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 that supports student success in pursuit of academic excellence, economic opportunity, and personal achievement.

Vision
Citrus College will provide excellent educational opportunities that are responsive to the needs of the community and help students meet economic, social, and environmental challenges to become active participants in shaping the world of the future.

Values
• Student Focus
• Excellence
• Collaboration
• Diversity
• Life-Long Learning
• Integrity
• Technological Advancement
Greetings from the Superintendent/President

I am pleased to present Citrus College’s annual Report to the Community, a review of the major achievements that occurred during the 2010-2011 academic year.

The report’s theme, “A Community of Achievers,” reflects significant milestones that contributed to the college’s success as an institution of higher learning. The accolades students, faculty and staff received, and the college’s productive relationships in the community, reflect Citrus College’s values.

Our achievements, however, do not exist in a vacuum. Every institutional and individual success story is actually the foundation and “back story” of the college’s most critical accomplishment: student success. Students who earn associate degrees, transfer to four-year institutions and establish careers in their chosen fields do so with the assistance and guidance of our dedicated faculty and staff. These individuals share their talents, skills and experiences both in the classroom and through their participation in the development and implementation of the college’s academic and student services programs. Some of these individuals are mentioned throughout the report.

This annual report is also a salute to the formidable bonds Citrus College has forged with the leaders and residents of the communities we serve. I am proud of the dynamic initiatives developed through our positive relationships with elected officials, educators, business leaders and residents. Their contributions to the college’s success include financial support, professional expertise, encouragement and goodwill.

Thank you for your role in supporting and encouraging Citrus College in our endeavors to foster and increase student success.

Sincerely,

Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President
Citrus College’s 2010-2011 academic year was defined by a variety of national, state and local accolades for its accomplishments in preparing students for transfer and career opportunities. The college conferred 1,246 associate degrees—an all time record—at its 95th Commencement ceremony in June 2011. Multiple degrees were granted to 184 students, 249 students graduated with honors and over 500 career/technical certificates were awarded. More than 800 students transferred to four-year colleges and universities, among them the University of California, Berkeley and Columbia University.

The college was again listed in Community College Week’s annual issue, “Top 100 Associate Degree Producers.” The institution ranked 52nd among two-year colleges in the number of associate degrees awarded to Hispanic students and 27th among the top 50 institutions awarding associate degrees in liberal arts/general studies. Citrus College also ranked 45th out of 50 in a new degree category: practical nursing, vocational nursing, nursing assistant. In addition, the annual community college issue of The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education rated Citrus College 39th among the nation’s top community colleges granting associate degrees to Hispanic students—a jump from 42nd place in 2010.

The institution was lauded for its integrity in conducting business operations and for its progress in developing a sustainable campus environment. Californians Aware (Cal Aware), a nonprofit group advocating openness in government and public institutions, gave Citrus College an A+ rating based on the college’s response time to a Cal Aware public records request. The college was evaluated according to whether all requested documents were provided, the cost of receiving document photocopies, and the quality of customer service. The Green California Community College Summit presented the college with the Green Campus Award for sustainability initiatives, such as the Central Plant, as well as waste reduction and staff development regarding green issues.
Military veterans’ adjustment to civilian life after returning from their tours of duty is one of the nation’s most significant current events. Attending college is an important part of this transition, and studies show that community colleges shoulder much of the responsibility of educating these veterans. Citrus College is no exception: from fall 2008 to fall 2010, the number of certified student veterans almost doubled. Significantly, 29 veterans received associate degrees as members of the Citrus College Class of 2011.

The college has been a consistent trailblazer in providing support services to student veterans and their families. As a result, the Citrus College Veterans Program was featured in a video presented at the first White House Summit on Community Colleges. The video, submitted by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, provided an overview of the Veterans Program and featured interviews with student veterans and program staff members. The college was also named a “Military Friendly School” for 2011 by G.I. Jobs magazine. Military Friendly Schools are the top 15 percent of the nation’s trade schools, colleges and universities that provide the most academic, financial and counseling support to veterans.

