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Citrus College Ranks #12 Among the Nation's Top Community Colleges By Stacy Armstrong

Glendora, Calif.—Citrus College has ranked 12th out of more than 1,100 community colleges in the United States in awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students.

The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education, a biweekly publication that reaches more than 50,000 readers, recognized Citrus College in their annual "Top 25 Community Colleges for Hispanics" issue. While this is the ninth consecutive year the college has been included on the magazine's Top 50 list, this is its highest ranking to date. Last year, the college was ranked number 22.

"It is always an honor to be recognized as one of the nation's top degree producers by *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, but this year we are especially pleased with our advanced ranking," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "The faculty and staff of Citrus College are committed to increasing college completion rates, and being ranked 12th in the nation demonstrates that we are making excellent progress. This achievement is one for which the entire college community can be proud."

Citrus College's inclusion in *The Hispanic Outlook's* "Top 25 Community Colleges for Hispanics" issue is the most recent addition to an ever-growing list of institutional accomplishments. In recent months, the college has also been named one of the nation's top degree and certificate producing two-year institutions by *Community College Week* and was one of 150 community colleges in the United States to be invited to compete for the prestigious \$1 million Aspen Prize for Excellence. At the same time, institutional records were broken during the 2014-2015 academic year when more than 2,500 associate degrees and 1,200 certificates were awarded and nearly 1,300 students transferred to four-year colleges and universities.

These remarkable achievements affirm Citrus College's ongoing commitment to supporting the successful completion of transfer, career/technical education, and basic skills development. This commitment was solidified in 2012 when all segments of the college community stepped forward to sign a pledge to make Citrus College a "College of Completion." Since that time, the college community has studied best practices and implemented proven strategies that have had impressive results.

“Citrus College strives to foster a diverse educational community in which academic excellence and student success thrive. Being recognized as a top community college by *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* underscores our institutional growth in these areas,” said Mrs. Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. “I extend my sincere gratitude to the faculty, staff, and students who make accomplishments such as this one possible.”