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Peer mentors campus-bound

ASCC leaders work to bring mentors to college

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Peer counseling may become a reality at Cerritos College.

Associated Students of Cerritos College Vice President Ivan Oyarzabal and President Eduardo De La Rosa are working on making this program a reality.

Oyarzabal will be applying for equity funding for this program.

ASCC President Eduardo De La Rosa said, "We have more plan-

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SAMANTHA SANFORD

Nursing major

mentors

would receive training through Health Services to be prepared to give advice for various situations.

Soon De La Rosa hopes to form a committee to gather feedback from students.

Nursing major Samantha Sanford said, "I would much rather talk to a peer because I am not very social and I would feel more comfortable."

Computer science major Miguel Navarrete said, "I would tell my friends to see a peer counselor because the counselor will more than likely would have experienced things we have."

According to Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. JoAnna Schilling, "The Falcon Mentorship program is to provide peer mentors for Cerritos College students by major and to provide resources to help them succeed at Cerritos College."

De La Rosa explained that he met with his major-specific counselor in order to help students in his major succeed in transferring.

Updates can be found in the Student Activities Office located near the Bookstore.

Enrollment stacks up

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Has a student ever wondered why they're sitting in a Cerritos College classroom? Did the services and majors offered play a part in the decision or was it a given?

Whatever the answer to those questions may be, the size of the college population went up 2.6 percent.

According to Vice President of Academic Affairs JoAnna Schilling, the number is not static and it goes up and down daily according to how many students drop or enroll.

Schilling said that as of Sept. 3 the number of enrolled students was 23,361 as opposed to the 22,770 from 2014.

What the school offers

President/Superintendent of the Cerritos Community College Dr. Jose Fierro attributes the number to the strategic approach in offering courses.

"At this point it's a lot of speculation because it is not really concrete to say people are coming here for x and y reasons, [...]

We are trying to offer courses that are part of the degree completion programs and make more of those available"

Dr. Fierro stated that while the Cerritos College enrollment trend is moving upward, other community colleges have low enrollment.

"I was monitoring an email thread from the state and yeah many campuses are low in enrollment"

Fierro expressed that the reasons for low enrollment in other colleges are unknown and can vary due to different community needs and differences in population.

"We hope that students are attracted to Cerritos College because they know the college is invested in their success," Schilling expressed.

Our faculty and counselors truly care what happens to each student. We also try to be responsive to student requests for improvement, and the college is committed to adding key classes when and where needed."

Schilling explained that while other colleges were cutting classes during the recession Cerritos College didn't cut back as much and were quickly able to add classes.

"If a student can get their core courses at Cerritos College, feels engaged in the classes and activities, makes friends and gets to know his or her professors, there is no reason to leave," Schilling said.

Dr. Fierro agrees that activities help keep students at Cerritos College.

He believes student engagement like clubs, student government, and the other organizations in which students become active contribute to the retention rate.

Programs designed for students

Fierro expressed that services provided to students also play an instrumental part in why students choose to come and stay at Cerritos.

Schilling stated that services such as iFalcon and the new K16 Bridge to College program are integral for student success.

She also said that pathway and support programs like Puente, which helps improve college attendance of underrepresented students EOPS, a service for economically and educationally disadvantaged students, and Project Hope, a support program for underrepresented students in the healthcare or science field are important.

Faculty's aim for success

According to Schilling, it has been proven that the Success Center, which provides tutoring for students, has helped students do better.

Professors and majors offered also come into consideration.

"Our professors definitely play a key role in why students come to and stay at Cerritos College. Our faculty is engaged with the students in their classes, serve as club advisers and encourage students to speak up and advocate for their education and advise students on how to be successful in their chosen major," Schilling said.

Fierro discussed how majors offered at Cerritos are of high interest and high demand, such as business.

"Our business program is amazing; so once the word gets out, [students] want to be part of the program because it's a good program.

"I will also say that the federal report shows that Cerritos is first on transfers. The Los Angeles Times report had a lot to do because it gave us great exposure. People want to be in a place where they think they can do well, so I think that has helped significantly," Fierro stated.

Social Equality Club crucial in hour increase

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Saturday's library hours have now become a reality as students can now use its resources.

Shawna Baskette, dean of academic success, explained that the last time the library was open on Saturdays was Spring 2008.

The Social Equality Club worked since Spring semester to get the extended library hours.

