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NORWALK, Calif. – February 16, 2016 – Cerritos College is pleased to launch the new student success initiative, Cerritos Complete. Cerritos Complete is an extension of the free K-16 Bridge program that targets district high school students to increase degree and certificate completion rates, reduce time to graduation, and lower the number of excess units to graduation.

Because the College’s Strategic Plan is heavily focused on initiatives designed to increase graduation rates for students, Cerritos Complete will utilize programmatic pathways to meet this goal.

Starting in the fall 2016 semester, 800 eligible students graduating from any of the College’s service area high school districts, including Paramount Unified School District, will be eligible to participate. In the program, students who successfully follow the required steps will receive step-by-step assistance in completing the College Early Success Program, enrollment in a Summer Connection one-week orientation course, counseling appointment, career exploration assistance, workshops and a customized schedule for fall and spring semesters, and one-year merit scholarship to cover the costs of eligible classes at Cerritos College or $200 textbook voucher redeemable at the Cerritos College bookstore.

“Our goal is to facilitate college preparation and completion by easing the burden of education costs and rewarding students who successfully make progress toward a degree,” said Dr. Jose Fierro, President/Superintendent.

For more information about Cerritos Complete, please visit www.cerritos.edu/cerritoscomplete.

About Cerritos College: Cerritos College serves as a comprehensive community college for southeastern Los Angeles County. Communities within the college’s district include Artesia, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, La Mirada, Norwalk, and portions of Bell Gardens, Lakewood, Long Beach, Santa Fe Springs and South Gate. Cerritos College offers degrees and certificates in more than 180 areas of study in nine divisions. Annually, more than 1,200 students successfully complete their course of studies, and enrollment currently averages 23,000 students. Visit Cerritos College online at http://www.cerritos.edu/.

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