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Citrus College Celebrates 100 Years of Excellence

Marking the launch of its Centennial year celebrations, Citrus College cordially invites the public to join in fun-filled festivities on Saturday, October 11, 2014, at the Citrus College stadium, in honor of its 100 years of providing educational excellence. The day's excitement includes an All-Class Reunion, Centennial Celebration special events and activities, and the Homecoming Game.

The All-Class Reunion and Luncheon is open to all Citrus Union High School and Citrus College alumni from every graduating year. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at noon. For \$19.15, alumni luncheon attendees will receive lunch and a special pin commemorating the event. Guests may register online at www.citruscollege.edu/100 or by calling the Citrus College Foundation at 626-914-8825.

Next will be the Centennial Celebration special events and activities which will begin at 2:00 p.m. The fun for the entire family—which is free to the public—includes a car show, food trucks, face painting and other children's activities, a business expo and Citrus College historical exhibits.

The day's celebrations will conclude with the Homecoming Game at 6:00 p.m., where the Citrus College Fighting Owls will face off against the Bakersfield College Renegades. During the halftime show, the renowned and always superb Citrus College student musicians and singers will perform a special tribute in honor of America's veterans.

"We are delighted to invite all alumni, supporters, friends, neighbors and the public to join in our Centennial celebration," said Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D. "We are incredibly proud of Citrus College's accomplishments over the decades, and we look forward to celebrating them with the entire community."

Founded on June 5, 1915, under the leadership of Dr. Floyd S. Hayden, Citrus College opened with 27 students and became the first community college to be established in Los Angeles County and the fifth in California. The institution was established due to an innovative trend in higher education that was being adopted across the nation, in which high schools were being allowed to add two years of

postgraduate work, approximating the studies prescribed in the first two years of college. This allowed a growing number of high school graduates to advance their educational goals, acquire new marketable skills, and achieve greater prosperity.

A century later, Citrus College's stellar achievements include consistent national level acknowledgement as one of *Community College Week* magazine's top 100 associate degree producers and *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education's* top 50 community colleges. At the state level, Citrus College has been recognized among the top three California community colleges in the number of Associate Degrees for Transfer awarded. And locally, *San Gabriel Valley News Group* readers voted Citrus College "Best Community College" in its last annual "Readers Choice" poll.

"The excitement surrounding the college's October 11 Centennial event is truly joyful," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "I am looking forward to seeing all of Citrus College's alumni, supporters, and friends as we enjoy the festivities of the day."

For more information regarding the Citrus College Centennial Celebration, visit www.citruscollege.edu/100