Please join me in acknowledging the great contributions that our classified staff make to the college on a daily basis. At its May 5 meeting, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution to recognize the week of May 16 through May 22 as the Classified School Employee Week in California, as designated by the California School Employees Association (CSEA) and the California State Legislature.

This special week is intended to recognize the diligence, dedication and professionalism of the classified staff in providing essential services that often go unnoticed behind the scenes. Our classified staff touch every aspect of college operations. Their contribution to student success begins with outreach efforts, orientations and registration, is continuous throughout students' enrollment, and finally ends with program graduation celebrations and commencement.

During this time of decreased resources and a declining budget, the management group voted to make personal donations to ensure that the college is able to continue its tradition of showing our appreciation for employees. The Employee Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, May 20 immediately following the Classified/Confidential Awards Ceremony in the Student Center. I encourage you to attend both events and participate in honoring our invaluable staff.

Cerritos College staff have been asked to do more with less and it is more important than ever to take some time to acknowledge their work with a simple yet effective "thank you". I hope that the classified staff enjoy their week of events sponsored by CSEA and I thank each and every one of you for being a very important member of the college.

Sincerely,
Dr. Linda L. Lacy
President/Superintendent