

CITRUSVIEW

LATEST NEWS FROM CITRUS COLLEGE

Collaboration continues despite remote environment



Due to the ongoing situation with COVID-19, most of us have not returned to our classrooms or offices this fall. While we may not be able to gather in person, the college community has continued to work together to ensure that our new academic year is a successful one.

Evidence of our ongoing collaboration can be seen in this first Citrus View of the 2020-2021 academic year. Whether it is the hiring of new employees or the creation of virtual celebrations, the activities that took place over the summer months reflect the college community's commitment to creating high-quality educational experiences.

Although the start of this academic year has been unlike any other in the 105-year history of this institution, I am certain that great things are in store for Citrus College.

I could not be more proud of our students and employees or more grateful for their hard work and creativity. I also extend my gratitude to our community supporters and the members of the Citrus College Foundation.

Best wishes for a successful semester!

Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D.
Superintendent/President



Remote celebration marks start of new academic year

While a global pandemic may have altered the way instruction is delivered and business is conducted, it didn't prevent Citrus College from celebrating the start of a new academic year.

On Aug. 21, Citrus College's virtual Convocation celebration premiered on the college's official YouTube page, www.youtube.com/citruscollegetv. Although the event was pre-recorded, it began streaming live at 8:30 a.m. The college community had the opportunity to utilize the platform's chat feature, leaving real-time comments and interacting with one another during the video's debut.

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The Flex Tones opened Convocation with a rousing musical performance.

The Citrus College campus is currently closed. Faculty and staff are working remotely. Visit www.citruscollege.edu/covid19 and follow the college's social media accounts for more information.

Citrus College Virtual Convocation 2020

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The online event opened with a performance by the Flex Tones, a music group comprised of Citrus College faculty members. John Vaughan, dean of visual and performing arts, served as emcee. "We wanted to have a small semblance of normalcy for you this morning, like when we normally meet on campus," he explained during his opening remarks.

After acknowledging the Citrus College board members, constituent group leaders and event sponsors, Mr. Vaughan introduced Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College, who provided an update on the college. In addition to sharing information on several recent accomplishments and expressing her gratitude to faculty and staff, Superintendent/President Perri invited members of cabinet to share highlights from their respective areas.

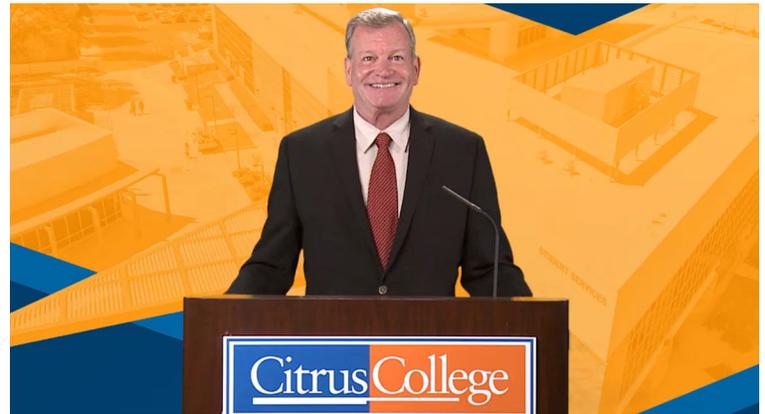
"These difficult times have made it even more important for each of us to prevail in our role, whether instructor or staff member or trustee or administrator," Superintendent/President Perri said in her speech. "Each of us plays a critical role in keeping Citrus College open, functioning and moving forward."

A highlight of the event was the celebration of several outstanding members of the college community. New and promoted employees were introduced, while the remarkable careers of this year's longevity honorees were also acknowledged.

At the end of the video's premiere, viewers were encouraged to attend this year's general session, titled "Identifying and Disrupting Bias." Presented live on Zoom by Emily Singer and Azizi Williams, the session provided valuable insight and information regarding diversity, sensitivity and awareness. The day's festivities concluded with division meetings, which were also conducted on Zoom.



