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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Citrus College provides innovative educational opportunities and student support services that lead to the successful completion of degrees, transfer, career/technical education and basic skills proficiency. The college fosters personal and professional success through the development of critical thinking, effective communication, creativity and cultural awareness in a safe, accessible and affordable learning community. In meeting the needs of our demographically diverse student population, we embrace equity and accountability through measurable learning outcomes, ethical data-driven decisions and student achievement.

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

Citrus College will provide excellent educational opportunities that are responsive to the needs of the community and help students meet economic, social and environmental challenges to become active participants in shaping the world of the future.

#### VALUES

- Student Focus
- Excellence
- Collaboration
- Diversity
- Life-Long Learning
- Integrity
- Technological Advancement

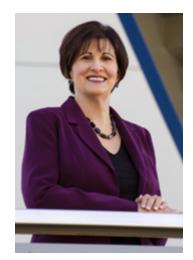
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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT

In many ways, higher education opens the door to a better future. Every semester, thousands of students enroll at Citrus College determined to transform their personal and professional lives. As they eagerly pursue their associate degrees, career technical certificates or transfer plans, these students acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to achieve success and lead a fulfilling life.

During the 2017-2018 academic year, the board of trustees, faculty and staff of Citrus College worked to create and promote academic opportunities that empowered students to accomplish their goals. From tackling the objectives established by the 2016-2021 Strategic Plan to enhancing academic programs and support services, the college's leadership and employees have demonstrated a commitment to providing students with a quality education.



The college community's commitment to student success is reflected in the pages of this annual report. In fact, the publication's theme, "The Promise of Education," serves as a declaration of intent and purpose. At Citrus College, we strive to create an environment in which learning thrives and academic excellence flourishes. The milestones, events and progress highlighted in this report underscore our efforts to meet the needs of our students and the surrounding communities.

The report's theme also alludes to one of the college's greatest accomplishments of 2017-2018. Last spring, the college launched the Citrus College Promise, which covers enrollment fees and other college costs for first-time students. This program is another example of how Citrus College is constantly striving to remove barriers that may prevent students from pursuing higher education.

The Citrus College Promise is made possible by the support of the Citrus College Foundation, which had a stellar year in its own right. In addition to collaborating on this exciting new program, the Foundation received the largest financial gift in its history during the 2017-2018 academic year. The \$1.3 million bequest serves as a reminder of how vital the financial support, professional expertise, and goodwill of friends and donors can be to the advancement of the Citrus College mission.

On behalf of the entire college community, I would like to thank everyone who has supported and encouraged Citrus College and its students throughout the years. With your help, the Promise of Education is just that – our promise to do all we can to turn our students' dreams into realities.

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

### **AWARDS** & RECOGNITIONS

#### **Best Community College**

Citrus College was recognized as the region's "Best Community College," according to a poll conducted by readers of the San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Pasadena Star-News and Whittier Daily News.

Southern California News Group, 2018

#### **Favorite Community College**

Citrus College was voted the region's "Favorite Community College" by Beacon Media News' multimedia audience, winning "Gold" in the community college category.

Beacon Media News, 2018

#### **Champion of Higher Education**

For the third consecutive year, Citrus College was honored as a Champion of Higher Education for awarding a high number of associate degrees for transfer (ADT). The college is one of only 12 California community colleges to receive this distinction.

Campaign for College Opportunity, 2018



Citrus College ranked #1 in the nation for awarding associate degrees in English and literature to all minority students, and #2 for awarding associate degrees in social sciences to all minority students.



Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, 2018

#### **Distinction for Hispanic Students**

Citrus College ranked 7th out of more than 1,100 community colleges in the United States for awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students.

Hispanic Outlook on Education, 2018

#### **Statewide Prominence**

Citrus College was recognized as California's 4th best community college (2nd best in Los Angeles County) for its impressive transfer, graduation and student retention rates.

Schools.com, 2018

#### **STEM Preparation and Transfer**

Citrus College received recognition for placing 13th among California's top community colleges for preparing students in the STEM disciplines for transfer.

BestColleges.com, 2018









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READERS CHOICE AWARDS



#### **Military Friendly**

Citrus College was noted as a Military Friendly School for the ninth consecutive year (2011 to 2019). The college was honored for its commitment to embracing military service members and veterans by connecting them to the resources needed to ensure their success.

VIQTORY, 2019

### Most Affordable Community College

Citrus College was recognized as the most affordable community college in California due to its free application, open admission and total in-state cost.

Obrella, 2016

#### **Top Honors for Social Media**

Citrus College's Instagram account (@citrus.college) received a 1st place award in the category of social media management for its vibrant images, depiction of college life and follower engagement.

