<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Title and Department</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Robert Asperen</td>
<td>Professor of Automotive Collision Repair</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Technology Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Patricia Berry</td>
<td>Professor of English as a Second Language</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Liberal Arts Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Judith Bulanek</td>
<td>Student Services Assistant II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Disabled Student Programs &amp; Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Madalyn Castro</td>
<td>Buyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Purchasing Department</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Suzanne Crawford</td>
<td>Associate Professor of English</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Liberal Arts Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Therese Feldstein</td>
<td>Professor of Mathematics</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Science, Engineering &amp; Mathematics Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. Charlene Fobi</td>
<td>Professor of Nursing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Health Occupations Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Carmen Garcia</td>
<td>Supervising Switchboard Operator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Purchasing Department</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wendell Hanks</td>
<td>Professor of Speech Communication</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Liberal Arts Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anita Janosee</td>
<td>Associate Professor of Art &amp; Design</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Fine Arts/Communications Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leslie Beek</td>
<td>Senior Applications Analyst</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Information Technology Department</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>M.L. Bettino</td>
<td>Dean</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Office of Academic Affairs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ronald Bunton</td>
<td>Gardener/Groundkeeper</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Facilities Department</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maria Boyol</td>
<td>Instructional Schedule Coordinator</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Office of Academic Affairs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gary Cain</td>
<td>Coordinator Judicial Affairs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Office of Student Activities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Madalyn Castro</td>
<td>Professor of Cosmetology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Technology Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Douglas Dreney</td>
<td>Senior Applications Analyst</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Information Technology Department</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hy Finkelstein</td>
<td>Professor of Business</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Business Education Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. Kay Follett</td>
<td>Professor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Disabled Student Programs &amp; Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Geraldine Greene</td>
<td>Student Services Assistant II</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Disabled Student Programs &amp; Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Donald Hallinger</td>
<td>Associate Professor of Earth Science</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Science, Engineering &amp; Mathematics Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jennie Jaimes</td>
<td>Assistant Professor of Spanish</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Liberal Arts Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. Adolph Johnson</td>
<td>Counselor/Professor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Counseling Services Department</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Jeanne Johnson  
Professor of Cosmetology  
Technology Division

Dr. Robert Kreger  
Professor of Earth Science  
Science, Engineering & Mathematics Division

Nicholas Kremer  
Executive Dean  
Community, Industry & Technology Education Department

Rei Hsi Lin  
Account Technician I  
Fiscal Services Department

Ronda Lipsohn  
Financial Aid Specialist  
Student Support Services

Dona Macias  
Counselor/Professor  
Counseling Services Department

Harold Malkin  
Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Technology  
Health Occupations Division

Rebecca Marine  
Professor of Child Development  
Health Occupations Division

William McFadden  
Professor of Mathematics/Computer Science  
Science, Engineering & Mathematics Division

Ceci Medina  
Professor of Child Development  
Health Occupations Division

Rosemarie Medina  
Intermediate Typist Clerk  
Fine Arts/Communications Division

Valencia Mitchell  
Librarian/Professor  
Library

Igerna Morris  
Account Technician I  
Fiscal Services Department

Mary Lou Mota  
Testing Technician  
Career Services

Barbara Mueller  
Professor of English  
Liberal Arts Division

Harriet Nakasone  
Professor  
Disabled Student Programs & Services

Wesley Nance  
Professor of Computer & Information Sciences  
Science, Engineering & Mathematics Division

Leslie Nishimura  
Vocational Education & Special Projects Assistant  
Community, Industry & Technology Education Department

Jenine Nolan  
Instructional Dean  
Health Occupations Division

Tlitha Pendleton  
Assistant Dispensary Clerk  
Technology Division

Shelley Pesanti  
Mail Clerk/PBX Operator  
Receptionist  
Purchasing Department

Ricardo Peterson  
Dishwasher-Potwasher  
Health Occupations Division

Paula Pineda  
Lockers Room Attendant  
Health, Physical Education, Dance & Athletics Division

Gabriel Parras  
Custodian  
Facilities Department

Robert Renteria  
Professor of Reading  
Liberal Arts Division

Lola Rizkallah  
Director  
Fiscal Services Department

Justus Reese  
Automotive Maintenance Technician  
Technology Division

Virginia Remore  
Professor/Athletics Counselor  
Counseling Services Department

Martha Rushing  
Writing Center Clerk  
Library

Phillip Salazar  
Counselor/Professor  
Counseling Services Department
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Title/Position</th>
<th>Department/Division</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Lynda Sampson</td>
<td>Librarian/Professor</td>
<td>Library</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Margaret Taylor</td>
<td>Division Clerk</td>
<td>Liberal Arts Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fred Wade</td>
<td>Gardener/Groundskeeper</td>
<td>Facilities Department</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brenda White</td>
<td>Professor of Cosmetology</td>
<td>Technology Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ana Zarrahy</td>
<td>Division Secretary Clerk</td>
<td>Health, Physical Education, Dance &amp; Athletics Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Laura Smuts</td>
<td>Library Technical Clerk</td>
<td>Library</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ghebrayghi Tekle</td>
<td>Custodian</td>
<td>Facilities Department</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Robert Walther</td>
<td>Professor of Microbiology</td>
<td>Science, Engineering &amp; Mathematics Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Martha Yeager</td>
<td>Associate Professor of English as a Second Language</td>
<td>Liberal Arts Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marlene Zwiep</td>
<td>Assistant Buyer</td>
<td>Purchasing Department</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>John Steele</td>
<td>Lead Warehouseperson</td>
<td>Purchasing Department</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christina The</td>
<td>Student Placement Specialist</td>
<td>Career Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Douglas Wells</td>
<td>Professor of Athletics and Track &amp; Field Coach</td>
<td>Health, Physical Education, Dance &amp; Athletics Division</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dr. David Young</td>
<td>Career Services</td>
<td>Counselor/Professor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anthony Young</td>
<td>Counseling Services Department</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Robert Asperen - 31 Years of Service

Bob Asperen has been an instructor in the Automotive Collision Repair department since 1978. He has been instrumental in developing the facility and equipment to increase both productivity and student success. His diverse interests within the field challenge students to take on projects to advance their learning. He has been involved in many campuswide activities throughout the years, including service on the Faculty Senate, Curriculum Committee and as a department chair.

Leslie Beck - 33 Years of Service

Leslie Beck began her Cerritos College career as a Student Programmer in spring 1977 and her full-time employment as an Intermediate Programmer Analyst on October 2, 1978. She is currently a Senior Applications Analyst in the Information Technology department. Leslie’s role is critical; she provides support for the development of class schedules, college catalog, and generates all of our college apportionment (320) reports. Leslie has extremely high ethical standards and possesses a great amount of institutional knowledge. She can interpret complex regulatory requirements remarkably well and always focuses on the big picture. Leslie is patient and caring, and cherishes the time she spends with her two granddaughters.

Steven Berklite - 25 Years of Service

Steve Berklite retires after a 38-year career in education, which has featured both administrative and teaching assignments. He began his teaching career as an automotive instructor at La Mirada High School in 1973 and remained there until 1985, when he was lured away to become assistant dean of the Cerritos College Technology division. He then became an automotive instructor for the Automotive program, focusing on the General Motors ASEP program and serving as department chair. Steve served two terms as dean of the Technology division, from 1998-2001 and again from 2009 to 2011. He was also a mechanic and driver for Don McBride Racing in the mid- to late-seventies.