In spring 2011, the college received a U.S. Department of Education grant for $400,000 that has enabled the institution to expand its widely acclaimed veterans programs and services. The three-year award allows participating students to achieve their goals of earning an associate degree, transferring to a four-year college or university, or preparing for a career. 

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**BRUCE SOLHEIM, EDUCATOR AND VETERANS ADVOCATE**

Dr. Bruce Solheim, Citrus College history instructor, U.S. Army veteran and volunteer veterans coordinator, is an important contributor to the founding of the college’s Veterans Program and Veterans Center. Solheim established the first course designed to help transitioning student veterans and their families. He is the author of several works, including “The Vietnam War Era: A Personal Journey” and “The Bronze Star,” a play about a Vietnam veteran’s challenges during and after the war.
Since 2008, the Citrus College STEM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) has provided academic services and outreach programs to thousands of Citrus College and local K-12 students. The STEM Program, which was established through a U.S. Department of Education Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) grant, was designed to increase the number of Hispanic and underrepresented students who earn associate degrees in STEM courses of study and transfer to four-year colleges and universities as STEM majors.

The STEM Program continues to provide academic assistance and outreach to Citrus College students in the form of supplemental instruction, tutoring, workshops, peer mentoring, learning communities and research opportunities at four-year institutions. All students have access to the STEM Center and the Math Center where they can study or receive tutoring. Through Citrus College’s partnerships and articulation agreements with four-year colleges and universities, students who aspire to STEM majors are introduced to potential transfer institutions. The STEM Program’s outreach to students in the Azusa, Claremont, Duarte, Glendora and Monrovia school districts gives K-12 students a chance to participate in hands-on science workshops and programs that increase their awareness of opportunities in the STEM fields.

The STEM Program has empowered many Citrus College students to succeed. From 2008 to 2011, the number of students enrolled in STEM majors increased 47 percent, and associate degrees in STEM majors more than doubled. Students transferring as STEM majors increased significantly, resulting in jumps as high as a 600 percent increase in STEM transfers to California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA) and a 400 percent increase to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Hispanic students fared exceedingly well among STEM transfers, more than doubling their transfers to CSULA, UCLA and Cal Poly Pomona.

**THE CITRUS GRAVITEAM: A STEM PROGRAM MILESTONE**

Nine students, including several STEM Program mentors and tutors, participated in NASA’s Microgravity University, at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas in the summer of 2011. Known as the Citrus GraviTeam, their challenge was to propose, design and build an original experiment, which they tested aboard a NASA zero gravity aircraft. The GraviTeam, under the direction of Physics Instructor Lucia Riderer (front row, center), successfully completed all phases of the experiment. Recalling the excitement surrounding the GraviTeam, Riderer commented, “Watching my students work together so well in putting together a 49-page scientific proposal made me feel very proud, and it helped me remember why I became a teacher 20 years ago.”

**STEM Program Fostered Student Academic Achievement**
Facility Achiever: Dale Salwak

Dr. Dale Salwak is a highly effective educator, a world-renowned author and a professional magician. The English instructor occasionally performs at the Magic Castle in Hollywood and entertains at fundraisers. However, the combination of magic and diplomacy afforded him the extraordinary experience of traveling to North Korea to share his talent with other magicians.

Salwak has visited North Korea twice. In 2009, a South Korean friend who had connections in North Korea arranged for Salwak to travel to North Korea as a guest of its government. He was the only American magician to perform at a national birthday celebration for the country’s revered founder Kim Il-Sung. Salwak described his first visit to North Korea as a choreographed trip, where he was required to turn over his cell phone, visa and passport until the end of his stay.

