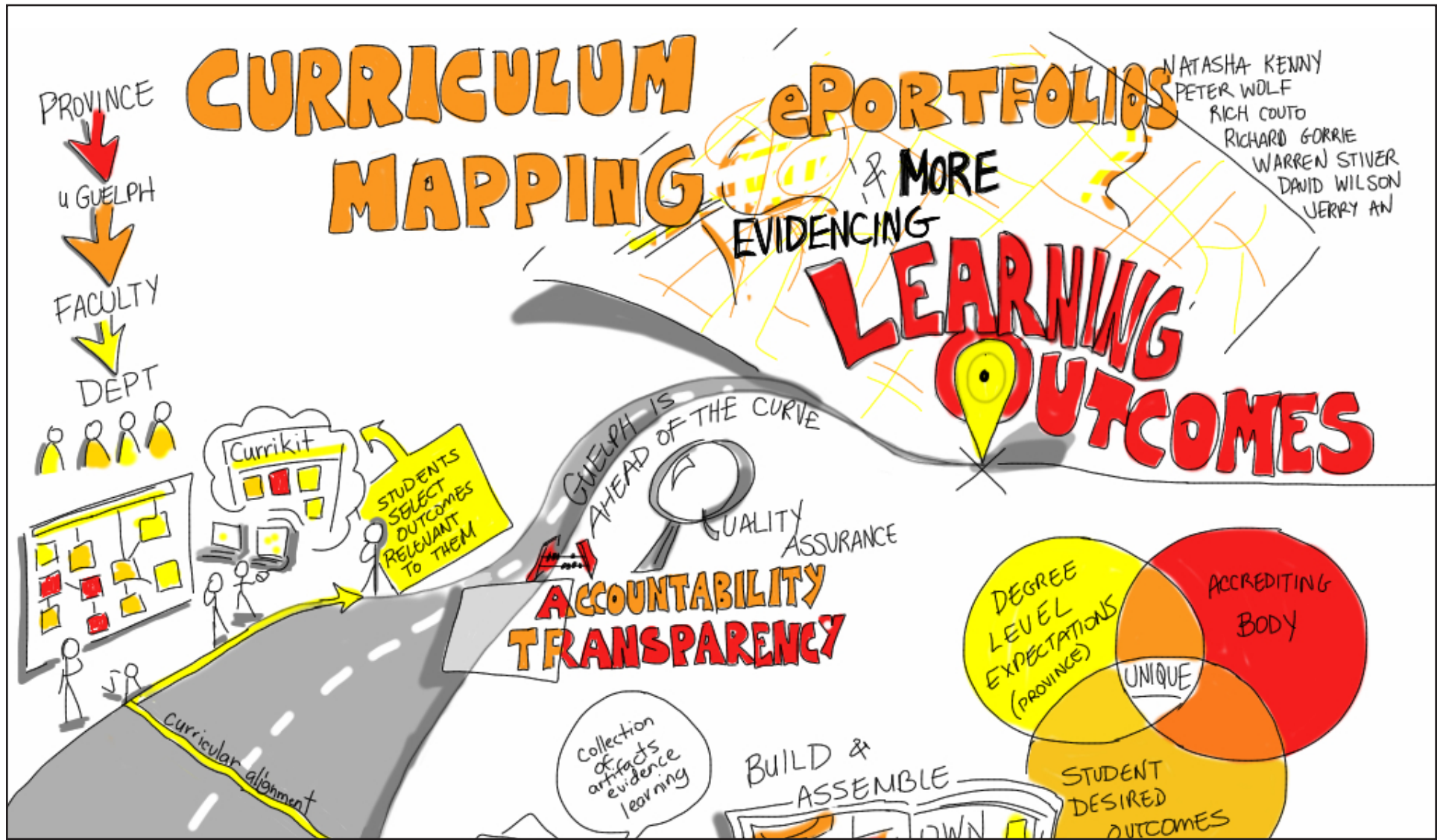


## Cerritos College accreditation reaffirmed until 2024



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**Accreditation:** This is a drawing of Curriculum Planning that was created by @natashakenny or Guilia Forsythe on Flickr. This image shows the learning outcomes and accountability that were talked about SLO's (Student Learning Outcomes).

