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### **Dr. Barbara Dickerson Installed as President of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees**

**Glendora, CA** – Dr. Barbara Dickerson was installed as the president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees during the board’s annual organizational meeting held on December 6. She was first elected to the board in 2013, and as one of five governing board members, Dr. Dickerson represents Azusa and portions of Duarte.

An Azusa resident, Dr. Dickerson has a strong history of involvement with education, including serving eight years on the Azusa Unified School District Board. Her professional career began in Arizona in K-12 education, first as a classroom teacher and later as a resource provider. Dr. Dickerson has served in key leadership roles in both a private university as well as at Arizona State University, the nation’s second largest public university.

“I am honored to be named board president and appreciate the support from my fellow Board of Trustees,” Dr. Dickerson said. “I believe my background in K-12 and higher education will serve the college well and I look forward to a successful year focusing on student success.” Dr. Dickerson holds a bachelor’s degree from Grand Canyon University and earned her doctorate at Arizona State University in Curriculum and Instruction.

Board of Trustee members also installed as officers during the meeting were Dr. Patricia Rasmussen, vice president; and Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, clerk/secretary. Dr. Edward Ortell, and outgoing board president, Mrs. Susan Keith, are members of the board. Jennifer Chavez Ramos remains as the Student Trustee until May 15. All officer positions are one year terms.

“The dedication, hard work and advocacy of our board of trustees has advanced Citrus College as both a state and nationally recognized community college,” said Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president. “Over the past year alone, we opened the \$19 million, three-story Visual Arts Building, approved a five-year strategic plan, celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Citrus College Foundation, entered into agreements with five K-12 school districts to provide college classes to high school students, and received numerous regional, state and national accolades—all to increase student success and completion.”

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Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, president/superintendent, at far left, joins the Citrus College Governing Board, during the board's organizational meeting on Dec. 6. From left-right: Student Trustee Jennifer Chavez Ramos, Mrs. Susan Keith, Dr. Patricia Rasmussen, Dr. Barbara Dickerson, Mrs. Joanne Montgomery and Dr. Edward Ortell.

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#### **About Citrus College**

Serving the San Gabriel Valley for over 100 years, Citrus College educates approximately 20,000 students annually. The college offers 90 associate degrees and certificates of achievements, prepares students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, provides basic skills courses, and workforce training. Located in Glendora, California, Citrus College is the oldest community college in Los Angeles County. Its 104-acre campus includes eight outdoor athletic facilities. Citrus College has received numerous accolades including ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the nation for awarding associate degrees in visual and performance arts for Hispanic students; 7<sup>th</sup> among California's 113 community colleges for associate degree production; and designated a Military Friendly School. For more information, visit [www.citruscollege.edu](http://www.citruscollege.edu).