Commercial music major and member of the Social Equality Club, Johnny Rodriguez works as a circulation desk clerk

in the library and explained that this was a collaborative effort.

Rodriguez said, "Tutoring is important and the tutoring hours will be changing for the benefit of students."

The Social Equality Club wants students to take an online survey to determine what supplies the library should purchase.

The survey asks student opinion on how helpful would it be if the library got each of the following items; laptops, graphing calculators, white boards, projectors, maps, sound proof study rooms or specific other.

History major Abraham Venegas explained that one of the ways they received student feed back was having a booth outside of the library.

Venegas believes that students could benefit from Saturday

library hours because students may not be able to concentrate if it's loud at their homes; which makes the library the perfect quiet atmosphere.

Psychology major Bianca Michelle Vega said, "I think it is super cool that the library has extended hours because this semester I am taking a night class."

She believes it is highly beneficial to use the Library now that it has more hours.

The new library hours are: Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

According to Baskette the library will be collecting data regarding how many students are utilizing the library.

Lack of student interest kicks Game Room into high gear

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More desolate than the Sahara desert, the game room has been facing a critical lack of visits in the last couple years and is being forgotten by the students little by little.

ASCC President Eddie De La Rosa and his cabinet have had discussions regarding the actual state of the game room.

De La Rosa is concerned that for being a place of fun and relaxation, the room itself has too many rules.

"If that is our space, let's make it ours," De La Rosa said.

Majoring in architecture, De La Rosa has a vision to turn the game room into a more sociable place for everyone on campus.

He is willing to design it in order to fulfill the student needs and wishes for a more modern game room.

In order to know what kind of benefits the college community would like for the reboot of the space, De La Rosa and his cabinet invite students to fill out a survey.

During the In-N-Out truck event, which took place at the beginning of the semester, students expressed opinions of what the community of Cerritos College would like to have in the game room.

The top choices varied from having phone charging stations, movie nights, microwaves, computer stations and sitting areas.

Among the least popular choices, there were calls for beds, therapy sessions, a Subway restaurant and even a stripper pole.

Once the voices of the students have been heard, De La Rosa will take the concept to the Architecture Club to be reviewed and make any changes to get a better prototype.

Niza Arellano, Inter-Club Council Representative of Architecture and Technology club at Cerritos College, has been involved in the discussions for the project and has come to a realization of what the final image will be.

"There are plans to get phone charger stations, a stage, a PlayStation 4 installation and even a mural[...]which the main idea is to get all the clubs involved. Maybe it will go on the wall, or the roof. We are still discussing it," Arellano said.

But with many benefits and installations in mind, the estimated cost for the renewal could be a big obstacle for the project.

"There is no limit on the cost, it just needs to be made to be most economical," Arellano said.

The main purpose for the change is to get more students to use the room so they may benefit from it and get more involved in school activities.

Justin Rios, math and science major, is one of the few students that comes to the game room to spare some time and relax from school.

"It's a great privilege for the students, they don't understand what they have. I hope that they don't change it for the worse," he said.

According to De La Rosa, the project can be a chance to create job opportunities for students in Cerritos College as clerks and DJs for the room.

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Back where it all started: Poncho Sanchez returns to Cerritos College to perform with students. The award winning latin jazz artist enjoyed his visit.

Poncho Sanchez returns home

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“It was the best, Poncho [Sanchez] is the best, cool groove, good swing,” Mayra Reyes-Esquer, whose niece attends Cerritos College, said. Reyes-Esquer came with her parents to see Poncho Sanchez. Poncho Sanchez, Grammy-award winning Latin jazz artist and Cerritos College alumni, performed live during Cerritos College’s 60th Anniversary celebration on Thursday. “I used to run around here when they were building the place in the 50s,” Sanchez said about his time at Cerritos. He said that he’s used to the crowds of fans, but that to his band members he’s “just a homeboy who enjoys a beer just like every one else.” Sanchez played with the Cerritos Jazz Ensemble, lead by music instructor David Betancourt. Betancourt said that it was a pleasure and an honor to be able to perform for Cerritos’ 60th. He added, “To be able to do with such a big crowd and have a special guest, an alumni, the whole thing was just a great experience.” Betancourt talked about the preparation the jazz band had to go through in such a short time, since