Community College Public Relations Organization, 2018







#### **Online Excellence**

Citrus College was identified as the 4th best college to take online courses in the Los Angeles area based on tuition value, student-to-faculty ratio and national recognition for educational excellence.

GreatValueColleges.net, 2018

Citrus College was lauded as the 7th best college to take online classes alongside traditional courses in California. The college was included on the top 10 online schools for offering online tutoring and academic advising.

TheBestColleges.org, 2018

Citrus College placed 14th out of California's top 30 online colleges and universities for its in-state tuition and fees, percent of students receiving financial aid, number of online courses offered, and student-to-teacher ratio.

AffordableCollegesOnline.org, 2018

Citrus College ranked #15 out of 50 of the nation's top accredited, nonprofit community colleges for its academic outcomes, affordability, and the breadth and depth of its online learning opportunities.

BestColleges.com, 2018









### **PROMISE** PROGRAM

#### Citrus College Promise Provides Two Years of Higher Education for Little to No Cost

Citrus College is proud to offer one of the first and only two-year promise programs in the entire state of California.

The highly anticipated Citrus College Promise is designed to provide an opportunity for local students to enroll at Citrus College for little to no cost. This groundbreaking program was introduced at the college's annual K-14 Education Forum in April 2018.

The Citrus College Board of Trustees, K-12 partners, university representatives, community leaders, supporters of the Citrus College Foundation and college administrators were on hand to celebrate the program's launch. During the event, guests were invited to participate in a pledge board signing ceremony to demonstrate their support of the exciting new initiative.

Earlier in 2018, the Citrus College Foundation launched a fundraising campaign to help pay for the costs connected to this \$1 million program. The Foundation pledged a commitment of nearly \$300,000 in charitable support for the first year of the Citrus College Promise, and is considering additional, multi-year pledges to help defray ongoing costs associated with the program.

This financial support will cover enrollment fees and other college costs for first-time students, including health fees, student services fees and student representation fees. In addition, participants will receive a book grant, as well as unique student support services provided through the I Will Complete College (IWCC) program.





Additional benefits include financial aid and student success workshops, priority registration, coaching with completion specialists, scholarship opportunities, and more. Students will also receive a Class Pass, which provides unlimited transportation on Foothill Transit buses.

As Citrus College Promise participants, students will be required to fulfill several responsibilities, including enrolling full-time, applying for financial aid, signing an IWCC pledge, completing a comprehensive student educational plan, meeting unit and GPA requirements, and enrolling in the English and math courses required for their major. To be eligible for the program, high school seniors must participate in Citrus College's Early Decision program. Home-schooled and private school students who live in the college's service area and signed up for an on-campus Early Decision event are also eligible. "The introduction of the Citrus College Promise is a historic moment for the college and its surrounding communities," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Building upon our innovative efforts to increase student success and college completion rates, this program will change lives and transform communities by opening the doors of educational opportunity for hundreds of first-time college students."

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## STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

#### **College Makes Strides Implementing Strategic Plan**

The Citrus College Strategic Plan: 2016-2021 is an ambitious and dynamic framework that is currently guiding the work of the institution for the next five years. Year two of this plan, which took place during the 2017-2018 academic year, saw many significant accomplishments.

One of the most impactful achievements was the development of the college's Enrollment Management Plan. The Enrollment Management Committee worked with Academic Affairs, Student Services, Technology and Computer Services (TeCS), and External Relations to implement key components of the plan. Notable activities included changing the registration pattern from four times to twice each year, increasing the number of Early Decision students by expanding to more out-of-district high schools, broadening the use of social media to promote attendance, dramatically growing the number of dual enrollment course offerings at high schools, and increasing the number of online courses.

To bolster these enrollment initiatives, Student Services worked with Academic Affairs to increase course offerings and recruitments for dual enrollment courses at the college's feeder high schools. The effort has proven successful, with 384 students enrolling in dual enrollment courses for the fall 2017 semester and 425 students enrolling for the spring 2018 semester, totaling 819 students for the 2017-2018 academic year. This is a 160-percent increase from the previous academic year, when only 315 students enrolled in the program.

A Multiple Measures Assessment Project (MMAP) "Strike Team" met regularly to plan and design activities as a result of the AB 705 state mandate, which requires students to enter and complete transfer-level coursework in English and math within a one-year timeframe using multiple measures placement, such as high school GPA and coursework. Training sessions were attended by over 50 English and math faculty in the fall 2017 semester. In March 2018, the college started using multiple measures criteria to place incoming new students in classes for the fall 2018 semester.

