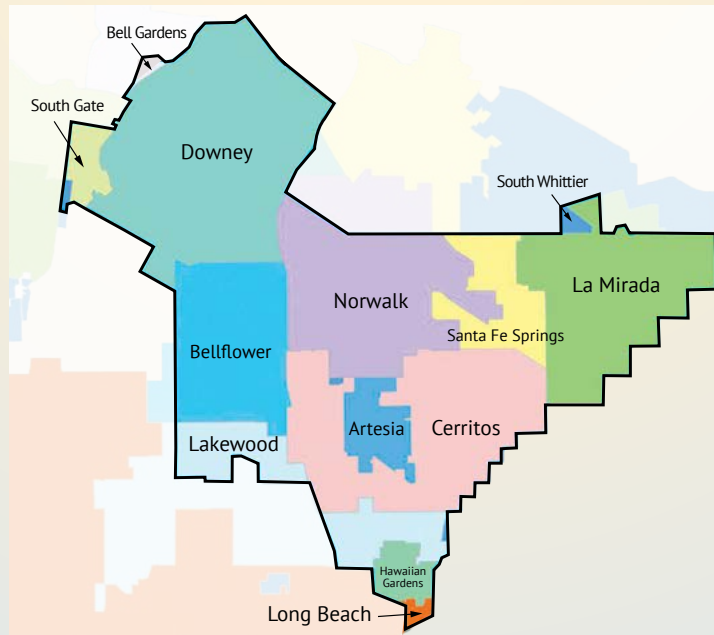
Creating a better life for his daughter motivated him to work hard to finish his goals. The first person in his family to go to college, Jesus earned two associate degrees – sociology and liberal arts – and transferred to UCLA.

He plans to pursue a master’s degree to become a social worker.

Proud Cerritos College Grad 2020

ANNUAL REPORT AT-A-GLANCE

With a strong focus on student development and academic success, Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. The diverse student body is made up of more than 21,000 students focused in areas such as business, management, marketing and related support services, liberal arts and sciences, general studies and humanities, and multi/interdisciplinary studies.



BUDGET INFORMATION

Revenue

\$ 121,842,424

State

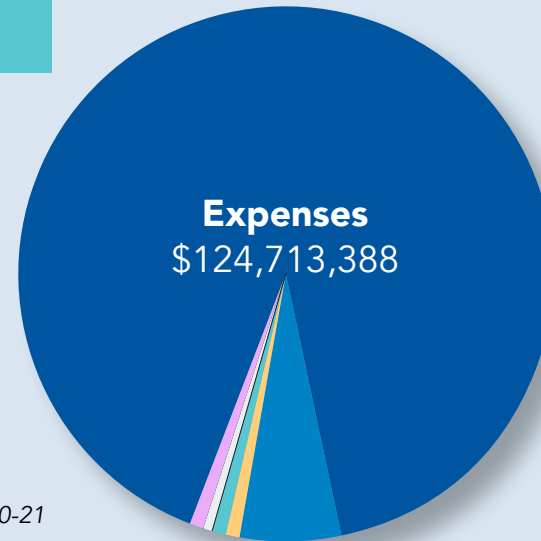
\$84,899,572

Local

\$36,764,852

Other

\$178,000



Source: Fiscal year 2020-21 adopted budget

Employee costs

\$113,489,238

Academic

\$54,614,216

Classified Professionals

\$23,695,504

Benefits

\$35,179,518

Employee Costs	\$113,489,238
Operating	\$7,409,637
Supplies and Materials	\$1,330,856
Capital Outlay	\$721,402
Interfund Transfers – out	\$1,054,501
Other Student Aid	\$1,100
Reserve for Contingencies	\$706,654

QUICK FACTS



Cerritos College ranks eighth among the nation's Top 100 schools for most Hispanic enrollment.

Source: Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education

25:1

Student/Faculty ratio is 25-to-1.

Source: US News



The school has an open admissions policy and offers credit for life experiences.

Source: US News



The in-state tuition and fees for 2018-2019 were \$1,346, and out-of-state tuition and fees were \$8,710. There is no application fee.

