Mission Statement: Cerritos College values its diverse student population and is committed to providing these students with high quality, comprehensive instructional programs and support services that improve student success and offer clear pathways to achieve personal, educational, and career goals. In doing so, the college develops in students the knowledge, skills, and values that prepare them to be productive participants in the global community.

Distinguished Faculty

Benny Artiaga — Head men’s soccer coach, was named the NSCAA Division III 2014 National Coach of the Year after winning the CCCAA State Championship and finished the year ranked #2 in the country.

Diana Echeverria — Preschool teacher at the Cerritos College Child Development Center, was selected as 2015 Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP)'s Teacher of the Year for exemplifying excellence to better prepare children for school and life.

Ruben Gonzalez — In 2014 head women’s soccer coach was named the NSCAA Division III National Coach of the Year for the fifth time in the last six years and seventh time in his 10-year history.

Donna Wedell — Professor of dental assisting, was honored with the 2015 Hazel O. Torres Excellence in Education Award for serving more than 30 years in the dental assisting field training students.

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.

Student Ethnicity (Spring 2015)

- White Non-Hispanic: 67.8%
- Hispanic/Latino: 13.3%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 7.4%
- African-American: 4.2%
- American Indian: 3.3%
- Multi-Ethnic: 1.3%
- Unknown: 6.3%
- Filipinos: 2.2%
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In addition, the college is home to more than 300 international students representing 35 countries.
The Cerritos College women’s track and field team won the 2015 CCCAA State Championship

The Cerritos College wrestling team won the 2014 CCCAA State Championship

**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**

- Cerritos College ranks second in the state for Mexican-American/Latino student transfers to California State Universities.
- 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.

**Grants Awarded**

- Received $500,000 NASA Grant to increase student and faculty engagement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs.
- Shared a $1.2 million grant from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office to improve student recruitment and training for teaching careers with nine other colleges.
- Shared a $20 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to create affordable digital open educational course materials to improve student success among low-income and disadvantaged students.
- 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.
- 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.

**Serving the Students From**

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

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