Online course offerings were increased during the academic year and enrollment in all online classes increased by 22 percent over the prior year. Additionally, the success rate of students taking these online courses increased by 5 percent, from 59 percent in the spring 2017 semester to 64 percent in the spring 2018 semester. These statistics

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indicate the gap between traditional and online class success rates is narrowing.

Several technology innovations took place throughout the 2017-2018 academic year, as well. In addition to a redesign of the college website and a new my.citruscollege.edu portal, TeCS implemented an online application for international students, which eliminated the need to complete two applications; an online application for the honors program, which will pave the way for other electronic program applications; and an online transcript process, which enables the college to send and receive transcripts electronically. TeCS also replaced approximately 100 virtual desktop computers with new physical PCs in the library during December 2017 and January 2018. Students and faculty members rely on these computers to efficiently run software used for classroom instruction. The college's Emergency Preparedness Task Force continued to review the Emergency Operations Plan and evaluate best practices. Citrus College conducted two emergency drills during the fall 2017 semester and one in the spring 2018 semester. Additionally, Campus Safety worked with the Office of Student Life and Leadership Development to promote emergency preparedness through trainings, workshops and a Coffee with a Cop event during Campus Safety Month in September 2017.

A Title IX work group coordinated with External Relations to develop a "Know Your Rights" poster, which has been placed throughout campus. At the beginning of the fall 2017 semester, a written summary of Title IX and instructions on how to report sexual abuse/harassment was also emailed to all students. Both Human Resources and Student Services are continuing to implement a college-wide awareness program to educate both students and employees.



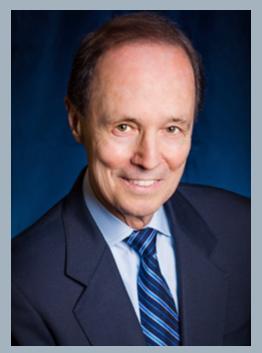
Members of the board of trustees and college representatives attended more than 40 events in the community in 2017-2018, including activities with chambers of commerce, local municipalities, feeder school districts and more than 15 high-level meetings with local legislators. This proactive outreach included advocacy for legislation and funding favorable to community colleges. By the end of the spring 2018 semester, the college also hosted campus visits for several elected officials, including Assemblymember Blanca E. Rubio, State Senator Anthony Portantino and Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger.

Finally, External Relations developed and implemented social media strategies to increase the frequency and quality of posts on the college's official social media accounts, including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Growth has exceeded expectations, with each platform experiencing double-digit percentage increases in followers and likes between the fall 2017 and spring 2018 semesters.

This has been a fast-paced, dynamic year at Citrus College – one marked by innovation, progress and success. Through the Citrus College Strategic Plan: 2016-2021, as well as the commitment and dedication of the college community, the college remains on the leading edge of innovation in higher education. The strategic plan will continue to guide the college's efforts to shape the future of thousands of Citrus College students for years to come.



## DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD



Dale Salwak, Ph.D.

Citrus College English instructor Dale Salwak, Ph.D., has been honored with the Distinguished Faculty Award. With a teaching career spanning five decades, Dr. Salwak has educated thousands of students at the college. Renowned both inside the classroom for his innovative teaching methods and outside the classroom as a literary scholar, Dr. Salwak brings his passion for literature to every course he teaches. He currently teaches Shakespeare, Literature of the Bible, English Literature, Critical Thinking, and Reading and Composition. Highly regarded among his students and peers for his wit and ability to captivate an audience, Dr. Salwak excels at bringing literature to life.

In addition to his success in the classroom, Dr. Salwak is an internationally celebrated magician. His performances have taken him across several continents to dozens of countries, including North Korea on several occasions. When visiting the highly secluded nation, Dr. Salwak mentors North Korean magicians and works to bridge the gap between North Korea and the United States.

He has published 26 books, including his most recent, "Writers and Their Mothers." He is a recipient of Purdue University's Distinguished Alumni Award, as well as a research grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Dr. Salwak is also a frequent contributor to the (London) Times Higher Education magazine.

Dr. Salwak earned his bachelor's degree in English with a minor in science and mathematics from Purdue University (1969) and his master's degree (1970) and Ph.D. (1974) in English with a minor in religious studies from the University of Southern California, where he received a National Defense Education Act Title IV Fellowship. In 1973, while in the last year of his doctorate program, Dr. Salwak began teaching at Citrus College.

When asked what he is most proud of professionally, Dr. Salwak responded, "My students. They have made me."

