Cerritos College’s High School Counselor Conference is A Success

Ninety Local High School Counselors Spend a Day on Campus

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NORWALK, Calif. - December 18, 2013 - Counselors from local high schools visited Cerritos College on December 6 for the seventh annual 2013 High School Counselor Conference.

Organized by the School Relations and Career Services offices, the conference offered vital updates to high school counselors on admissions, various career technical education and academic programs offered by Cerritos College.

All district high schools attended the conference as well as from Valley Christian, St. John Bosco and St. Matthias.

The counselors spent the day learning about Cerritos College and what it has to offer their students when they move on to post-secondary education.

The day began with a panel of diverse Cerritos College students told their stories such as why they chose Cerritos, what they liked about this school and how they have benefitted from attending Cerritos College. The student panel represented a variety of programs such as culinary arts, automotive mechanical repair, engineering, sociology/communications and psychology.

Following the panel, the counselors were given the opportunity to take a tour of campus and received presentations about some of the programs such as Scholar’s Honors, welding and cosmetology.

At the end of the half-day conference, the high school counselors enjoyed lunch and an improvisational comedy by Instructor Forrest Hartl’s theatre team.

“The conference was a campus wide endeavor with faculty, staff, programs and students all participating to make it possible,” said Shirley Arceo, coordinator of school relations. “It was an excellent opportunity to strengthen our relationship with high schools.”
Feedback from the counselors was positive. "The conference was very informative and the student panel made it real, as students are our client," said a counselor in attendance.

**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/](http://www.cerritos.edu/).