Superintendent/President Perri delivered the annual State of the College remarks.



Mr. Vaughan served as the event's emcee.

Virtual celebration highlights successful students, generous donors

Outstanding music, inspirational speeches and the presentation of more than 100 scholarships have long been characteristics of the Citrus College Foundation's annual scholarship event. Remote delivery, however, has not!

On Aug. 14, the Foundation remedied that by debuting the 11th annual Citrus College Scholarship Reception and Donor Appreciation Celebration on the college's YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/citruscollegeytv). More than \$115,000 in scholarships were awarded to 150 students during the event, which featured pre-recorded videos that were played live.



Mr. Ralph thanked the generous donors and dedicated faculty and staff who made this year's event a success.

"It was truly wonderful that, despite unprecedented challenges, we had much to celebrate," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "While we weren't able to gather in person, we were together in spirit to celebrate the accomplishments of Citrus College's best and brightest, as well as the good will of our generous donors."

The celebration opened with a touching performance of the song "Winner" by the Citrus Singers, followed by welcome remarks from emcee John Vaughan, dean of visual and performing arts. Superintendent/President Perri also addressed the viewers, as did Aaron Ralph, the new president of the Foundation's board of directors.

"This is one of my very first official activities, and I think it is a pretty good way to start my term," Mr. Ralph said. "The reason everyone absolutely loves this event is because it is full of celebration and joy for what people have accomplished. It is also full of hope and promise for the many great things that the scholarship recipients will accomplish in the future."

Christina M. Garcia, director of the Foundation, also provided remarks. The event concluded with a rousing rendition of "Here Comes the Sun" by the Citrus Singers.

"I am so thankful for memories of the last several years of very special scholarship reception events," Ms. Garcia said in the video. "Whether we were under a big white tent at the west end of campus in the August morning sun or gathered together in the cooler feel of the Ross L. Handy Campus Center, those memories carry us in spirit until we can be together in person."

New Faculty

- Martha Delgadillo, Nursing
- Lisa Kolber, Nursing
- Matthew Parsons, Information Technology and Information Systems

New and Promoted Managers

- Victoria Dominguez, Dean of Mathematics and Business
- Wade Ellis, Director of Fiscal Services
- Stephen Fahey, Director of Financial Aid
- Michelle Hernandez, Director of Disabled Student Programs and Services
- Ernie Loera, Associate Director of Facilities and Construction
- Ivon McCraven, Director of Continuing Education

New and Promoted Supervisor/ Confidential Employees

- Terry Adams, Career Technical Education Programs Supervisor
- Cinthya Arrieta, Registrar

New and Promoted Classified Employees

- Leandra Ale, Account Clerk III, Foundation
- Jorge Chavez, Custodian, Facilities and Support Services
- Nishat Choudhury, Financial Aid Coordinator, Financial Aid
- Dawn Dineley, Senior Buyer, Purchasing/Warehouse
- Kathy Flores, Payroll Technician, Fiscal Services
- Monika Frausto, Instructional Lab Technician III, Natural, Physical and Health Sciences
- Celia Gonzales, Administrative Secretary II, Career, Technical and Continuing Education
- Mark Lee, Database Administrator, TeCS
- Fe Lopez, Human Resources Technician II, Human Resources
- Sabrina Lopez, Curriculum Assistant, Academic Affairs
- Emmy Madrid, DSPS Specialist, Disabled Student Programs and Services
- Ricardo Mejia, Admissions and Records Technician III, Admissions and Records
- Nancy Naranjo, Accounting Technician, Fiscal Services
- Jennifer Nerio, Admissions and Records Technician III, Admissions and Records
- Allina Nunley, Instructional Lab Technician III, Learning Center
- Amber Quick Cone, Human Resources Technician II, Human Resources
- Christine Recendez, Administrative Assistant, Academic Affairs
- Matt Reeves, Maintenance Utility Worker, Facilities and Support Services
- Sophia Rivera, Admissions and Records Specialist, Admissions and Records
- Maria-Aimee Ruaburo, Completion Specialist, School Relations and Outreach
- Nora Salas, Administrative Secretary II, Visual and Performing Arts
- Juan Salinas, Gardner III, Facilities and Support Services
- Allesandra Settecase, Human Resources Technician I, Human Resources