## WELCOMING NEW FACULTY

Citrus College welcomed 13 new faculty members at the start of the fall 2017 semester. Hailing from a wide variety of backgrounds, these accomplished professionals join the more than 150 faculty members who serve Citrus College students on a daily basis.

#### The enthusiastic and talented group of educators includes:



LELAINE ARREDONDO CalWORKs



ELIZABETH COOK Hayden Memorial Library



GARY GRAMLING Water Technology



**RINA GONZALEZ** Dental Assisting



JAMIE DINGMAN Language Arts



RAQUEL GUTIERREZ Counseling



AMBER DURFIELD Language Arts



SONIA KIBBE Health Sciences

## WELCOMING NEW FACULTY

As with all of the college's outstanding employees, these new faculty members will play a significant role in advancing the institutional goal of increasing student success and college completion. "Citrus College is fortunate to have these exceptional educators join our college community," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "Their passion for teaching and commitment to academic excellence are sure to benefit the college well into the future."



NATHALIE MIRAMONTES EOPS/CARE



**ERIN TATE** Social and Behavioral Sciences



**DR. ELEANOR TSARK** Natural and Physical Sciences



FRIDA VALDERRAMA Mathematics





## ABCD AWARD RECIPIENTS

Since 2013, Citrus College has honored outstanding classified employees with the Above and Beyond – Classified Development (ABCD) Award, conferred quarterly at board of trustees meetings. The award is given to classified employees who exhibit exceptional vision, collaboration, service and dedication to the college community.

These four individuals were ABCD Award recipients during the 2017-2018 academic year:



Ms. Cheryl Hall, administrative secretary II. was named the first ABCD Award recipient of the 2017-2018 academic year in August 2017. Ms. Hall was recognized for her calm and professional manner, her willingness to go above and beyond in serving students and faculty members, and for consistently demonstrating her commitment to Citrus College. When health sciences was without a director, the department was able to pull together as a team due to Ms. Hall's proactive approach and flexibility. Ms. Hall was nominated by her supervisor, Salima Allahbachayo, director of health sciences.



Recognized throughout her 17vear career at Citrus College for being an exemplary employee, Ms. Denise Zamora, Extended **Opportunity Programs and** Services (EOPS)/Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) specialist and Citrus College alumna, received the ABCD Award at the October 2017 board meeting. Ms. Zamora is responsible for reviewing hundreds of applications each semester and documenting students' eligibility for the EOPS/ CARE program. Ms. Zamora was nominated by her supervisor, Sara Gonzales-Tapia, director of EOPS, CARE and California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs).



During the January 2018 board meeting, Ms. Yuevi Huang, research analyst, was presented with the ABCD Award. Ms. Huang began her career at Citrus College in 2014, and was recognized for being efficient. thorough, responsive, proactive and knowledgeable. In addition to receiving this award, she was recently granted a Data and **Decisions Academy Presidential** Scholarship from the Association for Institutional Research. Ms. Huang was nominated by her supervisor, Dr. Lan Hao, director of institutional research, planning and effectiveness.



In April 2018, Ms. Mary Mincer, International Student Center counselor, was recognized with the ABCD Award for her enthusiasm working with the college's diverse population of international students. Ms. Mincer began her career at Citrus College in 2013 after earning her master's degree in college counseling and student development from Azusa Pacific University. She was hired as an adjunct counselor in the International Student Center and, within several months, earned a full-time counseling position. Ms. Mincer was nominated by her supervisor, Coe Lamoureux, International Student Center supervisor.

## INTRODUCING NEW MANAGERS

Three new managers joined the Citrus College community during the 2017-2018 academic year, filling administrative positions that are vital to college operations.



ERIC MAGALLON Enterprise Services Manager

Mr. Eric Magallon, the new Citrus College enterprise services manager, has been an active member of the Citrus College community for more than 30 years. Previously, Mr. Magallon was the bookstore services supervisor for 12 years. He also began serving as the interim manager of food services in 2015. Mr. Magallon holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix and a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of Redlands.

"Our three new managers share a commitment to student success, and they are invested in making a difference in the lives of students," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "They are excellent additions to the college community."



Ms. Tiina Mittler, the new director of the Haugh Performing Arts Center, has more than 20 years of experience in live theater and program management. Before coming to Citrus College, she spent 12 years as the manager of the Curtis Theatre. She also worked as a community services specialist for the city of Brea. Ms. Mittler holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Chapman University and a leadership development for public agencies certificate from California State University, Fullerton.