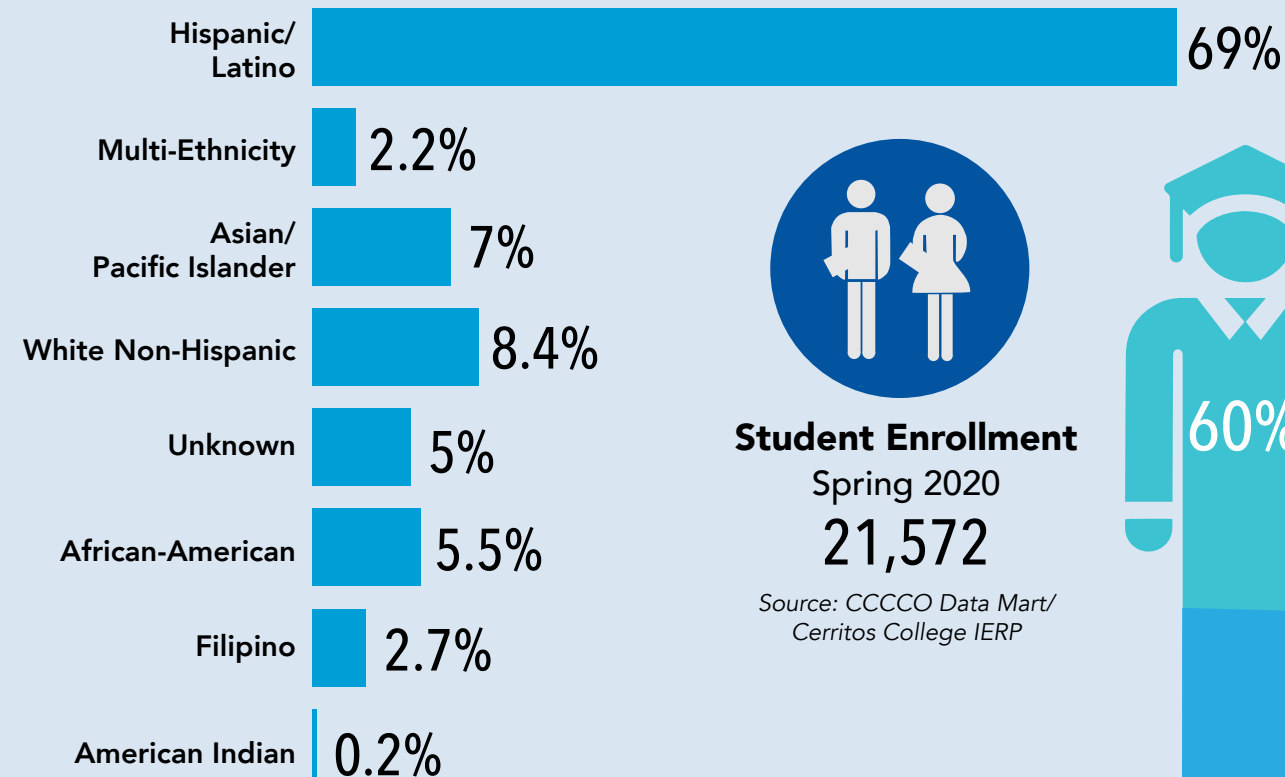
Source: US News



7,000 Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-T/AS-T) awarded since 2012 (College offers 30 ADT programs) *The ADT degree guarantees transfer admission to the California State University system.

Enrollment by Ethnicity

Source: CCCC Data Mart/Cerritos College IERP



Student Enrollment

Spring 2020

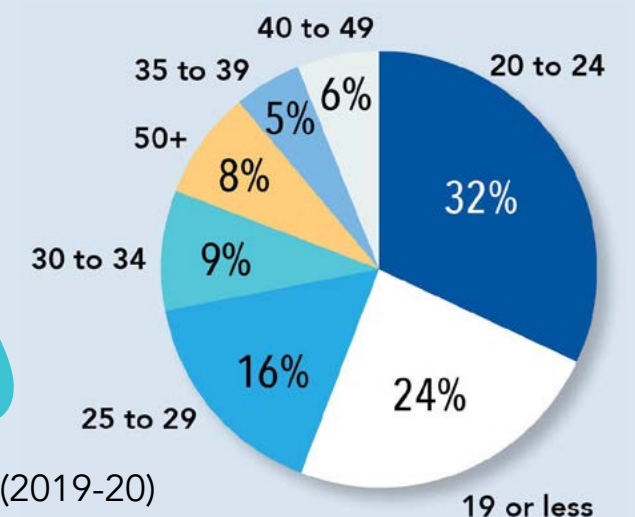
21,572

Source: CCCC Data Mart/Cerritos College IERP

STUDENT INFORMATION

Enrollment by Age (2019-20)