Longevity Award Recipients

30 Years

- Mary Brawner, Faculty, Kinesiology and Athletics
- Dawn Dineley, Senior Buyer, Purchasing/Warehouse
- Fe Lopez, Human Resources Technician II, Human Resources
- Laura Shurtleff, Secretary, Student Health Center
- April Thompson, Library Media Technician II, Language Arts and Library
- Ralph Tippins, Faculty, Mathematics and Business

25 Years

- Susan Hensley, Educational Advisor, Counseling
- Dr. Lucinda Over, Counselor, Counseling
- Jeffrey Patridge, Custodian, Facilities and Support Services
- Dr. David Ryba, Faculty, Chemistry
- Lisa Telesca, Faculty, English
- Laura Villegas, Counselor, Counseling
- Daniel Vilter, Performing Arts Technical Supervisor, Visual and Performing Arts

20 Years

- Diane Berendes, Graphic Designer, Visual and Performing Arts
- Robert Coutts, Programmer/Analyst III, TeCS
- Brandy Davis, Interpreter Specialist, Disabled Student Programs and Services
- Cathy Day, Administrative Secretary II, Language Arts and Library
- Jorge Estrella, Custodian, Facilities and Support Services
- Dr. Elizabeth Garate, Faculty, Spanish
- Bobby Goodman, Faculty, Forestry
- Lori Guizar, Student Services Assistant, EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs
- Mark Gunderson, Faculty, Reading
- Bill Hoehne, Faculty, Music
- Dominic Jacquet, Educational Advisor, Counseling
- Rick Nguyenhuu, Faculty, Mathematics
- Stephen O'Hara, Faculty, Recording Arts
- Roberto Solis, Faculty, Computer Information Systems
- Renea Ugarte, Administrative Clerk III, Visual and Performing Arts
- Juan Uribe, Campus Safety Officer II, Campus Safety
- Anna Villeneuve, Faculty, English
- Theresa Villeneuve, Faculty, Journalism/Communications
- Brian Waddington, Faculty, History
- Sheila White, Faculty, Mathematics
- Denise Zamora, EOPS/CARE Specialist, EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs

15 Years

- Bertha Bobadilla, Accounting Technician, Fiscal Services
- Cynthia Cross, Faculty, English as a Second Language
- Zurayda David, Accounting Technician, Fiscal Services
- Fredy Duenas, Custodian, Facilities and Support Services

- Dr. Gina Hogan, Dean of Language Arts and Library, Language Arts and Library
- Julian "Trip" Horton, Physical Education Athletics Facilities Supervisor, Kinesiology and Athletics
- Ivon McCraven, Director of Continuing Education, Continuing Education
- Rhonda Norris, Administrative Clerk III, Career, Technical and Continuing Education
- Dr. Lucia Riderer, Faculty, Physics
- Servando Rodriguez, Custodian, Facilities and Support Services
- Millie Ross-Franco, Administrative Secretary II, TeCS
- Sheryl Samoff, Faculty, Sociology
- Raul Sanchez, Counselor, Counseling
- Carlos Tobias, Custodian, Facilities and Support Services

10 Years

- Sarah Bosler, Librarian, Language Arts and Library
- Maria Morrish, Faculty, Cosmetology

