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## **Duarte City Council Honors Dr. Geraldine M. Perri**

Glendora, Calif.—During its May 9 meeting, the Duarte City Council presented Citrus College Superintendent/President Dr. Geraldine M. Perri with a certificate of honor in recognition of her being named a "Woman of the Year" for the 25<sup>th</sup> Senate District.

Dr. Edward Ortell, Citrus College Board Trustee and Duarte representative, joined Dr. Perri, members of the Duarte City Council and the Duarte Unified School District (DUSD) to recognize the council's honor and appreciation of Dr. Perri as well as its support of Citrus College. "Dr. Perri's epitomizes all that the Woman of the Year Award represents," said Dr. Ortell. "Her commitment to student success has contributed greatly to Citrus College's reputation as a national and local leader in higher education, and her leadership has been instrumental to the college's legacy of academic success."

On March 26, Dr. Perri was named a "Woman of the Year" by Senator Anthony Portantino and was honored at a special ceremony in Pasadena where 10 women were recognized for their contributions and accomplishments within the 25<sup>th</sup> Senate District.



From left: Dr. Edward Ortell; Tzeitel Paras-Caracci and Samuel Kang, councilmembers; John Fasana, mayor pro tem; Dr. Perri, Margaret Finlay, mayor; Ken Bell, member, DUSD; Liz Reilly, councilmember; and Dr. Allen Mucerino, superintendent, DUSD.

## **About Citrus College**

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 achievements, prepares students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities, 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. Citrus College has received numerous accolades including being ranked 1st in the nation for awarding associate degrees in visual and performance arts for Hispanic students; 12th in the nation for the number of associate degrees awarded to Hispanic students; and designated a Military Friendly® School. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.citruscollege.edu">www.citruscollege.edu</a>.