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*Students wonder, why Student Learning Outcomes are always on syllabi yet no one reads them? Today, we answer why SLO's are part of syllabi.*

Cerritos College received an email from Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) stating, "the Commission acted to reaffirm accreditation for the remainder of the cycle."

Every six years, the ACCJC will be reviewing Cerritos College (in the spring of 2024) and will have a mid-year report every three years.

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I am proud of our team successfully concluded a through collaborative investigation of the campus

Jose Fierro  
President of Cerritos College

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Lee Anne McIlroy, who is the Student Learning Outcomes (SLO) coordinator, is a part of the ESL faculty and is a professor in liberal arts. McIlroy is passionate about learning, philosophy, animals, reading, nature and her family.

When asked about her plans down

the road, McIlroy talked about presenting at the International TESOL Conference, continuing research from East Africa and publishing a book called, *Sleeping With Lions*, which is about living and working in Tanzania.

She also mentioned, "they (students) got the grade, but did they get the skill?"

The SLO coordinator talked about what SLO's should do, "by the end of the semester, we are promising them (students) that they will learn these skills."

The liberal arts professor brought up another purpose for SLOs, "to see how students are learning and if there are any gaps there," she said.

McIlroy spoke on what makes a good SLO, "a specific action verb and a measurable skill."

The professor explained how helpful Dr. Linda Clowers and Dr. Amber Hroch are in fixing the issues ACCJC pointed out.

The SLO coordinator brought up the importance of student involvement in the SLO process, "I often hear from faculty, 'student's don't pay attention to the SLO's' and my answer is, we aren't drawing their attention to the SLO's."

McIlroy discussed the SLO's at the start of the semester and at the end of the semester, have the students rate the SLO's that she created.

The first main issue ACCJC pointed to was that the SLO's on the syllabi were different from the course outline of record ("official").

Secondly, some of the syllabi were not being posted to Rosters+.

The recommendation that the ACCJC mentioned was to, "disaggregate the SLO data", which Professor McIlroy talked about in detail.

"Now, professors have to submit their syllabi before they can download their rosters," Professor McIlroy said.

The SLO coordinator also defined Elumen, which is where the curriculum and the SLO's assessments are placed.

She talked about the importance of communication with faculty, "I think it's made us all aware that we can improve on our communication."

One of the main things McIlroy learned from being the SLO Coordinator is, "just because someone doesn't do it the same way I do it, doesn't mean they don't care."

McIlroy pointed out some animosity she received, "I felt like because she was cooperating with the administration, my intentions were questioned as a faculty member."

Obazuaye, who is a faculty advisor for the CCMUN (Cerritos College Model United Nations) Club, serves for Instructional Programming Review Committee and is a Political Science Professor.

The political science Professor likes to walk, hike and read in his spare time and wants to develop a curriculum for a global citizenship course.

Obazuaye backed up what McIlroy told me in her interview, which was the SLO assessments are required to be posted on Elumen.

The faculty advisor also ...Read more at [Talonmarks.com](http://Talonmarks.com).



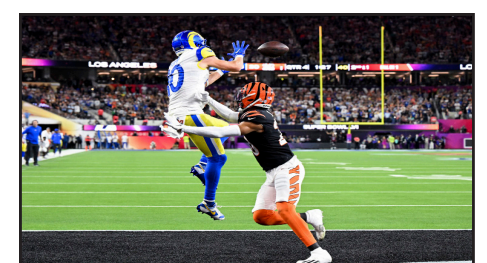
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# Cerritos College Forgives 1.3 million dollars in loans

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Cerritos College distributed \$1.3 million from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HERF), to forgive unpaid student fees which included unpaid enrollment fees, class materials and health services for every kind of student. The college aimed to help students stay in school by not penalizing them for overdue obligations.

According to the Community College Research Center when comparing community college students & four year college students, studies showed how more community college students cancelled plans for college, took fewer courses and dropped by numbers in enrollment. The pandemic hit community college enrollment harshly in comparison to four year colleges.

Over the last two years, students had to abruptly transition from taking classes in person to going online," said

“  
We understand the negative impacts the pandemic has had on our students

Yvette Tafoya  
Dean of Enrollment Services

Yvette Tafoya, dean of enrollment services at Cerritos College. Tafoya said that putting students' needs first helped eliminate a



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**HERF:** Cerritos College aims to provide financial relief by forgiving the debt of unpaid students in the hopes of keeping them enrolled in schools.

financial burden.