5 Years

- Kristen Campbell, Visual and Performing Arts Programs Supervisor, Visual and Performing Arts
- Elias Cazarez, Custodian, Facilities and Support Services
- Brian Cone, Athletics Operations Assistant, Kinesiology and Athletics
- Peter Cross, Faculty, Biology
- Bert De Los Santos, Facilities Operations Assistant, Facilities and Support Services
- Jose Dominguez, Custodian, Facilities and Support Services
- Stefanie Fuentes, Administrative Secretary I, Nursing
- Kathy Goblirsch, Administrative Clerk III, Foster Care
- Junior Gutierrez, Skilled Maintenance Technician, Facilities and Support Services
- Dr. Jennifer Guzman, Faculty, Nursing
- Heather Hendrickson, Secretary, Career/Transfer Center
- Joann Jauregui, Custodian, Facilities and Support Services
- Eun Kang, Faculty, English
- Gordon McMillan, Faculty, Recording Arts
- Dr. Jennifer Miller-Thayer, Faculty, Anthropology
- John Morris, Study Abroad Specialist, Study Abroad
- Jose Nuñez, Mailroom/Reprographics Technician, Reprographics
- Henry Provencher, Faculty, Administration of Justice
- Darla Ramirez, Administrative Secretary II, Natural, Physical and Health Sciences
- John Ramirez, Gardener III, Facilities and Support Services
- Dr. Elisabeth Ritacca, Faculty, History
- Patrick Schmiedt, Faculty, Communications
- Eileen Sin, Counselor, Counseling
- Dr. Nora Sullivan, Faculty, Biology
- Terri Worthington, Library Media Technician II, Language Arts and Library
- Flora Yee, Counselor, Counseling
- Lucai Zawahreh, Faculty, Economics

Two employees receive ABCD Award during campus closure



April 2020

For 33 years, Tina Gutierrez's "can-do" attitude has benefited students and her colleagues across campus. Her daily work as a library technician I involves maintaining the audio-visual and media equipment in classrooms and in the library. She was selected for the ABCD Award by her supervisor, Dr. Gina Hogan, dean of language arts and library, for playing a critical role in the library and for providing exceptional service in a friendly and conscientious manner. When not helping advance student success, Ms. Gutierrez enjoys quilting blankets of her own design.

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Chuong Tran began his career at Citrus College in 1998 as a student assistant. He has been in his current position of information technology support specialist since August 2008. Mr. Tran was nominated by his supervisor, Dr. Dana Hester, dean of social and behavioral sciences and online education, for helping faculty gain skills so that they are better equipped to collaborate with the larger group. He always works with a smile and he has a kind demeanor. In his spare time, Mr. Tran enjoys drawing and playing video games to relieve stress.



New employees join college community



Terry Adams, CTE Programs Supervisor

In June 2020, Terry Adams was promoted to the role of career technical education programs supervisor. Ms. Adams has served in a variety of positions during her nearly 20 years at Citrus College. She holds two associate degrees, a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Pepperdine University.



Martha Delgadillo, Nursing Faculty

Martha Delgadillo joined the Citrus College community in August 2020. Prior to becoming a nursing faculty member, she worked as a licensed vocational nurse and as a registered nurse. She has also worked as a nursing instructor and school nurse. She holds an associate degree in nursing, a bachelor's degree in sociology and a master's degree in nursing.



Victoria Dominguez, Dean of Mathematics and Business

After serving eight years as a full-time faculty member at Citrus College, Victoria Dominguez was named dean of mathematics and business in June 2020. Ms. Dominguez has served as faculty lead for Guided Pathways and AB 705 Community of Practice initiatives. She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and two master's degrees in systems management and mathematics.



Wade Ellis, Director of Fiscal Services

With over 40 years of experience in finance and 13 years within the California community colleges system, Wade Ellis is well-equipped for his new role as director of fiscal services. He joined Citrus College in May 2020 and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and is a licensed certified public accountant.



Stephen Fahey, Director of Financial Aid

Prior to joining the college community in August 2020, Stephen Fahey served as the director of student financial services for California State University, San Bernardino. He holds an associate degree from Citrus College, a bachelor's degree in business administration and a master's degree in human resources and organizational development.



Matthew Parsons, IT and IS Faculty

Before joining Citrus College in August 2020 as an information technology and information systems faculty member, Matthew Parsons served 12 years at City of Hope. He also served five years in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. In addition to a bachelor's degree, Mr. Parsons holds a master's degree in health care administration from Louisiana State University Shreveport.

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