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Leading Hispanic Magazine Ranks Citrus College Seventh Among Nation's Top Community Colleges

Glendora, Calif. (June 6, 2018) – Citrus College is ranked seventh out of more than 1,100 community colleges in the United States for awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students.

“Hispanic Outlook on Education,” a national monthly magazine that provides education news from a unique Hispanic perspective, recognized Citrus College in their annual “Top 25 Community Colleges for Hispanics” issue. The publication has included Citrus College in its ranking for the past 11 years. The college also ranked number seven in 2017.

“Being recognized as one of the nation’s top degree producers is an honor that Citrus College is always proud to receive,” said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president. “Over the last several years, the college has introduced numerous innovative initiatives designed to increase college completion rates. This impressive ranking from ‘Hispanic Outlook on Education’ affirms the hard work of faculty and staff, and demonstrates that we are continuing to make excellent progress.”

A few weeks after “Hispanic Outlook on Education” released its rankings, Citrus College introduced one of its most recent student success initiatives. The Citrus College Promise program, which debuted in late April, covers enrollment fees and other college costs for first-time students.

Additional Citrus College initiatives include the Early Decision program, which assists students as they progress from high school to college, and the I Will Complete College program, which places first-time students in cohorts and provides them with individual assistance.

“The entire college community is committed to providing students with a quality education that empowers them to grow academically, professionally and personally,” Dr. Perri added. “The recognitions we consistently receive are a validation of this commitment.”

Citrus College’s inclusion in the magazine’s “Top 25 Community Colleges for Hispanics” issue is the latest in an ever-growing list of institutional accomplishments. During the 2017-2018 academic year, the college was also invited to compete for the prestigious \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence and was voted the San Gabriel Valley’s best community college by the readers of the Southern California News Group.

“Citrus College strives to foster a diverse educational community in which student success thrives,” said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees.

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“Accomplishments such as this are only made possible by the dedication of the entire college community. I extend my sincere gratitude to Citrus College’s faculty and staff for doing all they can to help students achieve academic excellence.”

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ABOUT CITRUS COLLEGE

Proudly 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 achievement, prepares students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, and 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. A leader in higher education, Citrus College has received numerous accolades, including being ranked first in the nation for awarding associate degrees in visual and performance arts for Hispanic students, and 12th in the nation for the number of associate degrees awarded to Hispanic students. Citrus College is also designated a Military Friendly® school. For more information, visit www.citruscollege.edu.

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