Cerritos College to host 57th Annual Commencement Ceremony on May 17

Featured Speaker Is Dr. Manuel Baca, President of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors

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WHAT: Cerritos College will hold its 57th annual commencement ceremony to honor its graduating students on Saturday, May 17 at 5 p.m. in Falcon Stadium. The college will present degrees and certificates earned during the 2013-2014 academic year.

This year's commencement speaker is Dr. Manuel Baca, president of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors, appointed by Governor Jerry Brown, sets policy and provides guidance for the 72 districts and 112 colleges which constitute the system. Dr. Baca has been a member of the board since 2009.

Dr. Baca is a political science professor at Rio Hondo College where he has also held key academic and administrative positions, including an interim presidency and is currently serves on the governing board of the Mt. San Antonio Community College District.

In addition to other appointed positions, he served on the California Community Colleges System Strategic Plan Steering Committee and the Student Success Task Force, which led to the formulation and passage of the Student Success Act of 2012.

Dr. Baca holds a Ph.D. in education from the University of Southern California. His graduate and undergraduate degrees were earned at California State University, Fullerton where he was honored as one of 50 successful Latino alumni during the university’s 50th anniversary in 2007.

Dr. Baca is a proud graduate of the California community college system with an associate degree from Rio Hondo College where, in recognition of his service and contributions to Rio Hondo College, he was named as a Fellow of the College.

No tickets are required for the ceremony. The entrance gates are located on both the northeast and northwest sides of Falcon Stadium and will open at 3:30 p.m. No strollers will be admitted into the stadium for the ceremony.
Seating for wheelchair users and one guest may be reserved upon request two weeks prior to commencement. For further details contact Mary D’Ettorre, Disabled Student Program and Services (DSP&S) via email at mdeettorre@cerritos.edu or phone (562) 860-2451 ext. 2346 or 2352.

WHEN: Saturday, May 17, 2014 at 5 p.m.

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

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

CONTACT: For more information about Cerritos College’s 57th Annual Commencement, please visit www.cerritos.edu/commencement.

COST: Commencement is free and open to the public. Parking is free at The Falcon Stadium on Commencement day. The stadium is located on the south side of Alondra Boulevard.

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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