Source: CCCC Data Mart/Cerritos College IERP

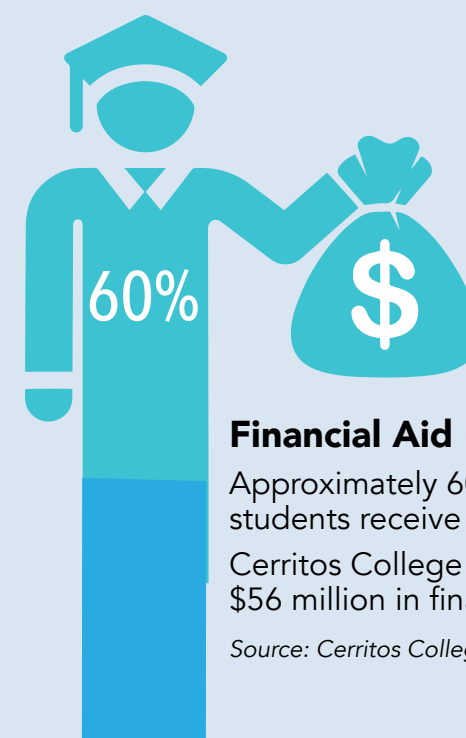


Financial Aid (2019-20)

Approximately 60% of Cerritos College students receive financial aid.

Cerritos College disbursed more than \$56 million in financial aid.

Source: Cerritos College Financial Aid Office



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: YOUR BOND DOLLARS AT WORK

Voters approved Cerritos College's \$350 million General Obligation Bond measure (Measure G) in 2012 to modernize the 65-year-old campus.

Cerritos College continues to undergo a transformation, updating classrooms, technology, and computer labs. The campus is also in the midst of upgrading its job-training facilities and improving classrooms to accommodate growing workforce demands and repairing and replacing aging facilities. Bond funds are also being used to implement the College's Facilities Master Plan.

Cerritos College is committed to developing the best student-learning environment. Through Measure G, the College is creating energy efficient and sustainable designs that will help foster a positive experience for students for years to come.

For more information about the College's construction programs, visit: www.cerritos.edu/master-plan.



Student Health Center

CURRENT PROJECTS

Health & Wellness Complex

Cerritos College celebrated the grand opening of the new Athletic Team Rooms Building and Health Services Building in October. These buildings began construction in 2019 and serve to complete the Health & Wellness Complex, which includes Athletic Team Rooms, Conference Center, Dance, Health Services, Kinesiology, and Physical Education.

The first green-certified project through the bond construction program, the Health & Wellness Complex meets sustainability requirements outlined by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Performing Arts Center (Measure G)

The College began construction on the new Performing Arts Center in 2018. When completed, the 84,000-square-foot facility will replace the College's aging Burnight Theatre.

The new Performing Arts Center will feature a 400-seat, state-of-the-art theater, a smaller black box performance area, as well as support spaces. The building will also house the Music Department's instructional labs, lecture halls, band rooms, practice rooms, and faculty offices.

The project is scheduled for completion in fall 2021.



Health & Wellness Complex Grand Opening



Inside of Falcon Team Room

UPCOMING PROJECTS

Student Services & Administration Building

The Student Services & Administration Building will become the new front door to Cerritos College, providing a gateway into the campus.

The new project will replace the Administration, Bookstore, and Public Affairs buildings, centralizing student service and administration functions currently dispersed around campus. This will create a more accessible and efficient, state-of-the-art facility to better serve students, the campus, and community.

The Student Services & Administration Building began the design process in 2019 and is scheduled for design completion in spring 2021.

Health Science Renovation (Measure G + State Funding)

The existing Health Science Building was built in 1974 and had its HVAC (heating, ventilation, and cooling) system upgraded in the early 1990s. Today, the building serves the Cosmetology and Health Occupations programs, as well as the Health Occupations Division offices.

Through Measure G and state funding, the building will be seismically retrofitted and renovated to be more efficient. This will include modern facilities to serve students and the community.

The project was approved for the release of state funding in summer 2019 and design began that fall. The design process should be completed in spring 2021.