TIINA MITTLER Director Of The Haugh Performing Arts Center



Prior to becoming the new dean of visual and performing arts, Mr. John Vaughan was a full-time faculty member at Citrus College. In addition to teaching dance for more than 18 years, he also served as interim director of performing arts, Academic Senate president, student learning outcomes/assessment coordinator and Faculty Learning Institute chair. Mr. Vaughan holds a master's degree from California State University, Dominguez Hills, and a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

JOHN VAUGHAN Dean Of Visual and Performing Arts

## YEAR IN REVIEW | NEWS BRIEFS

Since 1915, Citrus College has served the San Gabriel Valley by providing access to higher education and equipping students with the skills they need to succeed in their academic and professional endeavors. Whether students earn associate degrees, obtain career/technical certificates, or transfer to four-year colleges and universities, Citrus College has a legacy of unwavering commitment to student success and completion.

The 2017-2018 academic year reflected this commitment to excellence. From the college's participation in the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension to the launch of a new program designed to prepare students for work in the water supply industry, this year was filled with numerous examples of how Citrus College innovates, adapts and seeks new ways to advance student success. Other highlights include the outstanding achievements of the men's basketball team, the renovation of the oldest building on campus and a redesign of the college's website. As you consider these accomplishments in the pages ahead, keep in mind that all these exciting developments took place in just one year.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the 2017-2018 academic year was paving the way for future generations to excel at Citrus College.



#### **Trustee Receives Recognition at L.A. County Fair**

Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, vice president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees for the 2017-2018 academic year, was recognized as a "Community Hero" in September 2017 during Glendora Day at the Los Angeles County Fair. She was selected for her decades of service and many valuable contributions to the region.



#### **Historic Building Renovation Celebrated**

Members of the college community joined dignitaries in celebrating the grand reopening of Hayden Hall during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 3, 2017. Renovation of the 82-year-old building began in August 2016 and was partially funded by Measure G. The project transformed the 4,615-square-foot building into a modern "athenaeum," a place of collaborative inquiry, discussion and learning.

#### New Program Provides Opportunities in Water Supply Industry

Citrus College's Career Technical Education (CTE) Division made a big splash during the fall 2017 semester when it launched a new water efficiency management program to prepare students for the challenges in the water supply industry. Designed by experienced experts in the field, the program equips students with the skills and training they need to obtain managerial positions.



## YEAR IN REVIEW | NEWS BRIEFS



#### **New Portal Offers One-Stop Shop for Success**

In November 2017, Citrus College launched the <u>my.citruscollege.edu</u> interactive online portal, which makes it easier for students, faculty and staff to connect to critical resources. It also provides one-click access to all of the most important student information. The portal has streamlined search tasks with an enhanced overall experience.

#### Groundbreaking for Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension

In December 2017, Citrus College celebrated a milestone for both regional transportation and higher education. The college hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension, which will take the light rail line from Glendora to Montclair. Citrus College was selected as the host because of its advocacy efforts on behalf of public transportation.





#### Opening Doors to the World: the Gilman Scholarship

The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship enables undergraduate students of limited financial means the ability to study abroad, thereby better preparing them to thrive in the global economy. In 2017, three Citrus College students received the Gilman Scholarship. This financial support allowed them to study in Costa Rica and save money for their upcoming transfer to four-year institutions.

#### Men's Basketball: Champs of the Court and Classroom

In 2017, the Citrus College men's basketball team accumulated an impressive 3.42 GPA, earning them second place out of all community college sports teams in the state. Additionally, the Owls claimed back-to-back conference championships. Adding to the team's success was Jeremy Smith's recognition by the CCCAA as the conference player of the year.



## YEAR IN REVIEW | NEWS BRIEFS



#### **College Unveils Redesigned Website**

After more than a year of planning and preparation, Citrus College launched a redesigned website at the beginning of the spring 2018 semester. Created to be user-friendly and visually appealing, the website, <u>citruscollege.edu</u>, takes advantage of newer technology, accommodates updated accessibility standards and incorporates a design that is more conducive to mobile technology.

#### **Grammy Winner Speaks at Women's Luncheon**

Singer-songwriter Melissa Manchester was the featured speaker at the second annual Citrus College Women's History Month Luncheon in March 2018. The event celebrated the contributions women have made to society. Ms. Manchester, a Grammy Award winner who has been an honorary artist-in-residence at Citrus College since 2012, shared highlights of her life with the audience.





