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Citrus College Ranks #22 Among the Nation's Top Community Colleges

Out of a total of approximately 1,200 community colleges in the nation, *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* has ranked Citrus College a very impressive 22nd place for the number of associate degrees awarded to Hispanic students—an increase from 27th place in 2014. The college was recognized for the eighth consecutive year in the magazine's annual "Best Community Colleges for Hispanics: 2015" issue.

"It is truly an honor for Citrus College to be continuously recognized as one of the top community colleges in the country," said Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D. "This achievement should serve as a tremendous source of pride, not only for the institution's faculty and staff, but also for the communities we serve."

The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education is a biweekly, online publication that reaches more than 50,000 readers. Founded in 1990, the magazine is the only higher education magazine that exclusively covers news, issues and events that are relevant to Hispanic students and the colleges and universities that serve them.

The statistics that establish the magazine's rankings are obtained from the National Center for Education Statistics' Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems (NCES/IPEDS). This year, the data from the community colleges throughout the United States was reviewed, and then each institution was ranked in three categories: total Hispanic enrollment, associate degrees awarded to Hispanic students, and colleges that offer both associate degrees and bachelor's degrees to Hispanic students.

"Citrus College's eighth year as a *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* top community college is a stellar accomplishment for the college and its students," said Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "This wonderful recognition underscores the institution's century of college completion and academic excellence."

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