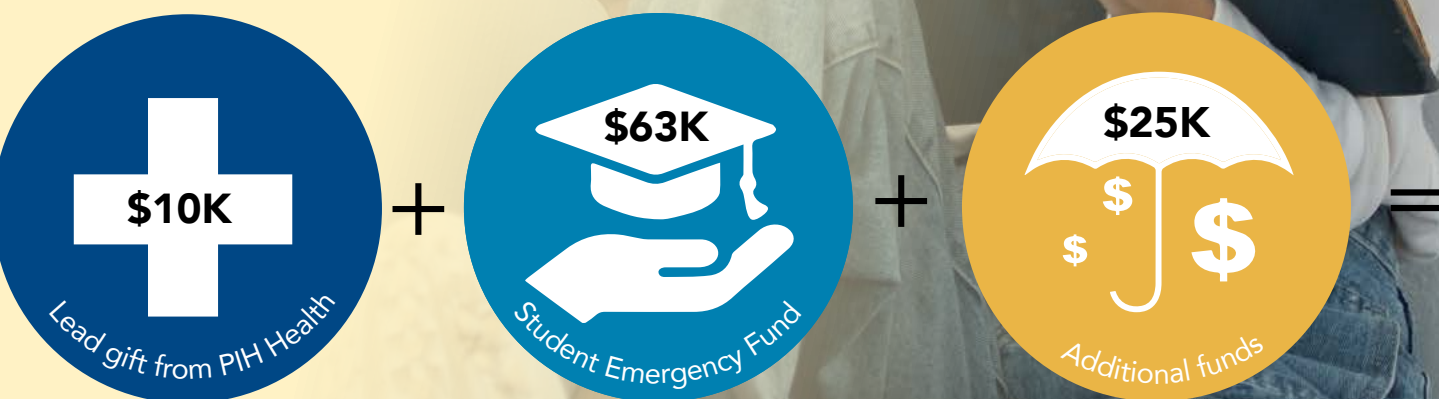
Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2022 with completion slated for fall 2023.

Cerritos College Foundation Provides Nearly \$100K in COVID-19 Student Aid

When the pandemic caused Cerritos College to transition to an online format, the Cerritos College Foundation stepped in to launch the **Student Emergency Fund** campaign to help students meet their basic daily needs. The Foundation received a lead gift of **\$10,000** from **PIH Health** to support students.

The campaign continues to raise funds to provide emergency aid to Cerritos College students with unexpected financial challenges. Funds and resources are given to help students with groceries, housing, school supplies, and technology support so they can stay on track to complete their educational goals. So far, the campaign has raised more than **\$73,000** to support students. The Foundation has allocated an additional **\$25,000** for emergency support using existing funds, totaling **nearly \$100,000**.

Phase two of the campaign is underway, with a goal of raising another \$50,000 or more to support Cerritos College students this fall. Details of the campaign can be found at [FalconsCare.org](https://falconsCare.org). The Foundation is also sponsoring a virtual Race for Falcon Futures to raise funds for the campaign. Register for the race at <https://givebutter.com/raceforfalconfutures>.



Totaling nearly \$100K

Nursing Graduates Make a Difference Volunteering in New York in Response to State's COVID-19 Emergency



Jaime Zamora, Paiton Rivas, Gabriel Leyva, and Rose Saenz (l-r)

Over the years, Cerritos College students have proven they will go the extra mile to help others and make a difference.

In December 2019, Gabriel Leyva, Paiton Rivas, Rose Saenz, and Jaime Zamora graduated from the College's Nursing Program and went on to become licensed Registered Nurses in early 2020. Soon after, they took on the role of heroes as they volunteered to help treat COVID-19 patients in New York City when the state became the epicenter of the pandemic.

The first case related to COVID-19 was confirmed in New York City in March 2020. Nearly a month later, the metropolitan area was the worst-affected in the nation and, by May, had more cases than any country other than the United States.

In April, while the virus ravaged New York City, the four nurses boarded a plane, determined to make

a difference, provide valuable assistance where it was desperately needed, and gain practical career experience. Living off daily food vouchers and staying in a Times Square hotel, the nurses took a 21-day consecutive assignment at Bellevue County Hospital. This included 12-hour shifts in the ER, ICU, medical-surgical, and oncology departments.

In addition to their work assignments, the four nurses remotely participated in the College's fourth-semester student class and spent time discussing their experience with nursing seniors and faculty.

"Their bravery and courage has been exemplary," said Nursing Chair Kelli Brooks. "What they saw and experienced during this unprecedented time was extraordinary. During their discussions, there wasn't a dry eye on the ZOOM calls."

Cerritos College Adds New, Innovative Degree and Certificate Programs

Even in the midst of the COVID-19 public health crisis and restrictions from ongoing social distancing requirements, Cerritos College continues to expand its educational offerings and opportunities. During the fall 2020 semester, the College announced new, innovative programs and a variety of transfer degrees and accelerated certificate programs. Some of the online associate degrees and certificate programs are being exclusively offered in a virtual format.