In April of 2011, Salwak visited North Korea for the second time. He was invited to share trends in the world of magic with some of North Korea’s top magicians who had regularly performed for their leader, the late Kim Jong-II. This time, Salwak was given more mobility and traveled with his South Korean liaison, plus a translator and a guide who were both provided by the North Korean government. While there, Salwak presented his fellow magicians with a special award from the International Brotherhood of Magicians, a group of 13,000 members to which he belongs.

DALE SALWAK’S RECOLLECTIONS OF HIS VISITS TO NORTH KOREA

On his first visit in 2009
“I had nothing but a splendid time and was treated exceptionally well. I had no political agenda or expectations in visiting at all. I came in friendship... I saw it as an enormous privilege, and I dreamed of coming back.”

On his second visit to North Korea and his stay in Pyongyang (2011)
“I was able to leave the hotel and explore the city... I could interact more this time with the North Korean people. I found them to be friendly and gracious.”

South Korea’s Yuji Yasuda (upper left) looks on as Dale Salwak presents to North Korea’s top magicians Kim Chol (upper right) and Kim Taek Song a plaque on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. The plaque’s inscription read, “In profound expression of international friendship, and in celebration of your many contributions to the art of magic.”
Citrus College’s extracurricular programs emphasize community service and provide an educational experience for its students. These activities are primarily conducted through the Office of Student Life and the college’s student governing body, the Associated Students of Citrus College (ASCC); however, many of the college’s academic programs also provide opportunities for students to give back to the community.

One of ASCC’s most successful community outreach efforts in 2010-2011 was a blood drive held in cooperation with the American Red Cross. The response to this activity earned the student body an award for the most units of blood collected by a Southern California community college during the Red Cross’s annual winter blood drive. ASCC also sponsored its annual Holiday Food and Toy Drive, which provided the Citrus College community the opportunity to donate non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys to the YWCA’s WINGS (Women in Need Growing Strong) program and to Monrovia’s Foothill Unity Center.

The Psychology Club is one of the college’s most active and visible student organizations. Their activities included tutoring Azusa’s elementary students at Homework House and volunteering at Ability First in Claremont. The club won three of the six awards presented to student organizations at the end of each academic year: Club of the Year, the “Club Cup” for having accumulated the most activity points of any student organization, and Advisor of the Year, presented to Dr. Rick Brown, psychology instructor.

Every March, ceramics students, under the direction of art instructor Mike Hillman, create original ceramic bowls for the Glendora Empty Bowls Project, a community event to raise awareness of poverty and hunger in the local communities. The students made 1,000 bowls for the 2011 event, which attendees purchased along with soup donated by local restaurants. Proceeds from these purchases were donated to local food banks and homeless shelters.

In addition, student actors and musicians, through the facilitation of Dean Robert Slack and the performing arts faculty, assisted Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri at the first Duarte/Monrovia Youth Summit. The students donated their talents to encourage middle school students to pursue higher education.
Citrus College
Founded in 1915, the first community college in Los Angeles County and the fifth in California
Accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC)
2010-2011 Budget: $59.9 million
Campus size: 104 acres, 44 buildings, 8 outdoor athletics facilities

Academic Programs
Associate degrees offered in 31 programs of study
Certificates of achievement and skill awards offered in 45 career/technical programs of study

Staff Profile
Full-time Faculty 164
Part-time Faculty 93
Administrators 29
Supervisors 32
Classified 267

Citrus Community College District
Population: 189,271
Cities and Communities: Azusa, Claremont, Duarte, Glendora, Monrovia
District Public High Schools: Azusa, Canyon Oaks, Claremont, Duarte, Gladstone, Glendora, Monrovia, Mountain Park, Mt. Olive, San Antonio, Sierra, Whitcomb

Student Profile
Number of Students: 13,705
Gender
Female 55%
Male 44%
Unknown/Non-respondent 1%
Age
19 and under 32%
20-24 37%
25-49 22%
50 and over 9%
Ethnicity
Hispanic 49%
White Non-Hispanic 28%
Multi-Ethnic, Other 2%
Unknown/Non-respondent 6%

