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Community College League of California CEO Tours Citrus College Campus By Marilyn Grinsdale

GLENDORA, Calif. – Community College League of California (CCLC) President and CEO Larry Galizio, Ph.D. recently visited Citrus College to engage in discussions with college leaders and tour the college's programs and facilities.

This was Galizio's first visit to Citrus College since being appointed to head up CCLC in July 2015. Before accepting the position as CCLC's CEO, Galizio served as president of Clatsop Community College in Oregon for five years.

"We were thrilled that Dr. Galizio was able to find time in his busy schedule to visit Citrus College, see our beautiful campus first hand, learn about our programs and services and exchange ideas," said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. "It was a very productive visit."

The day began with breakfast, during which Galizio and college leaders discussed a variety of topics, including the college readiness of incoming freshmen; student retention; degree completion, and other challenges faced by California's community colleges. They also discussed some of the recent innovations implemented by Citrus College to overcome these challenges, such as Citrus College's College of Completion, the "I Will Complete College" program and the college's Institute for Completion.

In addition to Dr. Perri, Mrs. Susan M. Keith, board president; Dr. Patricia A. Rasmussen, board member; Mrs. Joanne Montgomery, board member; Dr. Arvid Spor, vice president of academic affairs; Dr. Martha McDonald, vice president of student services; Ms. Claudette E. Dain, vice president of finance and administrative services; and Dr. James Lancaster, dean of curriculum, career, technical and continuing education; were present to welcome Galizio.

Following breakfast, the group took Galizio on a tour of the entire campus. Highlights included the Veterans Success Center, Student Services, the Nursing and Dental Programs, the STEM Center and the college's athletic fields. The group also stopped off at the Campus Center where students and staff were participating in the annual Cesar E. Chavez Blood Drive Challenge.

Board President Keith said it was very gratifying to see Dr. Galizio's reaction to the college's programs and services.

"Dr. Galizio demonstrated a genuine interest in Citrus College's programs that are directed at supporting students and helping them be successful in reaching their college goals," she said. "I

believe he was very impressed with Citrus College, and we were impressed by his knowledge and enthusiasm.”

CCLC is a nonprofit public benefit corporation whose voluntary membership consists of the 72 local community college districts in California. CCLC provides leadership development, advocacy, policy development and district services. The organization also promotes student access and success by strengthening local college districts.



Dr. Larry Galizio, president of the Community College League of California (*center*) is joined by Citrus Community College District trustees (*left to right*) Clerk/Secretary Patricia A. Rasmussen, President Susan M. Keith, Board Member Joanne Montgomery, and Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri. (*Photo by Lisa Amezcua*)