Cerritos College Online

Fully online programs are available in Business Administration, Commercial Music, Cloud Computing, Cyber Security, Engineering Design Technology, Network/System Administration, and Visual and Cultural Studies. In most cases, these classes are asynchronous online classes and students can complete coursework online at any time..

All of the campus' student and academic support services are available online.

Interested students can learn more about the step-by-step enrollment process at www.cerritos.edu/futurestudents. For more information about Cerritos College Online, visit www.cerritos.edu/online.



Social Justice: Africana Studies

As global protests against systemic racism continue, the College's new Africana Studies course is more relevant than ever. The Associate of Art for Transfer (AA-T) program offers an introduction to the theoretical principles and practices of Social Justice Studies. The curriculum focuses on the life history, culture, and social justice traditions of Black people and will prepare students for guaranteed admission to a CSU school and future advocacy work in underrepresented communities.

For more information, visit www.cerritos.edu/black-africana-studies/.



Hospitality Management

The Hospitality Management Associate of Science for Transfer (AS-T) program will provide students with an introduction to Hospitality Management, including culinary operation, hotel management, sanitation and safety, microeconomics, business and hospitality law, and food management.

The AS-T degree allows students to transfer to hospitality programs at a CSU, including California Polytechnic State University, Pomona, and CSU Long Beach, with guaranteed admission.

For more information, contact Michael Pierini at mpierini@cerritos.edu.



Film, TV, and Electronic Media

Students can keep up with the quickly evolving media landscape with the new Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) in Film, Television and Electronic Media. Combining elements of journalism, social media, radio, and traditional television, the new program will prepare students with hands-on skills to produce digital video, podcasts, and webcasts in the era of YouTube, TikTok, and other emerging platforms.

The program also focuses on film production, live television, radio programming, and all aspects of audio and visual content.

The AS-T degree allows students to transfer to a CSU with guaranteed admission.

For more information, contact Christian Brown at cbrown@cerritos.edu.



Accelerated Crossover Esthetician

The Colleges' new Accelerated Crossover Esthetician Program is targeted to licensed cosmetologists. To enroll, students must have an existing cosmetologist license.

Cosmetologists can obtain an esthetician license within 200 extra hours in a 9-week fall or spring session. This course is currently offered online while the College continues its remote programs due to COVID-19.

For more information, contact Rossi Petrova at rpetrova@cerritos.edu.



Celebrating 65 Years of Student Success and Academic Excellence 1955 - 2020



For more than six decades, Cerritos College has provided generations of students with opportunities to realize their dreams. The College continues to serve as a refuge for people of all types and backgrounds and is the "heart" of the community.

To celebrate 65 years of student success, Cerritos College hosted a series of anniversary events in September that included virtual parties, competitions, and lots of memories. The anniversary kickoff, hosted by Cerritos College President/Superintendent Jose Fierro, was a virtual celebration attended by more than 80 current and former faculty members, staff, and alumni.

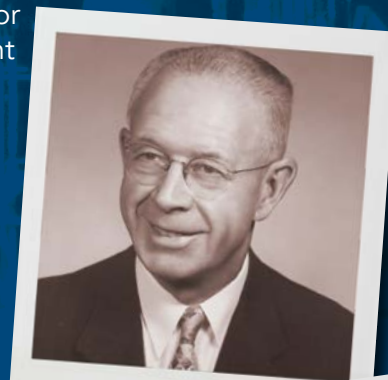
Events continued throughout the month and included a virtual happy hour sponsored by the Cerritos College Foundation, which featured radio host, DJ, actor, TV host, philanthropist, and entrepreneur Mando Fresko (Cerritos College Alum, 2006). The College also unveiled a birthday cake/dessert design challenge and welcomed its Golden Falcons back to campus to share their memories from the early years.

The Early Years

In 1955, one man recognized the need for more local educational opportunities for students in the Norwalk/Cerritos region. Dr. Ralph F. Burnight, the superintendent of the Excelsior High School District, who later became the first president/superintendent of Cerritos College, proposed the development of a junior college.

In June of that year, residents of the Bellflower, Downey, Norwalk, La Mirada, Artesia, Bloomfield, and Carmenita elementary school districts voted to establish the Excelsior Junior College District, which would later become Cerritos College. In September 1955, the Board of Trustees passed a \$6-million bond to officially build the campus.

Instruction began in 1956 in classrooms rented from the Excelsior High School District. The College opened with 197 students.