Steve is known for his organizational skills, his no-nonsense administrative style, his efficient decision making, and his belief in managing by walking around his areas of supervision. Steve has been a consummate team player, and was a key figure in the completion of the Automotive Partners building, in the remodel of the current automotive building, in the development of programs with local area high schools and the Southeast Regional Occupational Center, as well as in maintaining important relationships with various automotive corporations and dealerships.
Patricia Berry - 32 Years of Service

Patricia Berry, Professor of English as a Second Language (ESL) began her teaching career at Cerritos College in the fall of 1978. Pat has stated that working at Cerritos College has been a wonderful 32 years. Pat was initially hired as a Speech Pathologist, and she was responsible for the Speech Clinic and taught a speech class. In the fall of 1989, Pat joined the ESL department where she has worked tirelessly to assist her colleagues in building and improving the program. Pat co-chaired the Speech department for several years while also chairing the ESL department. While in the ESL department, Pat has helped create new courses and has revised courses to better meet student needs. Pat stated that she has cherished her role as an instructor at Cerritos College and knowing that she has helped many people better their lives has been a very rewarding experience.

M.L. Bettino - 19 Years of Service

After 15 years as a reading teacher at Rolling Hills High School in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District, M.L. Bettino made his way to Cerritos College to become a reading instructor in 1991. His interest in educational technology led him to become the administrative dean of Technology Training and Distance Education. In this role, he was responsible for the creation of the Educational Technology department. He was also the leading force behind the creation of the Innovation Center. He is a past chair and program committee member of the popular Tech Ed Conferences. M.L. has served as vice president of the Faculty Senate, and has been a member of the ACCME leadership team, Enrollment Management Committee, Staff Development Committee, Curriculum Committee, Distance Education Committee, Basic Skills Committee and Dean’s Council. He also co-chaired Standard II.C in the college’s most recent accreditation self study.

One of M.L.’s most significant accomplishments was bringing Sakai, an open source course management system, to Cerritos College. He has been active nationally in the open source software movement with institutions such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Indiana University. Under his leadership, the college recently received two grants from the Gates Foundation to develop open source courseware. Though M.L. will be retiring, he will return to Cerritos College part-time to manage these grants. He may, however, have more time for one of his passions – surfing in the Pacific Ocean.

Maria Boyol - 35 Years of Service

Maria Boyol began her full-time employment with the district on October 28, 1975 in Admissions and Records as a Typist Clerk. She moved to the Academic Affairs office as a Secretary Clerk on October 6, 1986 and became the Instructional Scheduling Coordinator in July 2003. Maria has been instrumental in the college’s implementation of PeopleSoft and perfecting the course scheduling process. She has adapted to new programs, met impossible deadlines and converted programs into the PeopleSoft format. She was selected as the Employee of the Month in February 1992 and October 2003. She was selected as Outstanding Classified Employee of the Year in 2005-06. Maria has found a second home at
Cerritos College and her peers are both her friends and extended family. Her dedication, wealth of knowledge, accuracy and love of Cerritos College will be missed.

Judith Bulanek - 26 Years of Service

As a Cerritos College employee for more than 26 years, Judy Bulanek has worked in several offices on campus and most recently as a Student Services Assistant II in Disabled Student Programs and Services. Judy’s commitment to the college has been unwavering. Her professionalism and reliability in meeting student needs are her strongest attributes. She provides the support and assistance needed to ensure that students with disabilities receive the services necessary to succeed. She has a unique talent for putting students at ease and providing information that is accurate and complete. Judy is very knowledgeable of campus and community resources to help students, but more important than her ability to find answers is her supportive and pleasant attitude that has benefited all that work with her. Judy’s calm and professional manner has helped numerous departments across the campus and has made a positive impact in students’ paths to success.

Ronald Bunton - 31 Years of Service

Ron Bunton joined the Facilities department on October 15, 1979 and has given the college 31 years of dedicated service. He initially joined the college as a Custodian and eventually moved into Grounds. Ron has been assigned to just about every part of the campus at one time or another. At one point, one of the managers decided that team gardening was a way to become more efficient. Ron teamed up with another of this year's retirees, Fred Wade, and notes from that effort mention that Ron and Fred were exceptionally productive as well as a great team. When assignments were being re-evaluated, he asked that the area around the Fine Arts building be assigned to him. He quickly went to work and replanted and landscaped the flower beds, making the plain building much more colorful and attractive. Ron has always referred to the campus as “Happy Valley,” and for Ron, each day in Happy Valley was a good one. Always ready with a cliché or joke, Ron has continually been willing to help as needed. Ron is a dedicated and loyal Falcon who is never too busy to stop and point a student in the right direction with a smile.

Gary Cain - 12 Years of Service

Gary Cain began his full-time employment at Cerritos College on August 17, 1998 as an Instructor and Assistant Men's Basketball Coach. In 1999, Gary took over as the head coach and held this position until June 30, 2008. On July 1, 2008 he became the Coordinator of Judicial Affairs. Gary is a critical member of the Student Activities team and can be found working the lines at Welcome Day and Night, and also works late into the evening during Homecoming week for float building and the halftime production. He has been a key player in the preparation and production of the college’s commencement ceremony. Gary is extremely patient, firm, understanding, thoughtful, wise, respectful, tough, cool, sincere, precise, by the book, and an all-around great individual who will be missed by all. During his retirement, he will enjoy spending more time with his wife and visiting his kids.
Madalyn Castro - 21 Years of Service

On April 2, 1990, Madalyn Castro was hired as an Intermediate Typist Clerk in the Purchasing department, and was promoted as a Buyer in 1998. As a Buyer, Madalyn has been great at multitasking, by handling many projects and business dealings at one time. Madalyn’s personal attributes contribute greatly to the successful daily operation of the Purchasing department and the college. Her loyalty and eagerness to help those around her make Purchasing a friendly and efficient department. She is always courteous and polite to everyone that comes into the office, and her thoughtful, steady approach to her work has been appreciated by those who work with her. Madalyn proves that it doesn’t take a loud voice to accomplish tremendous things, and is looking forward to her retirement to spend more time with her grandchildren.

Erlinda Chavez - 21 Years of Service

Linda Chavez worked with the Southeast Regional Occupational Program prior to becoming an instructor in the Cosmetology department in 1989. Her expertise in the area of skin care has been the driving force behind the development of a strong program. Linda has made it a priority to advocate for the improvement of the equipment and facility. She works extensively to prepare advanced students for graduation and state board testing. She has been an active member of the Academic Excellence Committee and served as the department chair prior to specializing in skin care. Linda is a family oriented and compassionate person who always gives extra time and encouragement to students in need. In her retirement, Linda plans to relax and visit siblings in Arizona and New Mexico.

Gilbert Chavez - 37 Years of Service

Gilbert Chavez began his employment as a Floor Maintenance Custodian and in 1984, he became a Custodian. Gil possesses extraordinary knowledge and skills in custodial services. He takes his acquired knowledge and applies those skills to accomplish his daily work assignment. His current assignment is to clean the second and third floors of the Health Sciences building and he is also responsible for assisting with set-ups and strikes for special events. Gil takes the time to come into work early to see if anything is scheduled for the evening shift. Having been with the college for 37 years, he is the senior person in the Maintenance department. He pays a great deal of attention to safety, which is critical given the hours that he and the crew works. Gil is always a friendly face on campus and willing to help out with extra work and special events.

Suzanne Crawford - 6 Years of Service

While Suzanne Crawford's time at Cerritos has been relatively brief, she started teaching college-level English composition more than 30 years ago at Cal Poly Pomona. Suzanne’s contributions to Cerritos College include her service on the Cerritos College Faculty Federation executive board and bargaining team. She has participated in learning communities and presented workshops at conferences. Suzanne serves as a regional governor for the Faculty Association of the California Community Colleges and chair of its
communications committee. Since being at Cerritos, she has published more than 20 articles related to issues involving community college faculty and students. In 2012, Suzanne will complete her final project for her doctorate in Higher Education and Adult Learning – an exploration of hegemony and the achievement gap in California community colleges.

