Cerritos College's inaugural Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony a tremendous success

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NORWALK, Calif. – April 17, 2012 – History has been made when the Cerritos College Hall of Fame welcomed its inaugural class of inductees on April 12 at Sheraton Cerritos.

Cerritos College President/Superintendent Dr. Linda Lacy welcomed over 300 people to the first ever event.

“We are thrilled at the response to this event as evidenced by the size of the crowd” said Dr. Lacy. “We are delighted to induct such a prestigious group of individuals.”

The master of ceremonies was Steve Richardson, executive director of the Cerritos College Foundation and Community Advancement. He thanked sponsors – GST, Habib American Bank, Kaiser Permanente, The Chugh Firm, Tilden-Coil Constructors & Hill Partnership, Sheraton Cerritos Hotel, Southern California Gas Co. and Worldwide Produce – for their generous support. The Cerritos College Foundation, the Cerritos College Board of Trustees and Culinary Arts also sponsored the event.

Attendees enjoyed the special dinner planned and executed in collaboration between Chef Rudy Rosales at Sheraton Cerritos and the Cerritos College Culinary Arts Department led by Chef Michael Pierini.

Students in the Cerritos College Music department provided the wonderful musical treats before and during the program.

As each of the seven honorees was inducted, an interview video footage was shown. A special trophy was presented to each honoree. Proclamations from the offices of Congresswoman Linda Sanchez, Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe and the City of Cerritos were presented to the inductees as well.

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The honorees shared their memories as a Falcon and humorous episodes as they accepted the award.

Congratulations to the inaugural inductees:

Barbara Reinalda (Softball) - Distinguished Female Athlete

Ron Yary (Football) - Distinguished Male Athlete

Wally Kincaid (Baseball) - Distinguished Coach

Jerry Roodzant - Distinguished Alumnus

GST, Inc. - Distinguished Corporate Partner

John Gallant - Distinguished Classified/Confidential

Dr. Edward Bloomfield (Philosophy) - Distinguished Faculty

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