Evolution Highlights

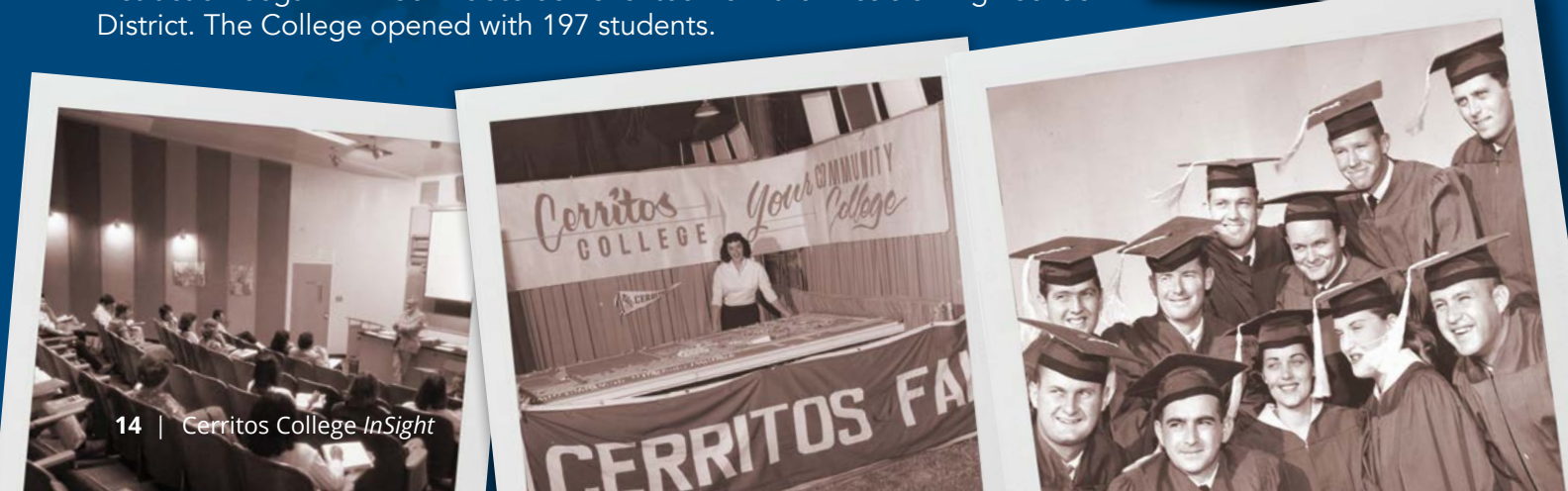
- In its first few decades, there were a number of significant changes that fostered growth at the College and established it as a vibrant institution.
- Enrollment grew to 10,000 students within the first decade and the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of the "South 40," expanding the campus to 135 acres.
- In 1971, the College changed its name to the Cerritos Community College District and enrollment reached 15,000 students. Later that decade, the Cerritos College Foundation was established.
- In the eighties, California community colleges introduced enrollment fees: \$5 per unit, \$50 for 12 units, and \$100 for annual, full-time students. At the end of the decade (1989), Cerritos.edu was activated, making Cerritos College the first California community college to officially connect to the Internet.
- In later decades, the College continued to grow with the addition of new programs and education tracks, as well as the construction of new buildings, including the Physical Science and Technology Building, Auto Partners Building, and the Falcon Gymnasium.
- Through Measure G, Cerritos College continues its transformation, updating classrooms, labs, equipment, and facilities. It is also acquiring, constructing, and repairing buildings and facilities throughout campus.

Today's Cerritos College

The Cerritos College story embodies what dreams and hard work can accomplish. From its modest beginnings as a small institution nestled deep within Dairy Valley, the College has grown into a modern institution with state-of-the-art facilities serving more than 21,000 diverse students.

Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. The campus is a leader in student-focused programs and initiatives, including Teacher TRAC, Court 2 College (C2C), iFalcon, Cerritos Complete, and The Village, to name a few.

More importantly, Cerritos College has created its own story and changed the lives of thousands of people over its 65-year history. The College is a beacon of hope for its diverse student base who come from different backgrounds in search of opportunities to succeed.





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2021 Campus Calendar

November 18, 2020*
 Spring 2021 Semester
 Open Enrollment Begins

* Date is subject to change

January 11, 2021
 Spring Semester Begins

May 15-21, 2021
 Final Exams

March 15-21, 2021
 Spring Break

May 2021
 Commencement Ceremony



*Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony of The Village
 June 11, 2020*

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