

Citrus Community College District 1000 W. Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA 91741



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Dear Colleagues,

I am grateful for the time I've been able to spend with so many of you, our campus community members. I hope that you are doing well as we reach the halfway point in our fall semester. I would like to thank each of you for supporting our students, especially during the recent midterm exams. As we embark on the second half of the semester, I wanted to take a moment to provide you with a few important updates.

## Technology and Computer Services (TeCS) Update

Following the announcement that Bob Hughes would be retiring, a search committee was formed to begin the process of hiring a chief information services officer. That search process concluded earlier this month and I am pleased to share that the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Eric Calderon, Ed.D., as our new chief information services officer during their October 18 meeting. Dr. Calderon, who will begin his new role on Thursday, November 3, brings more than two decades of information technology experience in a variety of educational environments, and most recently has served as the chief technology officer for the Riverside County Office of Education.

As we welcome Dr. Calderon, I would also like to thank Bob Hughes for his five years of service to Citrus College. As our chief information services officer, Mr. Hughes has provided leadership in support of many technological advancements on campus, including the redesign of the college's website, the launch of the student portal and the debut of the Citrus College mobile app. It has been a pleasure working with Mr. Hughes over the past 16 months, and I will always appreciate his willingness to assist students, faculty and staff with technology, as well as his many contributions to a variety of collegewide initiatives and planning items. If your schedule permits, I hope you will join me at his retirement gathering scheduled for this Thursday, October 27, at 2:45 p.m. on the Owl Café Patio.

## **Enrollment Update**

I am happy to report that our enrollment continues to grow each day, and we have a number of late start classes beginning this week. As of Tuesday, October 25, our unduplicated headcount enrollment was 10,370 students. Our fall 2022 projected FTES is currently at 3,582, compared to 3,500 in fall 2021. This growth would not be possible without the hard work of our entire campus community. Thank you for continuing to put our students at the center of everything we do, and for your dedication as we continue to work together to build our enrollment back towards our pre-pandemic enrollment numbers.

## **Upcoming Events**

As our nation prepares to honor veterans next month, I would like to invite our campus community to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Saluting Our Veterans ceremony, which will be held on Thursday, November 10, at 11 a.m. in the Campus Mall. Co-hosted with Azusa Pacific University, this event will pay tribute to our local heroes who bravely served in our nation's armed forces.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to my next open office hour – in-person or via Zoom – on Tuesday, November 8, at 4 p.m. To confirm and reserve a specific meeting time, please contact Raquel Perez at <a href="mailto:raperez@citruscollege.edu">raperez@citruscollege.edu</a>.

In closing, I want to express my appreciation once again for the remarkable job that you all have been doing. I wish you and your loved one's good health, peace and much success!

Sincerely,

Greg Schulz, Ed.D. Superintendent/President