the band only meets once a week. Vocalists for the jazz ensemble Zineb Fikri and Gemma Castro both performed a duet as well as single pieces during the celebration. Fikri said, “It was a blast, I always get to have fun when I perform on stage,” She performed the songs “Fe- ver,” “Fly right” as well as “Straight- en up.” In contrast to Fikri who was used to performing in front of crowds, Castro felt nervous because she was a big fan of Poncho Sanchez. “It was awesome, he (Sanchez) is someone who knows a lot about his craft,” she said. Castro added that Sanchez is one of her role models and influences her own singing. Several board of trustee members were present in celebration. Board President Carmen Avalos outlined the college’s goals to carry on the legacy. She said, “We need more innovative programs, looking how to get students out quicker and looking at the deficiencies students come in with.” Sanchez said, “There’s a lot of colleges gone by the wayside, but Cerritos seems likes it’s booming and I’m glad to play here and it brings back good memories.” “I’d like to say, happy birthday,” he added.



GRESTER CELIS-ACOSTA/TM
Happy Birthday Cerritos College: Cerritos College celebrated its 60th Anniversary on Thursday. There were clubs selling food, live performances and even free cake for students and faculty.

Cerritos College turns 60

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Music, club booths, dancing, free hot dogs and raffles were some of the things happening on Thursday, as the campus celebrated the 60th birthday of Cerritos College. Members of the school came together to host an all day celebration to commemorate six decades of success. The event kicked off with free hot dogs and music by the Cerritos College drum line followed by live performances. Some of the performances included a set list by the Red Room Rebels, a folkloric dance by MEChA and a performance by Cerritos College alumni Poncho Sanchez that featured the Cerritos College Jazz Ensemble. Students, such as Viridiana Cabrera who was part of MEChA’s folkloric dance, felt honored to participate in this celebration. “It was really exciting to be out here dancing and have all these people look at us,” Cabrera said. “The purpose of this is to bring culture of Mexican tradition to the College. We were ner-

vous, but we pulled through.” While performances were taking place and food being served, clubs were given the chance to showcase what they had to offer with booths and ways to engage student interaction. Many clubs offered free gifts, games and raffles while also provided information about what kinds of resources the clubs have to offer to everyday students. Engineering major Fernando Temblador was one of the many students who were out on Falcon Square trying to get students hyped for his club, the Student Veterans Club, by giving students an opportunity to win an Xbox One, PlayStation 4 and other items in an upcoming raffle. “I’m in the club because I’m a vet. You get out of the military and you think a certain way than normal civilian people. When I first came here I was by myself. The Student Veterans Club is a cool place to hang out,” Temblador said. The Student Veterans Club will have their raffle on Nov. 10 at the Veterans Day ceremony on campus. Not only students, but also many others celebrated Cerritos College’s 60th birthday including Cerritos College President Dr. Jose Fierro.

“I think it has been great. We started putting together the event about a month ago and it’s a great turn out and great event,” Fierro said. Fierro spent the afternoon meeting students and enjoying the festivities that the day had to offer. “I really like talking with students, this spot and walking around and meeting new people is what I like the most,” Fierro said. According to Miya Walker, director of public affairs, the event was a success that had a great showing of community, students, faculty and staff. “I have an amazing staff made up of the president’s office, public affairs staff, ASCC and Student Activities. We made up regularly to make sure we mapped out all of the details and everybody worked so hard to make sure it got done. It came together very well,” Walker said. “The 60th celebration is a constant reminder of how incredible Cerritos College is and the legacy it’s had over the last six decades. We wanted to put an event like this together to celebrate with our campus and the community to remind them that we are falcons and we’ve been falcons a long time and strong,” Walker added.



VANESSA VILLASENOR/TM
Aztec dancing: Fernanda Gonzalez and the Ollin Itotiani dance group perform a traditional Aztec dance at the Cerritos College Amphitheater. Fernanda Gonzalez is a former student of Cerritos College

Dance groups celebrate heritage

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The Cerritos College community gathered around the amphitheater on Tuesday to watch some traditional Mexican performances in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The Puente Program and the Cerritos College MEChA chapter put together the Danza Azteca and Baile Folklorico event. The event consisted of a performance by the Aztec Dance group, Ollin Itotiani, Spanish poetry, followed by the Baile Folklorico performance by MEChA. The Cerritos College Puente Program also set up a booth where students can acquire information about the program.

where you can feel like you’re part of the school, like you belong here and aren’t excluded,” Lopez said. Rosa Carrillo, co-coordinator for the Puente Program, was very impressed with the success of the event. “A couple of glitches here and there but over all I think it went well. Hopefully they [the community] will continue to be a part of the bigger picture of success for our latino students,” Carrillo said. According to Carrillo, the school is made up of 64 percent latino students. Carrillo believes that the Hispanic culture has a lot to offer and should be celebrated more in order to share the culture with the students.

