“Plan around which class requires more study time.”
“Focus. You need to be determined enough not just to ‘pass’ a class, but to exceed your own expectations of it. The drive needs to come from within. Study hard now and you will reap the benefits later.”
I live with an everyday battle with Crohn’s Disease. Due to Crohn’s, I’ve had to drop classes and eventually delay years of my education. The last 3 years I have taken a holistic approach to my health and I have begun my journey to healing. I have been able to overcome Crohn’s and return to school with direction.”
ADRIANA RAYA
Athletic Trainer Aide

“My family inspired me to succeed because I want to make them proud by being the first one to graduate from college.”
“Ultimately, you need to find your self-worth so you can see the value in what you set out to accomplish.”
RICHARD WILKINS
Gas Tungsten Arc Welding

“My family inspired me to succeed and become successful.”
Learn to prioritize your goals and manage your time.
PRISCILLA SATO
Dental Hygiene

“What I like best about Cerritos College is the importance of ‘team’. The professor and students work together to make your dream possible.”
When I feel overwhelmed, I usually schedule myself a day off to goof around with friends, go shopping, or even a night on the town in order to take a break from always working hard.
“Make a to-do list, and keep crossing out activities and keep making new ones.”
“What I like best about this college is the diversity of people’s mindsets, and how helpful the campus faculty is to its students.”
JOSEPH SEARCY
Paralegal

“What I like most about Cerritos College, is the feeling of community.”
ROBERT SQUIRES
Illustration, Art and Design

“My motivation is my family. I gave up a lucrative career to pursue my passion for Art and Design. My wife supported my decision with an open mind, and I owe it to her to do the absolute best I can in anything I attempt.”
“Watching my family struggle all of my life, but never seeing them give up or ask ‘why me’ inspired me to succeed.”
“Make a list of all the things you need to do, prioritize them, and cross them off as you do them. Visualizing your progress is the key to success.”
“I am a single parent with two young boys who require a lot of time and attention. I have an unpredictable work schedule, so I would say that managing my time week to week is the largest obstacle I’ve had to overcome.”
The children I work with, or will work with in the future, inspire me to succeed. We’ve all become who we are today based on adults who have advocated for us as children. I want to be the best I can for those kids who will need an advocate.”
ERNESTO RIOS
Engineering Design and Technology

“I make sure I get a good night’s sleep for at least one week before the test, and of course, lots of study.”