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Citrus College Voted “Best Community College” by San Gabriel Valley Residents

Glendora, Calif. (June 13, 2018) – Citrus College is the region’s “Best Community College,” according to a poll conducted by the Southern California News Group.

Ballots were submitted by the print and online readers of the “San Gabriel Valley Tribune,” “Pasadena Star-News” and “Whittier Daily News.” The results were published in the Southern California News Group’s special section, the “Readers Choice Awards” magazine, on May 27.

“Citrus College is proud to be voted the best community college in the San Gabriel Valley,” said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president. “Having community members acknowledge our efforts to meet the needs of local college students is extremely rewarding.”

Citrus College has now appeared in the annual “Readers Choice Awards” supplement four times, having also been voted the “Best Community College” in 2014, 2015 and 2016. In addition, Citrus College was recognized as a “Favorite Community College” and “Favorite Career College” in 2017.

This honor comes on the heels of several other recognitions received during the 2017-2018 academic year. These include being ranked seventh in the nation for awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students by “Hispanic Outlook on Education” and being recognized as a “Champion for Higher Education” for awarding a high number of associate degrees for transfer (ADT). The college was ranked fifth in California for ADT production, and second out of 114 community colleges for the number of ADTs conferred relative to enrollment size.

“Every day, faculty and staff work diligently to create a welcoming environment in which student learning thrives,” Dr. Perri added. “These recent achievements continue to validate our efforts.”

The college, which serves more than 20,000 students each year, offers associate degrees, ADTs and career/technical certificates in more than 125 programs of study. These programs equip and enable students to transfer to a four-year institution or enter a career.

“Throughout the state, community colleges are working hard to provide valuable post-secondary educational opportunities. The work we do is incredibly vital,” said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. “Therefore, it is always an honor to be included in the ‘Readers Choice Awards’ publication. This indicates that members of our local communities believe we are excelling at our job, which is very gratifying.”

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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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