



## Press Release

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### **Citrus College Celebrates 100 Years of Excellence**

In observance of its Centennial year, Citrus College welcomed the public on Saturday, October 11, 2014, at the Citrus College stadium, in honor of its 100 years of providing educational excellence. The day's excitement included an All-Class Reunion, Centennial Celebration special events and activities, and the Homecoming Game.

The All-Class Reunion and Luncheon was open to all Citrus Union High School and Citrus College alumni from every graduating year. Afterwards, the Centennial Celebration included a car show, food trucks, face painting and other children's activities, a business expo and Citrus College historical exhibits.

The day's celebrations concluded with the Homecoming Game, where the Citrus College Fighting Owls faced off against the Bakersfield College Renegades. During the halftime show, the renowned and always superb Citrus College student musicians and singers performed a special tribute in honor of America's veterans.

"We were delighted to host alumni, supporters, friends, neighbors and the public at 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 were pleased to share 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 the oldest community college to be established in Los Angeles County. 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 Centennial event was truly joyful," said Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "It was good to see Citrus College's alumni, supporters, and friends as we enjoyed the festivities of the day."

For more information regarding the Citrus College Centennial, visit [www.citruscollege.edu/100](http://www.citruscollege.edu/100)