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Office of the Superintendent/President  
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Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you have been doing well this fall semester. I've enjoyed visiting with many of you in classrooms, offices and throughout our beautiful campus.

### **Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month**

Throughout our country, Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM) is celebrated from mid-September to mid-October, and we have a number of exciting campus events and activities planned.

- An HHM Lotería Mixer is planned for Thursday, Sept. 28, at 11:30 a.m. in the Campus Center, East Wing.
- An HHM Panel Discussion, including student, faculty and staff voices, will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 3, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Campus Center, East Wing.
- ASCC and student life and leadership development are hosting an HHM-themed painting event on Wednesday, Oct. 4, in the Campus Mall.
- An HHM musical performance, led by our student music groups and featuring music composed and performed by Hispanic and Latinx artists, will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 18, at 10 a.m. near the Haugh Performing Arts Center.
- Our Hayden Memorial Library is featuring an HHM book display and other HHM resources all month long.

I encourage you to join me and other students, faculty and staff at any of these events and activities in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

### **Our Enrollment is Rising**

Following the enrollment decline that our campus and many other colleges and universities experienced during the pandemic, our enrollment continues to rise each semester. I want to share some data with you related to this positive trend we are seeing thus far. When we gathered on Aug. 25 for Convocation, we had an unduplicated headcount enrollment of 8,899 students enrolled as of that morning. As of today, our fall unduplicated headcount enrollment has risen to 10,223 students! We have many late-start classes scheduled to begin the week of Oct. 23, so there is still time for students to enroll. Another positive trend is that students (on average) are enrolling in more units or classes per student compared to previous terms. For the fall 2023 semester, our current projection is that we will serve 3,717 full-time equivalent students (FTES), compared to 3,522 FTES at this same time last fall – an increase of 5.5%!

I would like to thank each of you for creating a welcoming, inclusive and supportive environment for our students. Your efforts to lead with love and conduct your work with students and colleagues with empathy and compassion helps create the "Citrus College Experience" – and this helps make our campus environment unlike any other.

### **Supporting our Students – Resources for Students**

We have a number of resources available to support our students throughout their journey at Citrus College, and additional information can be found at the following link:

[www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrv/studentaffairs/Pages/ResourcesInNeed.aspx](http://www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsrv/studentaffairs/Pages/ResourcesInNeed.aspx)

One of these resources, the “Student Support Grant,” is an excellent opportunity for students to pursue. These funds – in the form of an award of up to \$250 – do not need to be repaid and can be used for a variety of needs, including parking, food, housing support, textbook costs and other needs that our students have. Our student services team has continued to share information on available resources with students via email and social media.

In addition to our Food Pantry in the Campus Center, which is open five days a week, Citrus College also partners with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to host mobile food pantry events on our campus to support students, staff, faculty and members of the community. These are located in the Campus Mall, between the Hayden Memorial Library and the Center for Innovation (CI) Building. The remaining fall 2023 semester dates/times for the mobile food pantry are Oct. 2 from 1-3 p.m.; Nov. 6 from 1-3 p.m.; and Dec. 4 from 1-3 p.m. Please share this information with our students when you have the opportunity, and thank you for all that you do to support our students!

### **Open Office Hour**

In closing, I want to share that next week I am hosting another open office hour on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 2:45 p.m. I invite you to stop by, and I look forward to seeing you throughout the fall semester!

With appreciation,



Greg Schulz, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President