**Douglas Droney - 39 Years of Service**

Doug Droney began his full-time employment on April 10, 1972 as a Computer Programmer Trainee and is currently a Senior Applications Analyst. He is a critical member of the Information Technology department and is extremely dependable, reliable and accurate. He deals with both complexity and pressure incredibly well. Doug has supported the essential requirement of reporting college data to the state for many years. He is very good with numbers, which made him a perfect fit as he supported the Financial Aid department. Since 2004, his primary focus has been supporting the Human Resources and Payroll offices. Doug pays immense attention to details and is tenacious with his projects. During his retirement, he plans to spend more time traveling with his wife and seeing his grandchildren.

**Dr. Sandra Elizondo - 10 Years of Service**

Sandra Elizondo has been a full-time faculty member in the Business Communications/Business Computerized Office Technologies department since 2000. She came to Cerritos College with a Bachelor’s Degree from California State University at Los Angeles and Juris Doctorate from Loyola Law School. She has taught bilingual courses for the department and has helped many students learn the basic and advanced computer skills necessary for an administrative position in industry. She has very much enjoyed her time here and will miss her colleagues and the many wonderful students. She was recently appointed by Cardinal Roger Mahony as the Parish Life Director of St. Thomas More Church, becoming one of the first woman spiritual leaders to pastor a Catholic Church, thus marking a new path for Catholic women as lay ministers and pastors. Sandra recently earned a master’s degree in Theology from Notre Dame University and has an active role with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

**Therese Feldstein - 22 Years of Service**

Terry Feldstein is the Math department’s expert in teaching geometry, and many have benefited from her multiple binders full of activities for the course. As is her custom, she usually finishes her classes at 10:00 p.m., works in her office for an hour or two, then comes right back on campus the following morning to teach her 9:00 a.m. class. Her perseverance and determination are remarkable. In the words of one of her recent evaluators, “She enjoys mathematics, and it shows in her teaching.” Terry has also participated in many innovative projects and currently oversees recruiting, organizing and preparing peer tutors. She always has interesting activities for the tutors, and in typical Terry fashion, she always brings snacks. Terry is also involved with a faculty inquiry group with high school teachers. Terry’s enthusiasm, courage and dedication are an inspiration to us all.
Hy Finkelstein - 35 Years of Service

Hy came to Cerritos College in 1975 from California State University, Long Beach with a bachelor’s and master’s degree in Business. Hy’s approach to each day is to begin with wit and humor. He is a fountain of knowledge and knows the most minor of facts. He is the institutional memory for the Business Education division. While he would never admit it, he is a superb writer. He is conscientious about his students and has made learning interesting and fun. He has taught many students that have transitioned to become employees at Cerritos College. He has spent more than 35 years with students, many of whom remember him and in some cases, this is multigenerational. He has had some of his students’ grandparents in his classes. Hy is a wealth of knowledge spanning nearly four decades of institutional memory. He is loved by students and highly respected by his colleagues. Hy – it is okay to leave the building now.

Daniel Flores - 26 Years of Service

Daniel Flores began his employment at Cerritos College on July 23, 1984. He is assigned to the Liberal Arts building during the swing shift and never hesitates to assist with additional tasks. Danny has been an asset to the college, assisting with the set-ups and strikes for special events on campus as well as joining his crew with team cleaning in the event of staff absences. He is an extremely knowledgeable and capable custodian who has the skills to achieve all tasks assigned. He has been effective in ushering in new methods of cleaning and the use of new, more effective chemicals in support of the custodial missions. He is one of the most proficient custodians on staff. He is consistent, conscientious and efficient, and he can be depended on to accomplish his daily tasks with aplomb. He has a well-organized work regime that allows for completion of tasks ahead of schedule. Danny is one of those employees that a manager can depend on to accomplish his daily duties in a calm, professional manner.

Dr. Charlene Fobi - 22 Years of Service

Charlene Fobi joined Cerritos College in 1988 as a full-time Nursing faculty member. During her tenure, she has represented the Health Occupations division on institutional committees, served as Nursing department chair, represented the college on statewide professional organizations and positively impacted the lives of innumerable students.

Excellence is the standard to which Charlene Fobi has held herself, faculty peers and students. She has never accepted excuses; instead, she has offered resources. “I can’t” is not in her vocabulary for herself or for others. Instead, she clearly states, “You can!” As chair of the Nursing program, Dr. Fobi has been the guardian of consistency and curriculum standards. Students, faculty and staff describe her as an advocate and seek her guidance because it is known that she consistently makes thoughtful, fair and equitable decisions. Charlene Fobi is a role model of excellence who will have a lasting impact on the Cerritos College Nursing department.
Dr. Kay Follett - 30 Years of Service

Since the day she was hired, Dr. Kay Follett has devoted her energy to serving students with disabilities and Cerritos College. She is an expert at organization and process development. She works closely with faculty and other departments to ensure accommodations for students. She has been instrumental in leading the successful PeopleSoft implementation and establishing the Central Intake process. No challenge is too difficult for Dr. Follett. She served as the Interim Director for DSPS from 2005-2006. Dr. Follett is a visionary who is willing to overcome perceived barriers and always strives for program improvement. Her tireless efforts and unselfish devotion to students with disabilities and the college have been an asset to Disabled Student Programs and Services. It is without a doubt that Dr. Follett has made an impact on the college, her profession and most importantly students with disabilities.

John Gallant - 35 Years of Service

John Gallant likes to remind people that he has worked for and trained 16 vice presidents. He began his tenure at Cerritos College in 1976 in the college’s Admissions office. In 1978, he moved to Academic Affairs as a Scheduling Clerk, subsequently became the Curriculum Secretary and then became Administrative Secretary for the Vice President of Academic Affairs, a confidential position he has held since 1982. John has been named Employee of the Month twice—in January 1990 and again in June 2007—and was named the Employee of the Year in 1990. John has served as the facilitator of the Great Classified Conference at Cal Poly Pomona and Lake Arrowhead nine times in 20 years. He has emceed the Outstanding Classified/Confidential Awards Ceremony for the last seven years with a caustic wit that keeps the audience at attention to hear what he will say next. Beneath this prankster’s exterior lies a generous spirit that strives to create a pleasant workplace.

John has also taught for the Court Reporting programs at Cerritos and Cypress colleges. He is known for his collection of Coca-Cola memorabilia and still cannot understand why the college persists in maintaining a contract with the enemy, aka Pepsi-Cola. He is an avid reader and looks forward to having more time for his hobbies during his retirement.

Carmen Garcia - 42 Years of Service

While there are hundreds of phone calls that flood into the campus each day and an infinite number of issues that may arise, Carmen Garcia always finds a way to help those who need assistance. Carmen began her career as a Switchboard Operator in July 1969. She was promoted to the position of Supervising Switchboard Operator in 1988. She takes great care to determine exactly what each caller is seeking and connecting them to the right person or service. In spite of the high volume, the daily grind, and the rapid-fire bombardment of questions, Carmen remains a calm, reassuring and friendly voice for a countless number of students who call the switchboard during her daily shift. She is known as “The Voice of Cerritos College” and has made a favorable impression on not only the students, families and colleagues, but also the community that the college serves.
Geraldine Greene - 18 Years of Service

Gerri’s contributions to Disabled Student Programs and Services are numerous. For over 18 years, Gerri has worked as a Student Services Assistant II in Disabled Student Programs and Services. Gerri has been the lead in providing test proctoring and accommodations for students with disabilities. She is equally comfortable working with faculty and students alike. As a master at test proctoring, she ensures that the highest level of integrity is maintained at all times. Even in difficult situations, like catching a student cheating, Gerri helps students learn to take responsibility and shows a kind approach to ensure students get back on track to success. Gerri never hesitates to go above and beyond the call of duty to complete her job with perfection and with the highest level of professionalism.