The Class of 2011
Associate Degrees conferred 1,246
Students graduating with honors (GPAs of 3.3 to 4.0) 249

Degrees Conferred: Top Five Majors
1. Social and Behavioral Sciences
2. Business
3. Biological and Physical Sciences/Mathematics
4. Fine and Performing Arts
5. Language Arts

Note: Student profile data is based on fall 2010 credit and noncredit students; all other data is current as of June 30, 2011.
Citrus College’s students, faculty and staff received an impressive number of honors and awards. Some of these stellar achievements include the following.

Student Achievers

2011 Man of the Year, David Keys
David Keys, a social science major, is an Army veteran who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 82nd Airborne Division. While attending Citrus College, he was active in Veterans Program activities and was a member of the Psi Beta honor society. Keys transferred to the University of California, Berkeley as an international relations major.

2011 Woman of the Year, Jacqueline Deeb
Jacqueline Deeb, an engineering major, was a member of the Citrus GraviTeam, a group of nine Citrus College students who travelled to NASA’s Johnson Space Center to flight test an experiment at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). She transferred to Cal Poly, Pomona, where she is furthering her studies in engineering.

2011 Male Athlete of the Year
Lateef Mc Mullen, basketball

2011 Female Athletes of the Year
Annette Diaz, softball
Ariel Marsh, basketball

American College Theater Festival
Irene Ryan Acting Competition, Final Round
Christopher Aranda
Kevin Figueroa

California Community College
Athletic Association Playoffs–2011
Men’s Basketball Team
Men’s Baseball Team
Women’s Softball Team

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society,
All-California Academic Team
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Journalism Association of California Community Colleges
General Excellence Award
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Mark Gagliardi
Kerry McQueen
Elaine Offstein
Michael Pao

Skills USA Photography Competition
First Place, State Competition
Ricky Lin
Faculty and Staff Achievements

2011 Distinguished Faculty, James Zaharek
Jim Zaharek, administration of justice instructor, has enjoyed a distinguished and diverse career that spans several decades and two professions—education and law enforcement. The 2011 Distinguished Faculty recipient joined the Citrus College faculty in 1974 and taught administration of justice, world history and humanities courses. He also was instrumental in developing the college’s Honors Program and was one of the instructors to teach in the first Study Abroad Program. As a law enforcement officer, Zaharek worked for the Covina Police Department and the U.S. Secret Service. He retired in June 2011, and continues to teach at Citrus College as an adjunct faculty member.

2011 Shining Stars
Student Focus: Tom Gerfen, president, Citrus College Foundation
Excellence: Christine Link, executive assistant and Greg Hinrichsen, director, Haugh Performing Arts Center
Collaboration: John Vaughn, performing arts faculty and Stacy Armstrong, publications specialist
Lifelong Learning: Eric Rabitoy, dean of physical and natural sciences and Dale Salwak, English instructor
Technological Advancement: Chris Riley, IT support specialist

American Dental Assistants
Association President
Claudia Pohl, dental assisting instructor

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Michael Bilbrey, bookstore

Educational Achievements: Staff
Bachelor’s Degrees
Aimee Dizon, fiscal services accounting technician

Master’s Degrees
Lucia Blades, fiscal services supervisor
Jean Culp, history instructor
Robert Iverson, director of purchasing
Fe Lopez, payroll coordinator
Ivon McCraven, outreach coordinator
Denise Zamora, EOP&S/CARE specialist

Doctoral Degrees
Kathy Bakhit, economics faculty
Dana Hester, biology faculty
Martha McDonald, dean of students
Eric Rabitoy, dean of physical and natural sciences
Maryann Rachford, art faculty

Tenured Faculty
June Han, biology
Rafael Herrera, counseling
Gino Munoz, music
Gerhard Peters, political science

YWCA Woman of Achievement
Dr. Geraldine M. Perri,
Superintendent/President
Citrus College often receives support and input that is vital to student success, particularly for those students who are enrolled in the college’s career/technical and health occupations programs. Through its advisory boards and other partnerships, the college gains resources that are integral to successfully preparing a new generation of workers.

