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Citrus College Receives Reaffirmation of Accreditation

Citrus College's accreditation has been reaffirmed by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (the Commission).

"Our reaffirmation signifies that Citrus College is in substantial compliance with the Commission's standards," said Citrus College Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D. "The college community is proud and pleased with the Commission's commendations, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to the students, faculty, and staff who contributed to this process."

The college was one of 10 California community colleges to receive an 18-month reaffirmation of accreditation, in accordance with the revised "Policy on Commission Actions on Institutions" established by the Commission in January 2016. This policy requires each college undergoing accreditation to submit a follow-up report within 18 months of the Commission's findings. Upon successful completion of the Follow-Up Report period, Citrus College will qualify for the reaffirmation for the remainder of the seven-year accreditation cycle.

Citrus College received commendations in six areas: data literacy and empirical decision-making; student services program reviews; library programs and services; landscaping and grounds maintenance; student safety; and long-term fiscal stability. In addition, the Commission offered two recommendations concerning grievance procedures and institution-set standards.

The college's reaffirmation of accreditation was the result of a rigorous self-evaluation process that began in fall 2013. Accreditation co-chairs Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of academic affairs and Ms. Roberta Eisel, English faculty oversaw more than 100 students, faculty, staff, and board members who evaluated and responded to the Commission's four standards: Institutional Mission and Effectiveness, Student Learning Programs and Services, Resources, and Leadership and Governance. Their input and findings resulted in a 339-page Self Evaluation Report that the Commission received in July 2015. In September 2015, a 14-member team of California community college administrators and faculty visited Citrus College, where they spent four days interviewing employees, visiting classes, and reviewing documents to assure the quality of education that Citrus College provides.

"We have every reason to be proud of the reaffirmation of accreditation," said Mrs. Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "The tireless efforts and institutional knowledge will serve the college well as we continue to help our students complete their college education and achieve their goals."