Donald Hallinger - 9 Years of Service

Don worked as a geologist in the private sector before he was hired as a full-time professor in the Earth Science department. His devotion to teaching and learning is without question. Throughout Don’s tenure, he never lost sight of his primary responsibility - to help students succeed. Don has never wavered in his commitment to make Cerritos College the finest institution filled with opportunities for students to achieve and to grow. He served on many campus committees, including Faculty Senate, and has played a large role in the innovative, new outdoor learning areas on campus. The Earth Science department is thrilled that Don will continue to teach some of his favorite course subjects such as paleontology and dinosaurs.

Wendell Hanks - 45 Years of Service

Professor Wendell Hanks joined the Speech department faculty in 1966. He earned his A.A. degree from Glendale College; B.A. from the University of California, Santa Barbara; M.A. from California State University, San Fernando; and a M.S. degree from California State University, Long Beach. Wendell was a former director of the Cerritos College national championship speech team. Coincidentally, his father’s Marshall High School debate team and the Cerritos College team both won national championships in 1970, the only time father/son coaches have won debate championships the same year.

A lecturer on education for college and community groups, Wendell has been active on a variety of campus committees and has produced decision-point management workshops for campus staff, management, and other college groups. Wendell and his colleague Bill Sparks produced campus videos reinforcing the value of college maintenance as crucial to both our students’ and staffs’ evaluation of the college. He is a recipient of two Outstanding Faculty Awards. In his retirement, Wendell plans to pursue various hobbies such as tennis, tandem bicycle touring with his wife, Ann, photography, classic car restoration, backpacking, making stained glass, gardening and travelling with his wife and daughters Haley and Carly.
Margaret Hohly - 26 Years of Service

While teaching high school chemistry in the 1970’s, Marge became enthralled with the new field of computer science. Since then, she has received a master’s degree and four industry certifications. With her characteristic energy and commitment, she has written numerous grant proposals that were funded at Cerritos, including grants from the federal government, the Chancellor’s Office, Microsoft and IBM. She also co-authored a textbook in AS400 operations and an industry certification exam for IBM. Her respect in the industry allows her to bring relevance to the classroom and valuable workforce placements for interns. Marge has worked tirelessly to remain current in her field, develop courses and programs in a rapidly changing discipline, and provide excellent internship opportunities to students. Her contributions to her students, department, division and across campus are many.

Jennie Jaime - 10 Years of Service

In August 2000, Jennie Jaime began teaching Spanish on a full-time basis at Cerritos College. Jennie’s keen interest in teaching Spanish brings the language to life for students. She engages students in conversations about the language and she shares many aspects of the culture in her classes. Former students often recommended Jennie to their peers because she is known for her extensive collection of visual aids used to help students practice the language in and out of her classes. Many times, students have requested that Jennie teach additional classes because they love the supportive environment she creates in her classroom. In 2009-2010 Jennie received an Outstanding Faculty Award for the Liberal Arts division.

Jennie has published poetry, critical essays and short stories in university literary journals. She has participated in reading her poetry and essays at several events sponsored by the Cerritos College Sociedad de Profesores Hispános. During her involvement with the CSULA Hispanic Theater, Jennie worked as a costume and stage designer. Jennie has traveled extensively throughout Latin America, Spain and Portugal. One of Jennie’s favorite hobbies is painting and she is looking forward to spending more time with her family and enjoying her retirement.

Anita Janasova - 18 Years of Service

Anita Janosova has been an instructor of drawing, painting and sculpture at Cerritos College since 1992. She has had a loyal following of students who clamor for her classes and who regard her as a mentor. Her own exceptional artwork has graced the Faculty Art Exhibition on many occasions. During her tenure at Cerritos, Anita has been an active member of the campus community, including serving for many years on the Program Review Committee. Anita’s talent as an artist and exceptional commitment to her students will be missed. In her retirement, Anita plans to concentrate on her artwork, including painting and sculpting.
Dr. Adolph Johnson - 28 Years of Service

Dr. Adolph Johnson began his career at Cerritos College over 28 years ago. Prior to counseling, he was the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and then Dean of Academic Affairs for many years. Dr. Johnson created the Distinguished Faculty Awards event, shepherded the renumbering of all college courses and initiated the special studies series of course offerings and the program for minors. In 2007-2008, he received an Outstanding Faculty Award.

Adolph takes great care in working with each student. He has an infectious sense of humor that permeates throughout the Counseling department. Although Adolph joined the department in 2007, it seems like he was always meant to work there. Dr. Johnson's dedication to students is evident and he considers the student's entire well-being, including family commitments, job responsibilities and future goals. He supports the retention, graduation and transfer process for our students.

In his spare time, Adolph has led Bible Studies at Puerta La Cruz Women’s Prison and the Murrieta County Jail since 1999. Dr. Johnson’s institutional knowledge about Cerritos College will be greatly missed. He believes the rest of his life will be the best of his life and he can think of nothing that excites him more than spending time with his lovely wife and serving God.

Bruce Johnson - 33 Years of Service

Bruce Johnson has been an instructor in the Welding department since 1977. He has been department chair for most of his time at the college and has advanced the department by establishing relationships with business, industry and related labor groups. He has mentored the instructional staff and has maintained high standards of organization and accountability. Under his leadership, the program has grown and become known as the most complete and respected welding training program in California. The facility and equipment has expanded and improved during his leadership. A commitment to student success is the driving force behind the department, and employment of the students in the workforce is the evidence of this commitment. Bruce has been involved with campuswide committee work as a longtime member of the Curriculum Committee.

Jeanne Johnson - 37 Years of Service

Jeanne Johnson has been an instructor in the Cosmetology department since 1973. She has a passion for teaching and cosmetology. Jeanne has been instrumental in guiding the department and taking an active role in campus activities including Faculty Senate. Jeanne has been the faculty advisor of the Cosmetology Club throughout her entire career. The club has grown to support the department and give students the experience of being in a leadership position and enhancing their career goals. Her positive personal involvement with students has been an example for the department and college.
Dr. Robert Kreger - 19 Years of Service

After serving in the United States Army as a Green Beret during the Vietnam War, Robert Kreger found solace in education. With his interest in the world and its people, he eventually earned a Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Illinois. Bob cares deeply about the future of his students and hopes to change the trajectory of their lives by giving them the knowledge they need to succeed in whatever path they choose. According to Bob, "Along the way, if students learn a little geography that's fine, but my main goal is to teach students to become better people, better family members, better friends, and better citizens. In my classroom, everyone is there for one reason – to leave empowered." Recently, he received a letter from a student who was in his class 14 years ago. The student explained that he accomplished more than he ever thought he would, because Bob told him he could do it. The life lessons, stories and anecdotes that Bob shares with his classes, have changed the lives of many students during his tenure at Cerritos College. The Earth Science department and the SEM division will greatly miss Bob’s charismatic nature, hard work and dedication.

Nicholas Kremer - 10 Years of Service

Nick Kremer retires after a 38-year career in workforce and economic development, more than 10 years of which have been spent as Executive Dean of Community, Industry, and Technology Education at Cerritos College.

After serving in the Peace Corps in East Africa and the West Indies, Nick taught ESL at La Puente Adult School, was faculty coordinator of a learning lab for vocational students at El Camino College, and then served successively as dean of economic development at Irvine Valley College, director of economic development and planning for the South Orange County Community College District and dean of instruction/economic and resource development at Cosumnes River College before arriving at Cerritos College in 2000. At Cerritos, he has managed the community education, adult education, economic development and pathways programs as well as supervised Perkins allocations from the federal government to support career and technical programs. His office has also hosted the annual Advisory Committee Breakfast, which has regularly featured national and state figures in the fields of economic and workforce development.

