



# Board Highlights



Highlights of the July 17, 2012 Board of Trustees Meeting

## Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees

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**Dr. Geraldine M. Perri**  
Superintendent/President

### Mission Statement

Citrus College delivers high quality instruction that empowers students to compete globally and to contribute to the economic growth of today's society.

We are dedicated to fostering a diverse educational community and cultural learning environment that supports student success in pursuit of academic excellence, economic opportunity, and personal achievement.

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## REPORTS

### Superintendent/President

Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president, announced that *GI Jobs* magazine has once again designated Citrus College a "military friendly" school for 2013. She said the college is ranked in the top 15 percent of all colleges nationwide. She thanked Dr. John Baker, interim vice president of student services; Dr. Martha McDonald, dean of students; and all those who helped Citrus College achieve this recognition.

Following board approval at this meeting, Dr. Arvid Spor has been selected to serve as the college's new vice president of student services. Dr. Perri said the college is looking forward to welcoming Dr. Spor at a reception on August 14 at 2:30 p.m. in room SS 205. Dr. Perri also thanked the members of the board for joining the college community in officially welcoming Ms. Christina Garcia, director of development and alumni relations, at a reception that preceded the last Foundation board meeting.

Reporting on events in the community, Dr. Perri thanked Trustee Susan M. Keith, board vice president, for inviting her to participate in the annual Claremont 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and festivities. She also thanked Mr. Tom Gerfen, Foundation board president, for expertly chauffeuring them in the parade car. Dr. Perri thanked Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board member, and Ms. Garcia, for joining her at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Night on the Plaza fundraiser for the Glendora Library Foundation. She said it was a wonderful evening. In addition, Dr. Perri thanked Ms. Garcia; Dr. McDonald; and Ms. Monica Christianson, veteran's center project director, for joining her at the YWCA's Women of Leadership event recognizing women in the military. Dr. Perri was pleased to note that Mr. Randy Wines, Walmart market human resource manager, and four Citrus College students joined them.

Dr. Perri extended an invitation to the board to attend two special recognition breakfasts, one for the Supervisor/Confidential Team and one for the Management Team.

### Academic Affairs

Dr. Irene Malmgren, vice president of academic affairs, reported that Citrus College received a letter from the Governor of Hawaii recognizing Citrus College's Fine and Performing Arts Program and the Blue Note Swing Orchestra and Night Shift for entertaining residents and visitors to Hawaii for the past decade.

Dr. Malmgren reported on some of the recent successes of the college's Foster/Kinship Care Education Program (FKCE). In 2011-2012, they provided 2,433 hours of training. At their June event, "Your One and Only Life," they had 94 attendees, the largest number in the program's history. Dr. Malmgren said Citrus College's FKCE program is a leader in the San Gabriel Valley.

### Student Services

Dr. Baker provided details regarding the Foundation Scholarship Reception, which will take place on August 16. Dr. Baker said 190 scholarships will be presented to Citrus College students at the event.

### Human Resources

Dr. Robert Sammis, director of human resources, reported on a new format for Human Resources documents that are included in each board agenda. He said they have changed the layout from portrait to landscape, which makes them easier to draft and easier to read.

He also said the list of academic substitutes will no longer appear in the agenda, as these individuals have already been hired. Dr. Sammis said he is hopeful that these improvements in format will result in richer Human Resources information in future agendas.

## COMMENTS

### Finance and Administrative Services

Mrs. Carol R. Horton, vice president of finance and administrative services, commented on the state budget, noting that one of the few positive aspects was the state agreeing to backfill any shortfall that results from lower-than-anticipated revenues from redevelopment funds. Mrs. Horton said this is a “monumental” change from previous years, when the Legislature has provided backfill for K-12 schools, but has refused to do so for community colleges.

### Academic Senate

Mr. Jim Woolum, academic senate president, commented on some of the challenges the Academic Senate will face in the 2012-2013 academic year. He said the Academic Senate looks forward to working with all groups on campus to resolve issues, adapt to a changing environment, and continue the spirit of shared governance that earned Citrus College a commendation in the college’s last accreditation report.

### Members of the Board of Trustees

Student Trustee Crescencio Calderon said the new ASCC leaders for 2012-2013 have begun to meet. They discussed ways to promote spirit in Citrus College students, and they also considered a number of proactive ideas for the fall semester. Student Trustee Calderon said he attended a sidewalk chalk art event hosted by the Cosmetology Club, which he described as successful and empowering.

Trustee Keith reported on the board’s ad hoc committee for passage of the Governor’s 2012 tax initiative, and in particular, she thanked the students who are serving on the committee. Trustee Keith said the students are planning to register other students and get out the vote.

Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, board member, expressed her appreciation to Dr. Perri for her leadership. She said when Dr. Perri came to the college it was during a time of budget crisis, and Dr. Perri encouraged everyone to work together.

Board President Joanne Montgomery said she wished to publically thank Dr. Perri for her leadership and for seeing the college through its last successful accreditation. She said Dr. Perri has given a great deal to Citrus College.

Trustee Edward C. Ortell, board member, said he was in full agreement with his fellow board member’s praise of Dr. Perri’s efforts on behalf of the college, adding that she has done an excellent job. Trustee Ortell also expressed concerns about the trigger cuts to education that will result if the Governor’s tax initiative fails to pass in November.

## COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE

The board received comments from members of the college community and area residents on Agenda Item H.8 regarding modifications to the employment agreement between the college and the superintendent/president.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Dr. Malmgren and Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research, presented the Strategic Plan Progress Report for 2011-2012, including a review of the integrated planning model, an overview of the Strategic Plan, and collegewide accomplishments. Board President Montgomery thanked the college community for their hard work and many accomplishments. Trustee Keith added that this is an important document for the college’s next accreditation.

Dr. Malmgren provided highlights of the Program Reviews for Cosmetology and Child Development.

## BOARD ACTION

The board approved eight action items, including the hiring of Dr. Arvid Spor as vice president of student services.