#### **CTE Students Reach for the Stars**

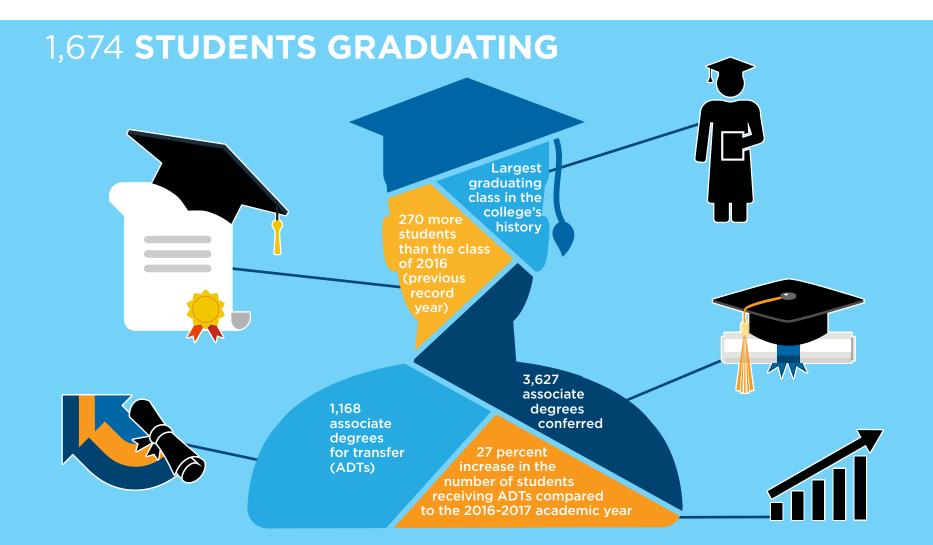
Citrus College earned 14 Strong Workforce Stars for its successful CTE programs. Child development and registered nursing both received silver stars. Water technology earned a bronze star for having 83 percent of its former students attain a regional wage. Other bronze winners included diesel technology and technical theater, with former students enjoying a 130-percent increase in earnings.

#### **Social Media Outreach Recognized**

The Community College Public Relations Organization (CCPRO) awarded Citrus College top honors in the category of social media management during its annual conference in April 2018. The college's Instagram account (<u>instagram.com/citrus.college</u>) was awarded first place for its appearance, organization, content, ease of use, originality and effectiveness.



### **GRADUATING** CLASS



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### 492 TOTAL HONORS STUDENTS



84 students graduated with highest honors, having earned a 3.8 to 4.0 GPA

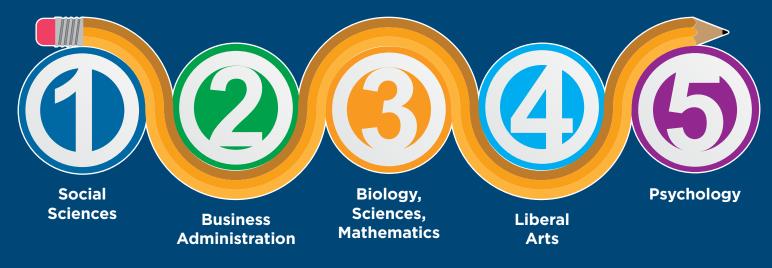


136 students graduated with high honors, having earned a 3.6 to 3.79 GPA



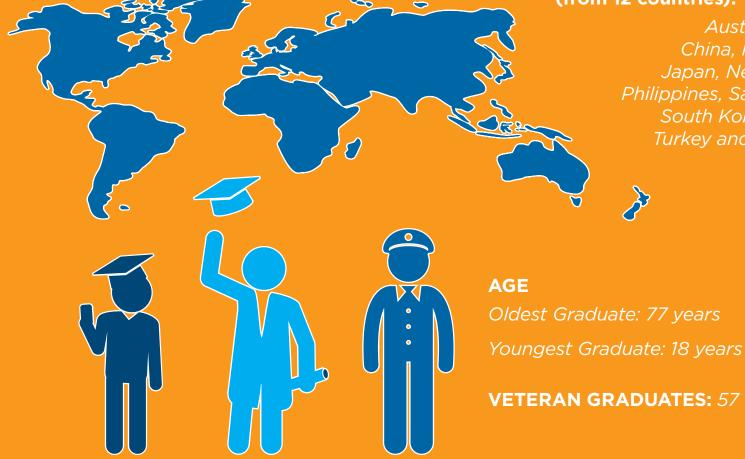
272 students graduated with honors, having earned a 3.3 to 3.59 GPA

### **TOP 5 DEGREE PROGRAMS**



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### 85 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GRADUATES