Known for his entrepreneurial spirit and ability to hire quality staff, Nick is also widely known across the state and nation as a leader in career and technical education. He has served on many state and national workgroups dealing with educational issues for adult immigrants and refugees. He is a member of the Southeast Los Angeles County Workforce Development Board and the Workforce Committee of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation, an economic development consortium. He also chairs the California Community College Vocational Education Research and Accountability Committee.
Rei Hsi Lin - 21 Years of Service

Rei Hsi has worked in Fiscal Services as an Account Technician since 1989. Her duties include processing employment requests, budget transfers, board reports and LACOE reports. She uploads large data files to the Los Angeles County Office of Education and clears all error reports. She works closely with Human Resources and Payroll in addition to the Budget department. Rei Hsi earned her bachelor’s degree from CSUF in accounting while working full-time. Rei Hsi is an avid photographer who loves to travel. She is a lifelong learner who enjoys taking classes. She loves exercising and has learned several dance styles. Rei Hsi’s positive and generous disposition will be missed by all who have had the pleasure of working with her.

Ronda Lipsohn - 32 Years of Service

Ronda Lipsohn has lived in Norwalk, California all of her life. She attended Norwalk High School and later earned an A.A. degree as an Administrative Secretary from Cerritos College in 1973. Ronda began working at Cerritos College on November 1, 1978 as a Senior Typist in the Veterans Affairs Office. In 1992, Ronda was hired as a Student Affairs Technician, and in 2004, she was promoted as a Financial Aid Specialist.

Ronda has served as a member of the Financial Aid Advisory Committee and Professional Judgment Committee, working with students who have adverse situations affecting their education both academically and financially. Ronda serves as a liaison between the Financial Aid and the Disabled Student Programs and Services departments. She was the Employee of the Month for September 1998 and December 2009. Ronda understands the importance of her role in a student’s ability to attend college. Her friendly personality makes students feel comfortable to discuss concerns about money and hardships. You can always count on Ronda to be the concerned listener and advocate for students. Ronda enjoys quality time with her family and has two children, Michelle and Brent. She also has two grandchildren, very handsome Maximillian and beautiful Kayley, with another on the way. Have you ever had Jell-O with cheese? Ronda makes the best Jell-O. She has a variety of recipes that she will hopefully continue to bring to the college.

Dora Macias - 36 Years of Service

Dora Macias has dedicated more than 36 years of service at Cerritos College. Dora is a product of Cerritos College, having graduated as a re-entry student in May 1994. She began her employment as a student hourly and became a full-time classified employee on December 17, 1974. Throughout her time at Cerritos College she worked in various departments on campus including Student Activities, Student Affairs, Community Education and Adult Education. She taught in the Community Education Emeritus Program for 10 years. Dora completed her master’s degree and worked as a Counselor in the CalWORKs program before finishing her tenure in the International Student Services department. Dora has always gone the extra mile in her support of students. Retirement will surely offer her many new opportunities, which we know she will embrace.
wholeheartedly. Dora has always been a pleasure to work with and her genuine warmth and contributions she brings to the office each day will truly be missed.

**Harold Malkin - 7 Years of Service**

Hal Malkin joined Cerritos College in 1997 as an adjunct faculty member and became a full-time faculty member in January 2004. During his tenure, he has represented the Health Occupations division on institutional committees, developed the only non-proprietary Pharmacy Clerk program in the state and made a significant difference in the lives of students. When there was a job to be done, a student to be served or a question to be answered, Hal has always stepped forward to respond. He has responded passionately and from the heart, with student success as the guiding principle. His teaching style and true concern has crossed all boundaries – language, economic and cultural. Hal Malkin has given 120% to every student and to Cerritos College.

**Rebecca Marine - 16 Years of Service**

Rebecca Marine joined Cerritos College in August 1994 as a full-time faculty member in Early Childhood Education. In this capacity, she has been instrumental in implementing a Mentor Program which pairs Child Development students with experienced caregivers in the field. At this crossroad in her life, Rebecca is leaving Cerritos College; however, she is not yet retiring from the workforce entirely. Rebecca is completing theology studies and will be ministering to the community. The college wishes Rebecca health, long life and happiness as she “graduates” to this new phase of her life.

**William McFadden - 29 Years of Service**

Bill was hired in 1982 with degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science, experience in high school teaching, and two years of experience as a programmer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He was instrumental in teaching both mathematics and computer technology during the early years of integrating the two disciplines. A little known fact about Bill is that he played with the college pep band at basketball games in the 1980’s. Over the past 29 years, Bill has seen and been part of the evolving course of education and technology. Even as he neared the end of his teaching career, Bill took a sabbatical leave to develop instructional materials and create a website to explain in detail how to use the functions on several Texas Instrument calculators and the Maple software package to extend their graphing capability. Through his dedication to education, Bill has made a tremendous impact on many students’ lives and endeavors.

**Ceci Medina - 34 Years of Service**

Ceci Medina began her employment at Cerritos College in 1976 as an instructor in the Bilingual Teaching Assistant Program. By 1982, she was serving as the Coordinator of Chicano Studies and Bilingual/Bicultural programs. In the 1990s, she served as the instructional dean of the Center for Lifelong Learning. In 1998, she requested reassignment back to the classroom in order to have a more direct impact on student
learning as a Child Development faculty member. Ceci has served in many capacities to positively impact students' lives and the community. The college wishes Ceci health, long life and happiness as she "graduates" to the retirement phase of life.

Rosemarie Medina - 16 Years of Service

Rosemarie Medina has been the glue holding the Music department together for more than 16 years. As the Intermediate Typist Clerk for the department, she has provided invaluable assistance to the faculty and, specifically, to the applied music program. Her stellar recordkeeping has allowed the applied music program to grow and flourish, keeping students and faculty alike on track with lessons and music practice. However, the music students will probably be the ones who will miss her the most after her retirement. Rosemarie has been a mother, confidant, protector and taskmaster for generations of music students. In her retirement, Rosemarie plans to spend time with her parents, travel and concentrate on good health. She will also continue to be involved with the Music department by helping out with special events such as the Faculty Gala. Rosemarie is irreplaceable and she will be missed greatly.

Valencia Mitchell - 22 Years of Service

Val Mitchell has taught Cerritos College students for 22 years. Val contributed to the design of the new Library building and then helped usher in two generations of automated library information management systems. As a result of her efforts, students now search online for full-text articles in thousands of journals, magazines and newspapers while also finding books in our college library, as well as many other libraries. Over the years, she has managed online subscriptions and information databases while offering reference services and library orientations, teaching library courses, serving as chair of the Library department and working on numerous campus committees, including longtime service on the Curriculum Committee. Val has served as a Faculty Senator and has been honored as an Outstanding Faculty Member.

In addition to her work as a librarian, Val is a gifted violinist who has taught classes in the Fine Arts/Communications division and performed at various college and community events. She plans to continue performing with local symphonies, and will be practicing on her violin daily once she retires. She also hopes to have more time to devote to her interests in family research and genealogy, creative writing, and several film projects she has in mind. She plans to travel abroad with her husband, Joe, to visit their daughter, Stephanie, in South Korea, as well as to other parts of the world. She also plans to continue working part-time as a librarian. Val's energy and enthusiasm are admirable, and her contributions to Cerritos College are inestimable.
Igerna Morris - 33 Years of Service

Igerna Morris began her full-time classified employment with the district on October 24, 1977, and is currently an Account Technician I in the Fiscal Services department. Igerna has been a valuable member of the Fiscal Services department and the Cerritos College family for over 33 years. She is the face of Fiscal Services: the first point of contact for every person that walks through the door. In this capacity, she directs guests and students and answers everyone's questions. She has been known to come to work on her day off to open the vault to save someone else the trip. She knows the operations and history of Fiscal Services so well that she can fill in for others while they are away. She has even changed positions to help Payroll staff when they needed immediate help. Igerna is a great asset to the managers in Fiscal Services and the Vice President of Business Services. She has been an office manager, friend and confidant, and her vast knowledge and experience in accounting, budget and payroll helps the college when an issue arises. As an employee of Cerritos College for over 30 years, her institutional memory is appreciated by all.