Students donate for good cause

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For years, the American Red Cross Foundation has set up blood drives all over the nation, and this week they returned to Cerritos College during the week of the 60th celebration. The blood drive was full of specialized staff, volunteers and students. The specialized staff was in charge of taking care of the blood work. The volunteers gave their time to help with the snack table and keeping students in stable condition after donating. Students had to sign up in front of the Student Center also ran by volunteers. This year, the American Red Cross Foundation had stationed their place of work at the stage of

the Student Center. The team of specialized staff set up their area on the stage as opposed to using the mobile busses that have been used in past years. Five beds were set up to collect blood at an efficient rate. The event lasted from Monday, Sept. 14 through Thursday. On Monday, Supervisor of the Blood Drive Joanna Rogers, was in charge. “Our goal for today is 50 units, almost equivalent to 50 donors. The goal is to get 200 units by the end of Thursday,” Rogers said. She added that there are three to four official staff members doing the blood work to help keep the process moving along. According to Rogers, anyone can sign up to donate blood as long as they fit the requirements that are in the pre screening process. Many students go out every semester to donate blood. Some stu-

dents, such as computer science major Oscar Perez participate frequently. “This is my fourth time donating blood,” Perez said. Perez went on to explain how he enjoys giving blood and the snacks that are provided. Thursday came around and the blood drive began to get busy by 10:45 a.m. By that time, the Red Cross team had not yet reached their goal. There were seven people waiting and more donors were coming in. Taylor Trammel, veterinarian major, said she wanted to do it because it was not only her first time, but because it helps others who need it. “It is good to donate because it’s always for a good cause,” Lisa Lombardi, volunteer, said. The American Red Cross Foundation holds a blood drive twice a semester every year on campus.

Upcoming Events

Cerritos College HSI STEM Open House
Friday, 1:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Resume Basics Workshop
Thursday, Oct. 1, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
BE 105

Fall 2015 Job Fair
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Library Sidewalk

Career Cafe: What are your true colors?
Next Monday, 2 p.m. MP 201

Counseling Service Division Treasure Hunt
Thursday, noon to 2 p.m.

Culinary Arts Grand Reopening
Wednesday Oct. 7, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Student Center



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A misunderstanding blown out of proportion

It is safe to say that everyone already heard about the boy who attended a public high school in Irving, Texas and got arrested for building a clock.

Fortunately, it wasn't a bomb like people thought.

Ahmed Mohammed built a digital clock out of a pencil case.

He brought it to school to impress his teacher.

What should've been an incident, a simple mistake on the teacher's part, blew up into mass media news that we're still following today.

The media saw the opportunity to twist and exploit this story.

Instead of saying that Mohammed got arrested for building a homemade clock, every story continuously ties him to a clock-bomb.

If you search his name online you can't see the word clock without bomb next to his name.

Mohammed is even a famous trending picture on all social media outlets.

The media is still covering his every move.

There are articles online that inform readers that he's left his high school, and is trying to reach out to MIT.

Due to the media running wild with his story, he will forever be known as the boy who people thought he mistakenly built a clock-bomb.

Media has a way of making stories bigger than what they actually are, espe-

cially when it comes to kids.

Our world relies heavily on the media, which means that they can seemingly get away with anything.

The media can control what they put out because no one else is going to cover the "need to know" stories.

Since they get to decide what news is newsworthy and how they cover it no one is holding them accountable for the negativity they put out.

It's one thing to report a story, it's another to highlight the bad parts of the story then end with the good parts.

People will remember the bad before the good because it's so terrible that it's hard to forget.

America is notorious for loving scandalous and controversial stories without learning the facts behind them.

Case in point the GOP race.

Americans tune in for what inappropriate thing Donald Trump may say rather than listening to the platforms of the candidates.

The million-dollar question here is: Would this have been just as media blown had he not been middle eastern?

People are erring on the side of caution, for good reason, when it comes to the safety of their communities.

