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**National Publication Ranks Citrus College Number One**

**Glendora, CA** – Citrus College was recently ranked first in the nation for awarding associate degrees in fine and performing arts to Hispanic students.

*The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, a bi-weekly journal that reaches nearly 50,000 readers, acknowledged Citrus College in its June 2016 “Hispanic Arts” edition. The college was included on the publication’s list of the “Top Community Colleges for Hispanic Art Majors.”

“Since its early years, Citrus College has received acclaim for its exceptional academic offerings in the arts. Being included among the nation’s top 10 community colleges for Hispanic art majors is an incredible honor that affirms our constantly expanding and evolving programs,” said Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, superintendent/president of Citrus College. “Our ranking as the top college in the nation for awarding associate degrees in the arts to Hispanic students is a tremendous accomplishment made possible by Citrus College’s outstanding faculty and staff.”

The fine and performing arts ranking is the second recognition Citrus College has received from the *Hispanic Outlook* this year. In February, the publication ranked Citrus College 12<sup>th</sup> out of the nation’s more than 1,100 community colleges in awarding associate degrees to Hispanic students.

“These remarkable achievements reflect Citrus College’s ongoing commitment to increasing student success and college completion rates,” said Dr. Perri.

In addition to highlighting Citrus College's dedication to serving students of various cultural backgrounds, the first-place *Hispanic Outlook* ranking heightens the anticipation and excitement for the dedication of the Visual Arts Building on September 6.

As the college's newest facility, the Visual Arts Building includes 74 classrooms, three computer labs, studios for drawing, painting, and printmaking, as well as an art gallery, large ceramics lab, and lecture hall.

"This recent recognition from *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* underlines Citrus College's commitment to serving a diverse educational community by providing a wide variety of innovative academic programs," said Mrs. Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "The college's newest building will serve as the perfect home for some of these world-renown programs. We look forward to its opening and expect its completion to facilitate further success for Citrus College's Visual and Performing Arts Division."

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