The Student Services team at Cerritos College also implemented many programs for the success of students, such as Falcon's Nest, which helps provide students with basic needs such as hygiene necessities, Franco's Market, Franco's closet and campus resource loans.

Cerritos College is the first Californian community college to have a housing project called The Village, provided to homeless students or any students facing housing insecurity. Projects like these provide relief to students and encourage them to stay enrolled in community college.

Tafoya said Cerritos College wants students to complete their necessary classes that they need in order to transfer to a 4-year university or graduate from Cerritos College.

Cerritos College as well as other community colleges aim to prevent this by providing loans, comfort programs and resources to encourage students to refrain from dropping out.

Students are still continuing to abandon their community college due to rising concerns of COVID-19, financial insecurities and the raising of tuition prices both in community colleges and four year universities.

The HEERF awarded Cerritos College five times from 2020 to 2021, providing emergency relief to students ranging from the spring semester in 2020 to the fall semester in 2021.

The America Rescue Plan provides direct relief and assistance to those impacted harshly by COVID-19, and allows HEERF funds to be utilized by ...[Read more at Talonmarks.com.](#)

## President's hour update on Instagram live

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Cerritos College president Jose Fierro hosted an Instagram live to chat with viewers about the College's return to campus in March.

The Cerritos College president, Dr. Jose Fierro, hosted his President's Hour on Instagram live to inform viewers on important notices in regards to the College.

About 20 participants joined the event where they were notified about variety of topics including classes returning to campus on March 7, mask requirements, free COVID-19 testing sites on campus, and the required check-in kiosks.

The first thing president Fierro talked about was the special board meeting being held on Feb. 25 regarding a proposed Map D of the redistricting maps.

"The board of trustees has worked to ensure that they can re-balance the district based on the new census results," Fierro said.

The Cerritos College president also said the update on Optimum HQ where check-in questions will be changed based on the LA Public Department. Fierro then mentioned that the College secured a COVID-19 testing partner, in which students, faculty and community members can get tested there free of charge.

"You can either go and get a booster shot or you will have to test weekly [to be on campus]," Fierro said.

"Home tests (at this time) are not accepted in lieu of weekly testing," Fierro pointed out, "The governor is going to release an endemic plan, California is already trying to make a transition from pandemic to endemic control of COVID-19." Fierro later added, "Endemic

means leaving the pandemic and finding ways to carry on with normal life activities while protecting ourselves from COVID-19."

The Cerritos College president said that even if the mask mandate is lifted before the end of the Spring semester, the College will continue to uphold mask coverings and social distancing requirements.

Fierro then stated that Cerritos College courses will return to campus on March 7.

Although, because many students are continuing to enroll in online courses, the College will continue to offer a variety of class formats such as online, in-person, remote and/or hybrid courses due to popular demand.

"You do not have to get tested weekly if you have the booster," Fierro said, "However, if you want to test weekly or as frequently as you like, you are still eligible to go and get free testing on campus."

The numbers regarding COVID-19 cases are going down significantly in LA county, but jumped back up in the last few weeks, he added. "I know there is a lot of fatigue for all the restrictions," Fierro said, "But obviously those are public health measures that many of us are following, and so we'll see what happens in the future."

Fierro said that he, personally, has no issue with wearing a mask but emphasized that everyone is different and has their own opinions ...[Read more at Talonmarks.com](#)



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**Update:** Dr. Fierro hosts an Instagram live event to communicate with participants virtually and safely.

## Union negotiations working conditions



UNION MEMBER LYNN WANG

**Union:** This was an information picket that faculty (that took place on Oct 6, 2021) and staff attended to advocate to keep health insurance provided by the district. By having this as your background on Zoom, you show support to the Union here at Cerritos.

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Two Union members, Lynn Wang and April Bracamontes, talked about the current contract that is on the table.

Both Wang and Bracamontes are a part of CCFE where Wang is the president, Bracamontes is the vice president of CCFE (respectively).

Wang is also a counselor (Undocu & Financial Aid) and Bracamontes is a communication studies instructor.

Their goal is to, "invest long term in our faculty," Bracamontes said, "but also

that ... it's (the contract) fair, not overly burdensome (and) that there are no discrepancies."

The CCFE president clarified that everything is negotiable and the union is always willing to engage in conversation.