Just because someone looks a certain way, is from a specific background or is of a certain religion doesn't give people the right to stereotype them.

They are individuals; even though

they may have a common belief system, they still make their own decisions based on those beliefs.

If people took the time to educate themselves on the different backgrounds that grace this planet we would have less of these "mistaken identity cases."

It's unnecessary and frankly, it's ignorant.

Yes, in this world there are children, yes children, who have been apprehended by extremists and forced into militaries.

But, just because one child may be turned into a militant killer doesn't mean they all have.

Now, the teacher was probably erring on the side of caution. Respectfully.

The authorities, school officials and whoever else was in charge of releasing information to the media should have handled it better.

Knowing that the news and media outlets have veered to only care about ratings, reviews and profit they should've been more discreet about the situation.

The information let out should've been controlled made to look like what it was.

Instead of how it was handled giving Ahmed Mohammed a stigma that will follow him around for years.

Again, it is ignorance and Americas lack of due diligence leads to events like this.

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FREE SPEECH ZONE

How do you express your pride for Cerritos College?

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Kinesiology major

"By being involved in school activities. I am the line backer for our football team, and I am also a first-semester full-time student too. The environment on campus is good; especially the people who are all friendly too."

NAYELY LOPEZ
Film major

"I wear our [Cerritos College] apparel. I participate in activities whether through clubs or events sponsored by ASCC. I know I made the right choice coming here because of the environment. Everyone is so friendly."



DANIEL SCHAPER
French linguistic major

"I express my pride by helping students, especially the newcomers and also by wearing our campus colors. I am proud that the people such as the staff and counselors are helpful. We are all here for each other."



ANDRES CARTER
Automotive major

"I bought a crew-neck with our logo on it from the bookstore recently. I will wear it everywhere I go besides just on campus. I am in the automotive program and I heard it is the best compared to other community colleges."



YAZMINE RAMIREZ
Undecided major

"I am definitely proud to be a student here, although I am part-time, the resources are so helpful and I feel like I can accomplish anything knowing that they are here on campus."

One cheer to Kim Davis

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Kim Davis, a devoted Christian, was set free from jail after five days and the crowd went wild just like when the apostle Peter came to church after being incarcerated for his beliefs.

Now a wave of comments are calling Davis a homophobic bigot and religious discriminator.

To end these discrimination situations in the country and everywhere else, we must learn first to listen, analyze and then speak.

I hope that after this event, everyone learns that an individual cannot let his religious beliefs take a stand in their workplace.

It is a duty that must be taken even if we disagree with a horrible customer.

Without yelling, without fear, without a stutter, Davis stood for what she believes and that is something to admire.

Nowadays, people usually express their beliefs and points of view in an aggressive way that makes one wonder: Did we ever learn something from Martin Luther King Jr. or Cesar Chavez?

She did not raise her voice and keep talking louder; she did not let the other person speak, just like many defensive

people here in this country usually do.

They think by raising their voice it will make them win the debate, but instead it makes them look like a fool, barking in fear of being proven wrong and just get what they want.

"I pay your salary! I pay you to discriminate me right now," said David Moore, a victim of Davis' refusal to approve a license and a clear example of why many people fail at debating.

Someone in the audience was yelling in the back supporting Moore, but he turned back to him and shut the journalist off.

"Will you guys shut up? You are the press, so shut up," not something respectful from someone who called him to report on this.

But the media will not show you that, they want to show how discriminating Davis is.

Yes, Moore being hotheaded because of the situation is kind of excusable, but this is seen everywhere.

People tend to over react and always use the "my miserable life" excuse to try to win a debate or argument.

Yes, feel sorry for them, but for lacking the skill to deal with this situation like an adult, not like a momma's kid having a tantrum in the super market.

Transgenders just want to fit in

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We're in the year 2015 people.

We have a constitution that has given each person, living in the United States, the ability to adhere to their natural rights and an independence that has freed us from the tyranny and oppression of the United Kingdom.

So, if our forefathers can free our nation from tyranny, rid the country of slavery and put an end to segregation of races; Why is that [we] can't rid our nation of gender discrimination and segregation?

They are just that, individuals, all with their own stories, their own problems and their own happy endings.

So, when seventeen-year-old Lila Perry, of Hillsboro High School, wants the same respect and privacy as the other girls do in her school there shouldn't be a reason that it cannot be given to her.