Mary Lou Mota - 13 Years of Service

Mary Lou defines Student Services. Everything she has done during her employment at the college has been for the benefit of students. She was instrumental in fully computerizing the assessment lab. She has administered nearly 100,000 individual test units, all in the effort toward student success. What Mary Lou exhibits best is her willing spirit to do whatever it takes to help students – whether it is coming in early, working through lunch, staying late or coming in on a Saturday. She always does whatever it takes to get assessment done for students. Her caring and friendly nature will be greatly missed, but her peers wish her the best in this exciting next chapter of her life.

Barbara Mueller - 15 Years of Service

Barbara Mueller began teaching full-time at Cerritos College in the fall of 1995 in the English department. Perseverance and process are key in "the education of Barbara" elements which she has stressed to her students. Her career has given her immense satisfaction as well as significance, meaning and purpose to her life.

Barbara has been a member of various committees on campus including the Curriculum Committee, the Staff Development Committee, the Scholars’ Honors Advisory Committee, the Women's History Month Planning Committee, and the Academic Excellence Committee. She has taught classes in coordination with the Women’s Colloquium, Teacher TRAC and Learning Communities. Events such as "Banned Book Night" and "Millennium Night" were planned and organized by Barbara to give attention to ongoing issues related to censorship. In coordination with the Women’s History Month Planning Committee, Barbara planned events to give attention to women’s issues as well as the Women’s History Month Essay Contest.

Barbara received an Outstanding Faculty Award in 2000-2001 and a NISOD teaching excellence award that same year. Barbara was the advisor for FMLA (The Feminist
Leadership Alliance) for several years and helped students produce Eve Ensler’s Vagina Monologues as a successful fundraising event to generate funds for preventing violence against women. This group also brought the Clothesline Project and Take Back the Night to campus. Barbara’s interests in education, women’s issues and literary pursuits are enduring and from which she is not retiring.

Harriet Nakasone - 37 Years of Service

Harriet Nakasone has been a dedicated Cerritos College employee for over 37 years. As a Disabled Student Programs and Services instructor, Harriet has provided leadership for students with severe disabilities at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Hospital and on campus. She has a tender heart and always demonstrates the highest level of patience in educating her students. The severity of a student’s disability has never deterred Harriet from setting the bar as high as it can go. Harriet educates students in critical thinking and helps them tackle complex problems to become self-directed learners. She challenges her students in a way that fosters confidence in their abilities to succeed. Students in her classes have a positive self-concept because she inspires them to learn and achieve, in spite of their disability. Harriet’s passion, enthusiasm, dedication and team spirit make her an extraordinary teacher. Harriet clearly loves her job and has made an incredible difference for students with disabilities.

Wesley Nance - 31 Years of Service

Wes served as a department co-chair for many years, along with Marge Hohly. With both of them now retiring, the department is losing extensive knowledge and expertise. For a time, Wes served as Interim Dean in the Business Education division. Wes has always amazed his peers with his ability to recall important decisions which have shaped and molded both the department and the college over the years. Wes has served on multiple committees over the years including the Salary Committee, Planning and Budget Committee and Information Technology Standards Committee. He has also worked on many grants, including the Microsoft Working Connections grant. Wes has a great interest in computer hardware. He can tell you about computer memory, architecture and hard drives for current systems, as well as for systems that date back to the early 1980’s. Wes pioneered a program to give students an opportunity to take apart and put back together a desktop computer as part of a class. Wes is well respected and demonstrates boundless energy and enthusiasm. He will be greatly missed for his leadership of the department, as well as for his easygoing demeanor. Wes once swore that he would never teach an “online” course, but the department had the last laugh – he is now teaching multiple courses online and will continue teaching online courses on a part-time basis.
Leslie Nishimura - 30 Years of Service

Born and raised in Hawaii, Leslie Nishimura ventured to Southern California as a young adult. Her initial position as an Intermediate Typist Clerk in Admissions and Health Occupations led to serving as the Curriculum Secretary in the Instruction Office (Academic Affairs) and finally her current position as the Vocational Education and Special Projects Assistant in the Community, Industry and Technology Education department. The college's administering and monitoring of Perkins funds ($1 million annually) have been well served by Leslie's attention to detail and focus on accuracy.

Her memory of Cerritos will be highlighted by the many caring and fun-loving friends she has met here. Those friendships will live far beyond her retirement date. She also values being recognized as the Employee of the Month in 1993. While raising a family and working, Leslie modeled what it means to be an adult learner by graduating magna cum laude with a B.S. in Occupational Studies from CSU Long Beach in 1997. Retirement will provide Leslie with more time with her family—two daughters and four grandchildren, ages 9 to 17.

Jenine Nolan - 31 Years of Service

Cerritos College is known for the high quality of its Health Occupations programs, and Jenine Nolan has been responsible for achieving and maintaining much of that excellence over the past 31 years. She began her career at Cerritos College in 1979-80 as a full-time substitute in the Nursing department and ended it with a 13-year stint as the Instructional Dean of the Health Occupations division. Along the way, she has chaired the college's Accreditation Self Study, served as ACCME President, served as Assistant Director of the Nursing Program, and has written and overseen numerous grants for nursing and other health occupations programs. She guided the development and construction of a state-of-the-art Skills Lab used by many students, particularly Nursing. She has also overseen Cerritos College’s participation in a multi-year partnership with Downey Regional Medical Center.

Before arriving at Cerritos, Jenine earned a B.A. in Political Science and Sociology from Whittier College, a B.S.N. degree from UC San Francisco, and her master's degree in Nursing from UCLA. She was a nurse at Harbor General Hospital and at Torrance Memorial Hospital. Known for her clear-headed honesty, bluntness and a healthy sense of humor, Jenine has been a leader of the instructional managers at Cerritos College. She and her husband Jim plan to spend time at Lake Havasu and Mammoth Lakes, where they have vacation homes, but those of us who will miss her have been reminded that she is “only a phone call away.”

Tlitha Pendleton - 29 Years of Service

Jean Pendleton has worked as the night Dispensary Clerk in the Cosmetology department since 1982. She is the person responsible for product distribution during lab activity with the students and instructional staff. Her relationship with staff and students has always been excellent and she has always been a model employee. Outside of work, Jean is a
skilled hand quilter who uses her gift to make quilts not only for her family and friends but also for charity and to those in need. In addition, she is a wonderful cook and baker and always made birthday cakes or treats for her coworkers.

**Shelley Pesanti - 21 Years of Service**

Shelley began her employment with the college on August 4, 1989, in the Communication Center/Mailroom as the Mail Clerk/PBX Operator. This is one of the key positions that keeps the college’s correspondence communication system running properly and smoothly. She operates the flow of the college’s internal and external mail. Shelley’s work always exceeds expectations. She is flexible and resourceful, and she always maintains a positive attitude. Honesty, integrity, professionalism, and hard work are the four foundational principles that Shelley lives by. In addition to her work duties, Shelley is heavily involved as a booster for the football team. She stepped up to run the club after the departure of the original organizers and can be found at every home game greeting everyone in attendance.

**Ricardo Peterson - 29 Years of Service**

Rick Peterson has been a Cerritos College Culinary Arts employee since January 1982. Through the past 29 years, Rick has played a critical role in the operation of the Culinary Arts department and has supported the education of countless students. Today, we congratulate Rick on his “graduation to retirement” and wish him health, long life and much happiness.

**Paula Pineda - 26 Years of Service**

Paula Pineda has been a mainstay in the Health, Physical Education, Dance, and Athletics Division for more than 26 years. As the evening locker room attendant, she has developed a great rapport with our evening students and female athletes, who rely on her for their gear. She is very conscientious about making sure that our facilities are secured every night and is protective of the locker room area, ensuring a safe environment for our students. She will be missed upon her retirement.

