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## **Citrus College Honors Outstanding Students During Annual Ceremony**

Glendora, Calif. (June 14, 2018) – The stellar academic performances and community contributions of Citrus College’s top students were celebrated during a recent event hosted on campus.

On May 31, over 100 students were honored during the 55th annual Citrus College Achievement Awards ceremony, which took place in the Haugh Performing Arts Center. The event recognized the success of students in the areas of academics, athletics and leadership.

“While the Citrus College student body is inspirational as a whole, the accomplishments of this distinct group of individuals are definitely deserving of applause and recognition,” said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president. “Whether they have maintained an exceptional academic record, excelled on the athletic field or given back to the community, these individuals have left their mark on the college. We are confident that they will also make their mark on the world one day soon.”

Among the recognitions presented during the ceremony were the Service Leader of the Year awards, which are granted to graduating students based on their academic achievement and volunteer service to the college and community. Students are nominated by faculty, and a committee of college representatives screens and selects the recipients. This year’s honorees are Rancho Cucamonga resident Hannah Chavarria and Pomona resident Ashley Guzman.

Also presented during the ceremony are Athlete of the Year honors. Nominated and endorsed by coaches, the female and male recipients are selected for their overall performance as athletes as well as their academic records. The 2018 female Athletes of the Year are Marisol Chavez-Delgado from the women’s basketball team and Hunter Olivier from the women’s water polo and swimming teams, and the 2018 male Athlete of the Year is Jeremy Smith from the men’s basketball team.

“I was shocked that I was nominated for this award because I know there are a lot of great athletes at Citrus College,” Ms. Chavez-Delgado said. “I am humbled and blessed to be recognized in this way. It means so much to me!”

Distinguished Student awards were also presented during the ceremony. This special recognition is given to students whose high academic successes in a given program place them at the top of their class.

And, finally, the prestigious Key of Knowledge awards were presented. The highest academic honor granted by Citrus College, Keys of Knowledge are presented to the 10 students who have achieved the college’s highest overall academic performance. A committee of administrators and faculty review the transcripts of students with the highest GPAs to ensure that their coursework represents a rigorous

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combination of general education and major courses, a minimum of 34 units completed, and full-time enrollment for at least two of the last three semesters.

This year's recipients were:

- Alexander Manuel Arauz
- Joshua Estrella Felix
- Duo Gao
- Beaux Fernando Guajardo
- Kevin Charles Murray
- Providence Janelle Riggs
- Julianne Naomi Elizabeth Rodriguez
- Han Sheng
- Juan Alberto Soto
- Watts Lincoln Waddington

"On behalf of the entire Citrus College community, I congratulate each of this year's honorees," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "These remarkable students have achieved outstanding success both in and out of the classroom. We are proud of all they have accomplished and are confident that their achievements will multiply in the days and years ahead."

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*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](http://www.citruscollege.edu).*

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