However, this story isn't black and white; it has the potential to go either way.

So, how does one decide who

deserves it more?

Choose Perry, you're disrespecting the "non-trans" girls but choose against Perry and you're being discriminatory.

It's a fine line that not even the most skilled tight rope walker can walk.

Perry is asking for the respect and privacy as the other girls, and boys, are asking for.

Like any teenager, Perry searches for any comfort she can get in the world.

Before this year, Perry was using a gender-neutral restroom that was provided by the school to make those of transgender identity feel more comfortable.

To Perry it's being pushed aside and segregated from all the other girls.

"I am a girl. I am not going to be pushed aside to a different bathroom," Perry stated in a comment made to CNN affiliate, KPLR.

But, Perry can't just expect this because she believes it to be right, that everyone has to be on her side. That's the cold hard truth of the matter.

This story shouldn't bring atten-

tion to just one teen trying to use a gender specific bathroom.

It's about bringing a voice to those who have yet to find the courage to speak out for themselves.

Perry, along with thousands of other transgender individuals, doesn't want to feel isolated from society.

They want to feel included; don't we all?

This is more than just a story of restroom privileges; it is a story of unity and acceptance.

People don't have to like or agree with Perry's decisions.

They have the right to their opinion and to want their privacy as well.

We are so quick to forget; transgender people are people too.

With the hashtag [insert cause here] matters movement, it isolates whatever group of individuals they are speaking for as the most important one in society.

Because nothing else and no one else matters, right?

No. People matter. Period.

Men's water polo defend home waters

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The men's water polo team defeated Rio Hondo College and Cal Tech College on Sept. 16, for its first home games of the season.

Cerritos College earned a pair of wins taking both games easily from both teams.

The day started off with Cerritos College playing against Rio Hondo College, which was the first conference game of the season for the team.

The Falcons defeated Rio Hondo College 24-5.

Sophomore utility Matthew Skinas had a team high in goals, scoring four goals and added three assists.

Freshmen players Jesus Rojas, diver, scored three goals, diver Jeffrey Park scored three goals and utility Anthony Govani also scored three goals against Rio Hondo College.

Goalies played a key part in the game only giving up five goals against Rio Hondo College.

Sophomore goalie Alfredo De La Mora had four saves and freshmen goalie Ariel Prado-Madera also had four saves.

After the first game Cerritos College then hosted a second game against Cal Tech College as the team defeated Cal Tech 20-7 in a non-conference game.

Freshman utility Angel Rojas had a team high in goals scoring six goals against Cal Tech College.

While sophomore utility Marlon Moreno added five goals.

Goalies that recorded a save in the game against Cal Tech College

were De La Mora with seven, Prado-Madera with one and freshmen Brain Smith with two saves.

Head coach Joe Abing said, "We played well, it was a good opportunity for a lot of guys [men] to get some playing time. We have a few guys [men] that haven't gotten that kind of time."

I thought we played really good defense and that defense led to us to have some good fast break opportunities,"

About Wednesday's game Abing said, "Hopefully we have good momentum and get inspired to have good practices."

The team had a total of 44 goals in the two games played.

Sophomore utility Peter Roldan had a total of three goals in the two games played.

Roldan said, "I think these were interesting games we came over here to accomplish something, a certain defense and a certain offense, and we were able to do that and the scoreboard reflects that."

He added, "There's a lot more we can work on, I think, the team is really good right now but there's certain stuff we will watch over the videos that we can tweak."

Angel is leading the team in two important categories he has 43 goals and 28 steals in the season in the eight games played.

Jesus is leading the team in assists with 18 while teammate Angel has 15.

Cerritos College is now 5-3 in the season and will play a pair of games Wednesday against Los Angeles Valley College at 3:15 p.m. and Cal Lutheran University at 5:30 p.m. at Cal Lutheran University.



Sweeping the competition: Freshman Jacob Graham looks to pass to an open teammate in the Sept. 16 game against Cal Tech College, Cerritos College won the game winning 20-7. The Falcons are now 1-0 in conference games.

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Home loss: The Falcons charge onto the field at the start of the game to begin the home slate of the 2015 season. Cerritos College struck first but let it slip away losing 33-29 to Fullerton College.

‘Dogfight’ of a game slips away from Falcons

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In the first two games of the season, the Cerritos College Falcons have "let games be too close down to the wire."