**Gabriel Porras - 26 Years of Service**

Gabriel Porras began his employment as a Custodian on July 18, 1984. Gabriel is assigned to clean the men’s and women’s locker rooms, weight room, fitness lab and athletic center during the third shift. He comes in ready to begin his daily work and is willing to perform additional duties when the need arises. Gabriel has a positive attitude and a great deal of experience, and if there are any concerns in his area he tends to correct them with no hesitation. His service to the college is appreciated and the college wishes him the best in his retirement.
Robert Renteria - 35 Years of Service
Bob Renteria began his full-time teaching career in 1971 at Little Lake City School District in Santa Fe Springs, where he was the Title I Reading Coordinator. Bob began his full-time teaching career at Cerritos College in the summer of 1975. He was primarily hired to assist and instruct 100 bilingual aides in reading phonics from the ABC Unified School District. The Reading Center was established under his guidance and he was the first reading department chair. Bob’s passion and motto for teaching has been, "Education is to lead one out of ignorance by teaching intellectual powers and useful life skills." He has been constantly rewarded by having former students express their gratitude about how reading has helped them in their pursuit of higher education and academic excellence. One of the highlights of Bob’s teaching career has been the opportunity to serve on 13 site visits for the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges to share ideas with colleagues to enhance their teaching.

Lola Rizkallah - 29 Years of Service
Lola Rizkallah, 2010-11 Outstanding Classified Manager of the Year, has served Cerritos College for more than 29 years with grace, wisdom, compassion for others and the highest standard of professionalism. She began her Falcon career on March 30, 1981 as an adult hourly account clerk. Throughout the 1980's and 1990's, Lola advanced through several positions within accounting and fiscal services, culminating with her being employed as the Director of Fiscal Services on March 21, 1996. As the college's chief accountant, Lola has proven to be a positive, steady and reassuring presence while playing an instrumental role in helping steer the college’s finances during both good and challenging economic periods. Lola and her expertise will be greatly missed.

Justus Roese - 36 Years of Service
Gus Roese has been the maintenance technician in Automotive Collision Repair since 1974. He was also a part-time instructor for many years within that discipline. He has been instrumental in organizing and maintaining the department and has been active in supporting students and their projects. Gus was a long time member of the Planning and Budget Committee and has played an active role in the financial decision-making processes on campus.

Virginia Romero - 30 Years of Service
Virginia Romero began her teaching career as a Physical Education, Spanish and Disabled Students instructor at Gahr High School. Virginia began her journey at Cerritos College by earning her associate’s degree in 1967. In 1976, Virginia began working as a part-time instructor and became full-time on September 8, 1980. Virginia began her employment in the PE department and will retire from the Counseling department as the Athletic Counselor. She was the Affirmative Action Officer from 1991 through 1995 and received the 1985-1986 Teacher of the Year award, the Affirmative Action Officer of the Year Chancellor's Award in 1993 and the Governor's Award for Upward Mobility Program in
1994. One of Virginia’s key accomplishments at Cerritos College is that she developed the Dance department.

Her students appreciate the high energy that she brings to the classroom and counseling sessions. In a year, Ms. Romero typically sees over 800 students, providing counseling, educational plans and giving straightforward guidance. Students marvel at her energy, of which she says, “God has given me an abundance.”

Martha Rushing - 33 Years of Service

Martha began her employment at Cerritos College as an adult hourly in the English department in 1977 and became the Writing Center Clerk in 1988. She has competently overseen the day-to-day workings of the Writing Center, including sorting and keeping track of many instructor assignments for students. Those who have worked with her find her extremely organized and very neat – a particle of dust doesn’t stand a chance in her path! Margaret Taylor, who has worked with Martha for many years, stated, “Because of her dedication, Martha would stay longer in the evenings to straighten up, clean up, and prepare for the next day, unless there was a Lakers game on TV.” And just about everyone who has worked with Martha has been invited to share her supply of one of her most favorite things – chocolate.

Martha is also very close to her family and tells particularly fun stories about her and her late husband, Joey, who she met at a dance in San Francisco. Martha loves dancing and was instantly attracted to Joey when she saw his terrific moves on the dance floor. He asked her to dance and the rest was history. They married and cut a rug for many happy years together while they raised their three children.

Martha will be sorely missed. She has always lent an ear and shoulder to anyone who needs help, and has cared about and never forgotten everyone she has come into contact with at Cerritos College. She has been synonymous with the Writing Center from its inception and it will not be the same without her.

Phillip Salazar - 29 Years of Service

Phil Salazar began his teaching career as a high school technology education teacher for 10 years. He continued his education by earning a master’s degree in Vocational Education and then obtained a master’s degree in Counseling. He has a strong belief in the foundation of occupational and vocational education. Cerritos College has been very lucky to have Phil as the Technology Counselor since August 31, 1981. He has been the “backbone” for Counseling in the Technology and Vocational Education programs. His motto is, “Help students learn to earn.” One of his milestones was that he guided 11 part-time and full-time faculty members as his students, and prepared them to achieve their goals.

Phil is a proud father of five children, and has one grandchild and another on the way. He takes pride in the fact that all five of his children are college graduates. His expertise will be greatly missed across the campus.
Lynda Sampson - 22 Years of Service

Lynda Sampson joined the Cerritos College Library department in 1989. During her 22 years of service, Lynda contributed to the library’s transformation into a dynamic and highly-used center for instructional and informational resources. As the collection development coordinator, Lynda designed, revised and implemented the library’s collection development policy which guided the library’s book purchases. While she diligently built the book collection, participated in the design of the new library and helped implement two generations of automated library information management systems, Lynda also taught library courses, offered reference services and library orientations, and served on numerous campus committees. Lynda has also been honored with an Outstanding Faculty Award.

Lynda is eager to reach her goal of becoming a certified genealogist and plans to continue her studies at the University of Toronto during her retirement. She also plans to volunteer at the Mayme A. Clayton Library and Museum in Culver City. She will also be busy visiting her two children and being “Yaaba” to her six grandchildren. As if that’s not enough, she will continue to work as a part-time librarian and try to find some time for travel. Lynda’s boundless energy for new challenges, not to mention the contributions she has made to Cerritos College that will benefit students and faculty for many years, is much appreciated and she will be greatly missed in the library and across campus.

Laura Smuts - 20 Years of Service

Laura Smuts has worked in the Cerritos College Library since 1990. For more than 20 years, Laura has single-handedly cataloged almost every book purchased for the library. Due to her diligent attention to detail and her technical expertise, students and faculty can easily search the online catalog to find the books they need. Laura played a key role in the transition from producing cards for the old catalog drawers to creating online catalog records for the new automated library information management system. Laura has learned several generations of online catalog systems but as her workload grew dramatically, her warmth and good cheer never diminished.

Laura is looking forward to a happy and productive retirement. Spending more time on household matters is a must while her husband, Gary, continues working as the superintendent of the ABC Unified School District. Laura is also looking forward to spending more time with their three children and five grandchildren. She also hopes to have time to pursue her passions for reading, traveling, and good food and wine. Laura’s humor and pleasant disposition, as well as her knowledge and skills, will be sorely missed in the Library.
John Steele - 36 Years of Service

John began his career at Cerritos College as a custodian in 1975. In 1977, he transferred to the Purchasing department as a delivery person and was promoted as the Lead Warehouse Person in 1991. To those who know John well, the warehouse is called “John’s World, enter if you dare!”

John’s position requires excellent organizational skills and he has done a fantastic job in keeping a detailed paper trail for receiving and deliveries. John demonstrates a high level of quality in his duties while serving the many needs of the faculty, staff and students. His enthusiasm, deeply ingrained work ethic, and dedication to quality and efficiency contributed to the consistent operations of the Warehouse. John’s character is strong, his work ethic is unmatched and his heart is always in the right place. John’s significant contributions to the college are greatly appreciated and his dedication and passion for his work will be deeply missed.