Schaefer Ambulance, a leader in emergency medical services for more than 70 years, donated a fully operational ambulance to the Citrus College Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program. The donation enables EMT students to receive instruction in a simulated setting. The EMT Program, which is one of the college’s health sciences disciplines, is accredited by the National Registry EMT Board (NREMT). The program prepares students for jobs in the EMT field, and successful students are eligible to sit for the National Registry EMT Board exam.

In the fall of 2010, the exterior of a local company became more appealing due to the skill of student artists Kathryn Ennis, Helen Espinoza, Ilya Galitskiy and Irum Navarro. Under the direction of art instructor Mark Wessel, the artists created a 54-foot mural that was installed on the ITT Exelis Corporation facility. The mural depicted NASA, Jet Propulsion Laboratory and ITT support of past, present and future deep space missions. ITT Exelis staff secured a grant enabling them to commission the mural.
Local dignitaries and community members joined Citrus College students, faculty and staff in the ribbon cutting ceremonies for the newest achievements of Citrus College’s building expansion program, the Technology Engineering/Technician Development and the Campus Safety buildings.

Technology Engineering/Technician Development (TE/TD) is a $13.6 million facility that houses the automotive technology, administration of justice and career technical programs. Funded by the state, TE/TD consists of the 15,047-square-foot Technology Engineering building and the 16,642-square-foot Technician Development building. The facilities feature office space, classrooms and a conference room, as well as laboratory areas that support the Automotive Technology Program curriculum.

The 2,000 square-foot Campus Safety Building dedication emphasized the important effect of a safe college environment on the learning process and student achievement. Joining Trustee Gary L. Woods (third from left) in the ribbon cutting were (left to right) Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Trustee Patricia Rasmussen, Trustee Susan M. Keith, Student Trustee Alejandra Delgado, Trustee Joanne Montgomery and Trustee Edward C. Ortell.
It is an honor to share the highlights of the Citrus College Foundation’s major accomplishments during the 2010-2011 academic year. These activities, made possible through our donors’ gifts and the stellar efforts of the Citrus College community, will positively affect the institution’s success for years.

The academic year began with a celebration of student achievement. The Foundation, in collaboration with the college’s Financial Aid Department and the Associated Students of Citrus College, hosted its first Scholarship Reception. The event honored over 100 students who received more than 40 scholarships from individual donors and organizations.

“Valley’s Got Talent” was a unique, once in a lifetime event that displayed the talents of local singers, dancers and musicians. The program, which was organized by the Citrus College Advancement Division and produced by the college’s Performing Arts Department, raised $80,000 for the college’s programs and services.

We can now look forward to extending a “hat’s off” to our alumni for their achievements and contributions during the month of May. In the spring of 2011, the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees passed a resolution declaring May as “Alumni Month.” The Foundation conducted an advertising and direct mail campaign to launch this event. The campaign urged donors, alumni and friends to keep in touch by joining the Citrus Alumni Association or donating to the Citrus College Foundation.

For nearly a century, Citrus College has prepared thousands of students to achieve and succeed in life. Thank you for your enduring support of the college’s students, programs and services. Your generosity and concern have made it possible for this institution to fulfill its mission and exemplify the values that have earned us a stellar reputation locally, statewide and nationally.

Sincerely,

Tom Gerfen  
President, Citrus College Foundation  
Citrus College Alumnus
The Citrus College Foundation, along with Citrus College’s students, faculty, and staff, is very grateful for the support of the donors, supporters and friends who contribute to the success of the college. The Honor Roll of Donors lists the individuals, companies and organizations that contributed to the Citrus College Foundation during the 2010-2011 year, July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

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