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DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Ruben Gonzalez — For the second year in a row, head women’s soccer coach Ruben Gonzalez was named the NSCAA Division III 2013 National Coach of the Year.

Dr. Kimberley Duff — Chapter advisor and professor of psychology, received the 2013 Psi Beta/Virginia Staudt Sexton National Faculty Advisor award for bringing out the best in students and helping them to develop a sense of professionalism and ethics.

Jeanine Prindle — Longtime Cerritos College coach and administrator has been inducted into the 2013 California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) Hall of Fame, the highest honor bestowed in California community college athletics.

Richard Cameron — Journalism instructor, received the 2011 Jack Bates Award for his contributions to California journalism and journalism education by the California Press Association.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Kaleidoscope — Cerritos College’s Kaleidoscope project creates a comprehensive set of general education course designs that use open educational resources (OER) with a focus on improving the success of at-risk students. High-enrollment general education courses in accounting, biology, business, chemistry, earth sciences, education, English, math, psychology and reading were developed incorporating OER. The project saw a significant improvement in student success rates by enhancing student learning at greatly reduced costs. The project was chosen as a Campus Technology Innovator by Campus Technology magazine in 2012.

iFALCON — The iFALCON campaign, which was introduced by the Faculty Senate as pilot program in fall 2008, addresses basic skills and student success, and aims to educate Cerritos College students on how to practice and adopt success-oriented habits of mind.

The campaign emphasizes a FALCON acronym and an iFALCON slogan to reiterate to students the tools they need to get the most from their education. The FALCON acronym engages students in six habits of academic success: Focus, Advance, Link Up, Comprehend, Organize and New Ideas. In the pilot semester, iFALCON was used around campus to help students remember to use the success-oriented habits of mind.

TEACHER TRAC — in partnership with CSULB, Cerritos College’s Teacher TRAC program gives future teachers an opportunity to complete their bachelor’s degree and multiple subjects credential in four years. The program offers many services, programs, and pathways for students interested in teaching. To date, nearly 400 students have graduated from the program.

Its Career Technical Education (CTE) Teacher Pathways Program, which addresses the statewide need for CTE teachers at the secondary and community college level, provides CTE teacher preparation in automotive, early childhood education, welding and woodworking. The program’s partnerships include the University of La Verne, ABC Unified School District, Downey Unified ROP, and Head Start State Preschool, Norwalk/La Mirada School District, CSULB, CSULA, Southeast ROP and the Southland Motor Car Dealers Association.

In 2010 Teacher TRAC launched the Cerritos College Urban Teacher Fellowship which provides streamlined services and pathways for youth at risk for gang influence interested in teaching K-12.

STUDENT ETHNICITY (FALL 2013)

- Hispanic/Latino: 64.6%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 10%
- White: 10.6%
- African-American: 7.1%
- American Indian: 0.3%
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In addition, the college is home to more than 300 international students representing 35 countries.
The women’s track and field team won the 2013 California Community College Athletic Association state championship.

The women’s soccer team named the National Champions second year in a row.

DISTRICT COMMUNITIES

District includes the communities of Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate.

MEMBER OF 10 CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Lakewood, La Mirada, Norwalk, Paramount, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate.

HIGHLIGHTS

- One of the five largest community colleges in Los Angeles County with an average enrollment of 22,000 credited students annually.
- Cerritos College ranked ninth in California and 20th in the nation among community colleges for the number of associate degrees granted to Hispanic students in 2011.
- One of the seven Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy program (ATTE) in California dedicated to advancing students through education and keeping California competitive as a national leader in advanced transportation and energy technologies and to transform the workforce in the rapidly developing, technology-driven transportation and energy industries, while improving the environment and stimulating the economy.
- Home to 2009 and 2011 All-USA Community College Academic First Team members, a 2013 All-California Community College Academic First Team member, and 2009 and 2011 Coca-Cola New Century Scholars.

SERVING THE STUDENTS FROM

- ABC Unified School District
- Bellflower USD
- Downey USD
- Norwalk – La Mirada USD
- and students from throughout Southern California.

GRANTS AWARDED

- Received a $2.8 million grant from the California Department of Education for expanding career pathways in engineering technology and advanced manufacturing to strengthen the link between education and careers in engineering and manufacturing.
- Awarded a $2.3 million grant from the U.S Department of Labor to increase the number of people trained in retail management and seek careers in the supermarket industry.
- Received $1.2 million follow-on grant (the first $750,000 grant was awarded in 2011) from Next Generation Learning Challenges (NGLC) to expand its multi-institutional open educational resource (OER) project.
- Received a $335,000 grant from the California Community College Chancellor’s Office for assessment, remediation and retention for students in the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program.
- Awarded a $3.8 million STEM grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI) Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and articulation program for its pilot program of A.A. degree attainment and university STEM transfer, concentrating on the high-need areas of computer science and environmental science.
- Received a $490,230 grant from the Governor’s Office of Gang and Youth Violence Policy for a teacher training program for at-risk youth, the Cerritos College Urban Teacher Fellowship.
- Received $100,000 Green Jobs Education Initiative scholarship funds from Southern California Edison for students who are enrolled in green job training programs.
- Received $2.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support the college’s innovative academic success program “FALCON,” which aims to educate students on how to practice and adopt success-oriented habits of mind.