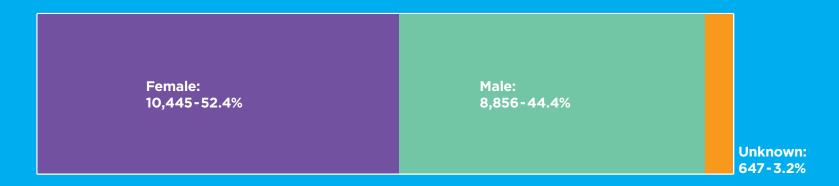
(from 12 countries):

Australia, Brazil, China, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, Taiwan, Turkey and Venezuela

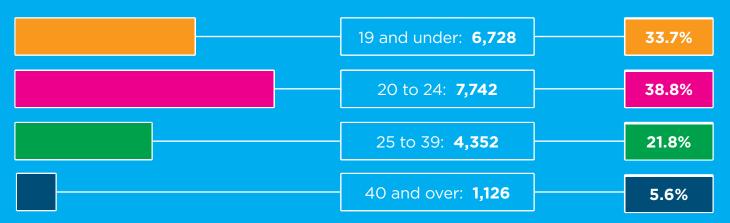
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### **STUDENT** PROFILES

### **STUDENT POPULATION:** 19,948 Students



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ETHNICITY	
	African-American 4%
	Asian 9%
	Filipino 3%
	Hispanic 62%
	Multi-Ethnicity 3%
	Other/Non-Respondent 3%
	White, Non-Hispanic 17%

### NUMBER OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS: 5,381 (40.3%) TRANSFER STATS: 956 Transfer Students



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY 811 to CSU institutions



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA 145 to UC institutions

### A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

#### Dear Friends,

The impact of higher education on society is undeniable. When students earn their degrees and certificates, they are empowered to improve their lives and the lives of those around them. As the president of the Citrus College Foundation Board of Directors during the 2017-2018 academic year, I had the opportunity to witness the transformative power of education firsthand. Knowing that my fellow board members and I have contributed to Citrus College's rich legacy of student success is a wonderful honor.

Of course, the many donors, alumni, community members and employees who have chosen to support the Citrus College Foundation have also contributed to this legacy. These financial partners help students achieve their academic goals and lead productive lives. For more than 50 years, the Citrus College Foundation has built and nurtured relationships like these to ensure that the college's students receive the resources necessary to reach their potential.

As the result of one such relationship, the 2017-2018 academic year was a historic one for the Citrus College Foundation. This year, the Foundation received its largest financial gift ever from the estate of John W. Cassey, Ph.D. The nearly \$1.3 million bequest, which has been designated to support student success, scholarships and faculty enrichment, will undoubtedly benefit generations of Citrus College students as they pursue their associate degrees or technical certificates, transfer to four-year colleges and universities, and enter the workforce.

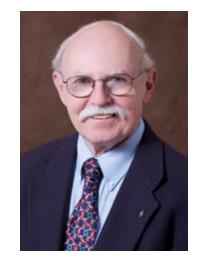
Additional accomplishments made the 2017-2018 academic year noteworthy for the Citrus College Foundation. Records were broken, programs were launched and lives were changed. Highlights include:

- With the support of the Citrus College Foundation, the college introduced the highly anticipated Citrus College Promise.
- More than \$140,000 in scholarships were awarded by the Citrus College Foundation and approximately \$20,000 in innovation grants were provided to various programs on campus.
- A new director, Ms. Nanette Adkison, joined the Citrus College Foundation Board of Directors.

Over the next several pages, you will read about more of the exciting developments that took place throughout the year. While doing so, it is important to remember that none of this would be possible without you – our friends and supporters. Thank you for your enduring support of Citrus College's students, programs and services. Your generosity and goodwill are sure to positively impact the college and its students for years to come.

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Stephen R. Baker President, Citrus College Foundation July 2016-June 2018



**Stephen R. Baker** 

## **RECORD-SETTING** FINANCIAL GIFT



Nearly \$1.3 million has been given to the Citrus College Foundation by the estate of John W. Cassey, Ph.D., who served as a faculty member at Citrus College from 1960 to 2002. The bequest, which is designated to support student success, scholarships and faculty enrichment, is the largest in

the organization's history.

The funds will be used to establish the Dr. John William Cassey Endowed Scholarship, which will provide two scholarships to history and/or political science majors. They will also be used to endow the Patricia Knox Scholarship Fund, which was previously established to benefit nursing students. In addition, Dr. Cassey's gift will endow faculty development programs, assist with equipment needs and help finance academic events for the history, political science and nursing programs.

