Cerritos College Will Dedicate Remodeled Gymnasium

Mid-century Modern Gem is Restored to Its Original Unique Look

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WHAT: Cerritos College will host a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the recent remodel of Falcon Gymnasium on Friday, March 8 at 11 a.m.

The renovation of the 52-year-old gymnasium included a state-funded seismic upgrade which is comprised of (120) 70 foot deep concrete piers and reinforced concrete walls to make the building more resistant to earthquakes. While the renovation added new features/upgrades such as refinished floor, team rooms, bleachers, restrooms, sound system and lighting, it was also about restoring a high-design mid-century modern architecture.

Originally designed by architects Henry Wright and Earl Freels from Kistner, Wright & Wright, the 33,925 sq. foot Gymnasium opened its doors in 1961.

The Gymnasium’s distinctive four rolling-arched roof and organic curves reflect the clean, unique look of mid-century modern. The roof supports on each side of the gym also form handball/racquet ball courts.

The celebration is open to the community.

WHEN: Friday, March 8 at 11 a.m.

WHERE: Cerritos College Falcon Gymnasium
11110 Alondra Blvd., Norwalk, CA 90650

A map of the campus is available at www.cerritos.edu/guide.

CONTACT: To attend the ceremony, please RSVP to (562) 860-2451, ext.4399 by February 28

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