DATE:   September 27, 2011
TO:     Citrus College Community
FROM:   Geraldine M. Perri, Superintendent/President
RE:     NEW STEM GRANT AWARDED TO CITRUS COLLEGE

It is with great pleasure that I share with you some good news the college received from Senator Dianne Feinstein’s office late last week.

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Citrus College a new five-year Title V HSI STEM Grant in the amount $4,285,000!

The primary purpose of this grant is to increase the number of Hispanic and other low income students in attaining degrees and/or transfer to four-year institutions to study in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Beginning this year, the grant will provide approximately $870,000 in funding each year for five years. It will allow the college to build on and significantly expand its current, successful STEM program.

Some of the activities that are planned as part of this grant are:

Get Ready:
• Pre-collegiate preparation through a summer science camp for middle and high school students
• Early math preparation for middle school students through the PAGE program, conducted at Citrus College in the summer

Get Set:
• STEM learning communities
• Supplemental instruction
• Peer-to-peer mentoring
• STEM counseling
Go:
  • Development of a new engineering degree
  • Student research opportunities with universities

The award of this grant by the U.S. Department of Education is a tremendous honor for Citrus College and a further indicator of the excellence of the college’s programs, faculty and staff.

Congratulations and thank you to the entire college community, including the Race to STEM Grant Team, and to Ms. Sylvia Smythe, Grants Project Director.

Well done!