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NORWALK, Calif. – May 7, 2014 - Scholars' Honors Program (SHP) honored its 26 graduates Monday, April 29, during its 17th annual graduation ceremony.

SHP Director Timothy Juntilla was master of ceremonies. "The SHP students have received acceptances to four-year schools including CSUs, UCs, USC, La Verne, Loyora Marymount, San Jose State, Arizona State and various other universities.” said Juntilla.

Each of the graduates received bronze medallions for completing the full SHP curriculum of five honors courses while maintaining a 3.0 grade point average in transferable courses.

As the ceremony concluded, Juntilla announced the winners of the annual Carole Cole Memorial Honors Scholarship and eighth annual Juntilla SHP Scholarship. Kathlyn Violago received the Carole Cole Memorial Honors Scholarship. Juan Ramirez and Vanessa Oropeza each received a $500 Juntilla SHP Scholarship.

"Although this year's group of SHP graduates is a bit smaller than those of the past, it is by no means any less accomplished. Their acceptance rates to UC Berkeley (73%), UCI (82%), and UCLA (94%) are spectacular,” said Juntilla.

"These are some of the brightest students at Cerritos College and, on behalf of the faculty who worked with these students over the years, I would like to extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes for their future."

Students graduating from the SHP:
Edward Chang
Shahpari Davoodifard
Aisha Diakite
Lauren Didio
Gerardo Franco
About Scholars' Honors Program: The Scholars' Honors Program (SHP) program is the academic and social home that Cerritos College provides for talented and motivated students who plan to transfer to four-year institutions. Through the SHP program, many students have the opportunity to apply and receive prestigious scholarships. Benefits offered to students by SHP include opportunities for independent research with leading faculty members through the Honors Contract program, small-enrollment honors sections of courses needed for transfer, workshops to help in transferring to four-year schools, and scholarships to selected transfer colleges and universities. For more information on the SHP, visit the program’s web page at www.cerritos.edu/shp or contact the SHP office at (562) 860-2451, ext. 2728.

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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