"As a highly respected member of the college community for many decades, Dr. Cassey had a passion for learning and commitment to faculty enrichment that made a significant impact on the college and its students," said Stephen R. Baker, 2016-2018 president of the **Citrus College Foundation** Board of Directors. "Through careful and thoughtful estate planning, Dr. Cassey has ensured that his impact as an instructor will extend to future generations."

To celebrate Dr. Cassey's contribution and to honor his memory, the Citrus College Foundation installed a Faculty Enrichment Honor Wall. which will include the names of any donors who support faculty enrichment and the educational mission of Citrus College. Members of the college and local communities attended the wall's unveiling in the lobby of the Hayden Hall building on June 16 during the 2018 Alumni Reception following the college's commencement ceremony.



### LOCAL EDUCATOR HONORED

Ms. Karen M. Cullen, a longtime resident of Glendora and a graduate of Citrus College, was selected to receive the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award during the college's annual commencement ceremony in June. As a teacher and community volunteer, Ms. Cullen has directly impacted the lives of thousands of people throughout the San Gabriel Valley and beyond. Her devotion to helping others and desire to give back were partly influenced by her experiences as a college student.

During Ms. Cullen's years at Citrus College, she was an active member of the student body. She graduated in 1964 and transferred to the University of La Verne (formerly La Verne College). Ms. Cullen decided to pursue a career in education because of the positive influence of her Citrus College instructors. After graduating with her bachelor's degree in 1967, she earned her California teaching credential. She obtained her first position in January 1968 and spent the next 34 years teaching kindergarten through sixth grade at a variety of elementary schools throughout the country.

Although Ms. Cullen retired in 2001, her schedule has remained filled with a variety of service activities. In her spare time, she maintains her relationship with Citrus College by attending meetings of the Citrus Alumni & Friends Association. "Citrus College was instrumental in pointing me in the right direction as a young adult, guiding me to a fulfilling life of service to others," she said. "I have always felt very connected to this great place of higher learning."



Karen M. Cullen

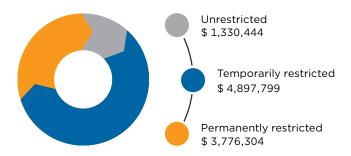
# CITRUS COLLEGE FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2018

#### ASSETS

Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 766,133
Accounts receivable	<u>74,092</u>
Total current assets	840,225
Non-current assets	
Investment in land - mineral rights	7,500
Investments	<u>9,156,822</u>
Total non-current assets	9,164,322
Total assets	\$ 10,004,547





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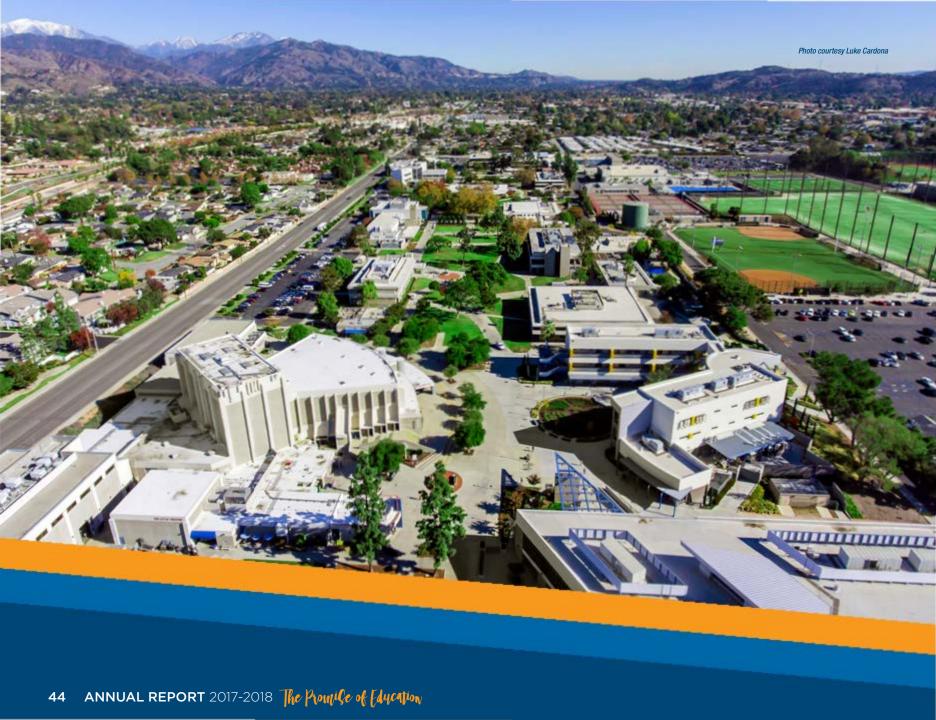
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