Margaret Taylor - 25 Years of Service

Margaret Taylor was first employed by Cerritos College in August of 1985. Margaret says that “After raising our three children, I needed to do something other than stay at home.” She decided to enroll in a typing and shorthand class at Cerritos College to refresh her clerical skills. Margaret worked as an adult hourly in the Liberal Arts division while she was a student, and was later hired as the Typist Clerk. She says that she considers it an honor to have worked with the finest deans, faculty and staff for more than 25 years. Margaret has been the person who ensures that the division remains “harmonious” on a daily basis.

Margaret has been married for 46 years and loves spending time with her eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She also enjoys visiting her sister and brother-in-law in Oregon. She enjoys reading, crocheting and daydreaming about the many places she wants to see and visit. Margaret also collects playing cards from all over the world and her current collection includes almost a deck from each of the 50 states. Margaret stated, “I have met and worked with so many wonderful and interesting people over these years at Cerritos, and I love them all.” Her gentle spirit, kind smile and genuine concern for our students is something to emulate, and her warm daily greeting will be missed by all.

Ghebrezghi Tekle - 21 Years of Service

Ghebrezghi Tekle began his employment with the district on May 23, 1989 as a Custodian. He is currently assigned to clean the basement and third floor of the Social Sciences building during the day shift. He is also responsible with assisting with set-ups and strikes as well as team cleaning in the event of multiple absences. He always takes care to ensure that his areas are cleaned and organized. He comes in ready to perform his daily duties and gets along and works well with his coworkers. Tekle has been with the college for many
years and is well known in his area. He pays attention to detail and goes out of his way to lend a hand as needed. The college wishes him the best in his retirement.

Christina The - 34 Years of Service

Christina’s passion is helping students, whether it is helping them write a résumé or finding a job. She takes great care in making sure students are prepared to enter the job market. Christina also takes great care in working with the employers who visit Cerritos College to recruit our students. She has done an excellent job in coordinating the annual Career Expo for the past 11 years, as well as organizing both the International Business Panel and Employer Panel. Christina has been active in the California Placement Association and served as its president in 2007-08. She has been actively involved with several local area chambers of commerce groups and has done a great job of connecting our students with local employers, often leading to their employment. She plans to remain active with her grandchildren and will be missed by the college and its students.

Fred Wade - 26 Years of Service

Fred Wade initially began working at Cerritos College part-time while working full-time as a sheet metal worker. He joined the grounds team on October 8, 1984 as a full-time employee and has dedicated 26 years of service to the college.

Fred has been assigned several areas on campus during his employment and at one point, it was decided that team gardening was a way to become more efficient and Fred was partnered up with another of this year’s retirees, Ron Bunton. Notes from that effort include that Fred and Ron were the more productive and the best team. Fred likes structure, which is apparent when looking at his well-manicured and precisely trimmed work areas. He has always acknowledged that he works for the college as a whole, and that each change he has seen has been for the good of the students. Fred still remembers his first impression when beginning his employment – the friendliness of the college and how well it treated the employees, and he has enjoyed working here ever since. Fred’s years of service illustrate that he has been a very valuable employee.

Robert Walther - 18 Years of Service

Bob has taught microbiology at Cerritos College for 19 years, and his love of teaching is obvious to his colleagues and students. Bob recently completed a sabbatical leave that included travelling to Europe to visit museums and libraries to trace the footsteps of the pioneers of microbiology. Bob has served on the Faculty Senate, Academic Excellence Committee, Faculty Salary Committee, and as the chair of the Biology department. He advised the Pre-Med Club and helped them organize a very successful conference. The Biology department faculty will miss his friendly and warm (UCLA Bruins) personality, and will continue to value his friendship after his retirement. He will certainly be remembered every time Mardi Gras rolls around! Bob plans to continue teaching microbiology on a part-time basis.
Douglas Wells - 21 Years of Service

The name Doug Wells has become synonymous with Track & Field at Cerritos College. He has had tremendous success during his 22-year tenure. His dominant programs have won numerous conference, southern California and state championships, including three state championships in women's track & field during the past five years. His reputation among his peers was evident when he was selected by the U.S. National Track and Field Team to serve as the head manager of the Under-23 Team which competed in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He has the unique ability to befriend his athletes yet also garner their respect. Doug is known for taking talented athletes, including some from at-risk situations, and molding them into a cohesive unit. He then helps these individuals receive track & field scholarships to further their education at universities around the country. He will be sorely missed by many.

Brenda White - 17 Years of Service

Brenda White has been an instructor in the Cosmetology department since 1993. She is invaluable to the operation of the lab and ensures that students complete the requirements for the state board and program graduation. Brenda believes working in Cosmetology requires proficiency in all phases of the field and education is the key to success. She has also been a long time member of the Faculty Senate.

Brenda has traveled extensively throughout the United States, teaching and studying hair design on a variety of levels. She is active in her community and contributes her time and resources to non-profit organizations including Working Wardrobes, The Coalition of 100 Black Women and the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

Martha Yeager - 28 Years of Service

Martha Yeager began her career at Cerritos College in 1979 as an ESL instructor in the Adult Education department. In 1981, Martha was asked to establish a credit ESL department and create the course curriculum. Martha served as the department chair for over a decade. Martha has been an active member of many campus committees and represented Cerritos College in the community in various capacities. She established the college’s Intensive English program and was the advisor for the Lambda Phi Sigma sorority for several years. Martha was an ambassador abroad for Cerritos College and conducted teacher training seminars in second language acquisition theory and methodology in Mexico, China, and Brazil.

Martha is looking forward to serving as an English Language Specialist for the U.S. Department of State for various embassies around the world. She will also be working as a recruiter for International Student Services. She is looking forward to living in the same state as her husband after commuting cross-country to and from North Carolina for many years!
Dr. David Young - 23 Years of Service

David's compassion and genuine concern for students is second to none. He has guided hundreds of students through their career exploration process and has helped them discover their direction and belief in themselves. David lights up when he talks about his students and is just as excited as the students are when he knows he has helped them learn something new about themselves. David was instrumental in implementing computerized assessments and is the resident “measurements guru” in Career Services. He has served on several campus committees, including Instructional Program Review and Paralegal Program Advisory. He has his own talk show on WPMD and has been co-advisor for Phi Theta Kappa for many years. He has been the voice of reason in Career Services and everybody will miss his smiling eyes that bring cheer to all.

Ana Zarrahay - 31 Years of Service

Ana Zarrahay is the backbone and stabilizing force in the Health, Physical Education, Dance, and Athletics Division. Having been at the college for more than 31 years, she seems to know everyone and is respected by all. She either knows the answer to every question or knows where she can find the solution. Ana is the master of meeting the needs of a division with very diverse interests. Each department acknowledges and appreciates her competency in their specific area. Her positive, pleasant and charming personality creates a supportive environment in the division office. She will be sorely missed by all in the division and the entire campus community.

Marlene Zwiep - 29 Years of Service

Marlene began her employment at Cerritos College in 1982 in the Bookstore before moving to the Purchasing department as an Assistant Buyer in 1998. Her job is to make sure that the district spends as little as possible for the supplies that it requires, but also take into account the quality of the products she is ordering.

Marlene embodies the word “dedication.” No job is too small or too big, no time is too early or too late, no day is a “no-work day”, and there is no substitute for hard work. Her exemplary work ethic is very much appreciated and she is ready to work beyond the call of duty in order to meet goals or to solve problems even if the task at hand is not one of her regular job duties. Marlene is a deeply committed, loyal, hard-working, and irreplaceable employee.
To all the days here and after
May they be filled with fond memories, happiness and laughter.