The Falcons dropped their first game of the year, 33-29, to Fullerton.

Ironically, enough the Falcons held the lead for majority of the game.

Cerritos College did not relinquish the lead until 10 minutes left in the final frame.

Quarterback Jimmy Walker was on the field behind an offensive line that is clearly suffering from injuries.

"We didn't block very well up front. I'm really disappointed in our offensive line. They didn't even do anything. We almost got our quarterback killed," Frank Mazzotta, head coach, said.

However, Walker seemed to just continue to stick it out for the sake of his team.

"My teammates expect me to stay in there and keep battling," Walker said. "It's what is expected of me as a leader, but we shot ourselves in the foot."

He wasn't the only person who feels like they let one get away.

Mazzotta added, "We played [well] enough and we had our chances. We made some plays defensively and we made some plays offensively."

Walker threw for 350 yards with three touchdowns to one lone interception.

However, that one interception was critical as it came with only 10 seconds left in the game as Cerritos College was driving the ball down the field to potentially score the go ahead points.

One staggering number to notice was the fact that Walker threw the ball 46 times, almost 10 more than his previous season high.

"It's a team effort but at the time being the pass game was going and they [Fullerton] had the box filled with seven players," Kishawn Holmes, running back, said.

In other words, Fullerton was sending the entire front seven at the quarterback also known as blitzing.

The Falcons' running backs averaged only 3.7 yards per rush for a total of 75 yards on 20 carries.

While the Cerritos College running game was almost non-existent, the Fullerton running game was alive and well as they rushed for a 132 yards.

Most of the runs were right up the gut of the Cerritos College defense.

Much to the dismay of defensive tackle David Fangupo.

"It really isn't hard if we just stick to the fundamentals," he said.

Prior to the game, Mazzotta and staff expressed to the team that Fullerton likes to run the ball and they like to do it right up the middle.

"Coach told us to stay low and get off the ball and that's really all we have so it wasn't that hard it was just players playing the game," Fangupo added.

Mazzotta was not short of words following the game about the defense.

"Until I see the film I'm really not sure but its just guys not getting off blocks. We have a couple of guys that just don't make plays out there. I mean you have to get off a block and make a play.

Do you know how many missed tackles we had?" He said.

"It's like we had never tackled before."

The front line of the defense wasn't the only part of the defense that was tested by the Fullerton offense.

While Anthony Murray had to sit out due to a slightly torn ligament in his right

ankle, he said prior to the game that it was for precautionary reasons only.

Murray could also be overheard promising coach Mazzotta not to miss another one.

He led the team last season in interceptions.

Due to the loss of Murray, Thadd Daniels was tested early and often while he was in the game.

"It's not too much of a difficult thing. I just have to [stick] to my techniques and do what I was taught and make a play," Daniels admitted.

Cornerbacks coach CJ Arnold stated after the game that he called upon Daniels knowing that they were going to challenge him early on.

Arnold said, "We knew going in that they [Fullerton] were going to throw that ball, like I said last week everybody has got to step up."

Daniels admitted to being out of breathe and winded in the first quarter due to being targeted so much.

With the Falcons' first home game out of the way, they will look to continue their road dominance as they travel to Ventura for their first conference game Saturday.

Cerritos host Jamboree over the weekend

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The Cerritos College men's basketball team lost the first game of the Jamboree to Saddleback College 43-23 and then beat Citrus College 59-58 in the second game.

The season does not start until early November, however the Southern California Junior College Fall Jamboree serves as a tune-up for the upcoming season.

The Jamboree is a pre-season showcase of 43 community colleges from all over Southern California all playing against each other in the name of fun.

"[Saddleback] really handled us good in the first game," Head coach Russ May said.

After succumbing to Saddleback College, the team was able to settle down before barely escaping Citrus College.

"[Citrus] was also very good, they played extremely hard and can also shoot very well," he added.

Freshman Dillon Reise said, "[This showcase] is a good tune-up for the upcoming season. I learned how the offense works as well as find out about opponents."

Sophomore Anthony Lefeau said. "We turned [the ball] over a lot in game one and we also couldn't get back on defense, so it's something we have to work on,"

"We also have to be ready and we were in game two, and we always have to be," he added.

Last year the men's basketball team went 10-18 in the season.

The team last year averaged 65 points per game

The 2015-16 season will start Nov. 6 as the Falcons play in the Miramar College tournament.