The CCFE president said that working conditions (i.e not being exposed to COVID), increasing salary pay (rise of inflation) and increased pay for part-time faculty are currently on the contract.

Other sections of the contract contain cancellation of classes, health care, staff evaluations and pronouns.

Both Wang and Bracamontes explain that while money is tangible, the contract is more than just focused on pay.

The CCFE vice president

explained the importance of competitive wages, "we can attract great part-time faculty to Cerritos College."

Bracamontes mentioned that while \$50/hour sounds good, "it's not necessarily competitive to other districts in the area."

On the topic of working conditions, "ultimately, faculty conditions are student learning conditions," Bracamontes says.

Bracamontes gave an example of what the union is willing to do, which was informational picketing.

The informational picket took place on Oct. 6, 2021 and they picketed because their health care was at risk. As a result of the picket, they were able to agree on the health care article.

In regards of a strike, "there are a lot of steps that need to happen before we even get there," Wang explains.

Wang also explained why faculty should support the contract, "for faculty, it impacts their lives and their working conditions."

The CCFE vice president cites Maslow's Hierarchy ...[Read more at Talonmarks.com.](#)



# How Covid-19 is impacting the community

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COVID-19 has heavily impacted smaller businesses' ability to host events and Cerritos Colleges' ability to return to in-person classes.

President of the Downey Arts Coalition, Pat Gil, said that they were closed for a whole year because they were incapable of hosting any events for the community.

Andrew Hernandez, a board member of the Downey Arts Coalition, said that they had to send out a notice letting the community know that all events would be cancelled until further notice.

President Gil said that he thinks the shutdown was a responsible thing to do as to look out for older folk who attend their events.

The Downey Arts Coalition is a non-profit organization, which Google defines as a "group organized for purposes other than generating profit." By not hosting any events, they don't stimulate



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**Closed:** This is an image of a closed sign on a restaurant. This was created by Nick Papakyriazis and the picture was taken in Greece.

much revenue to use to reinvest into their future events.

Madison Criollo, student Vice President of the forensic team at Cerritos College, talks about the effect of COVID-19 on her club, "Last semester, Fall 2021, we had a hybrid type of course- we were not able to see one another in-

person. You can only do so much through a screen."

The Vice President of the club talked about the distractions that occur during virtual tournaments. She said, "The Wi-Fi may be a mess and having your family members around can make it difficult to get through

tournaments without having background noise."

The Forensic team's ccoach, Selene Aguirre, talked about the team's struggles, "Before COVID, we were able to meet one on one [in-person]. Due to the pandemic, it has not been available to students "

"Over 70% of small business owners say this omicron wave has hurt them financially. Nearly 40% say they've had to close or scale back hours recently," according to Marketplace.org.

They also mention staffing issues such as employees being hired and quickly leaving due to worries of COVID-19 exposures.

The New York Post said that "nearly 9 million American workers call out sick because of COVID-19." CNN pointed out the increase in inflation and the canceling of restaurant reservations.

Phil Korshak, owner of Korshak Bagels in Philadelphia, told CNN that he worries he will be forced to shut down for an extended period this winter.

COVID-19- and now Omicron- has majorly impacted all types of businesses. The bigger businesses, like Amazon or Walmart, will be perfectly fine but the mom-and-pop shops might not.

It creates unneeded stress that can result in smaller businesses or non-profit organizations shutting down.

## Living in Space with the Columbia Space Center

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The Columbia Space Center in Downey opened registration on Jan. 18 for virtual field trips for the Spring of 2022.

The program includes a live, hour-long Zoom session on Thursday and Friday mornings in groups of 10-35 students with educators covering topics involving astronauts living in space.

Rick O'Connor, Columbia Space Center's Program

Coordinator, said that the idea for virtual field trips came from the first lockdown in 2020.

"We as a staff really wanted to get back to connecting with our community," O'Connor said, "We work here because we truly enjoy working with kids and talking about our love for space"

"Prior to COVID-19, we were filled with students roaming the Center," O'Connor said, "We miss the in-person connection."

O'Connor adds that the lockdown has allowed his team to become adept in virtual programming.

Yesenia Cuarenta, interventionist at Gallatin Elementary school, notes that she feels thankful that the Center encourages exposure to the advantages of virtual learning.

The Challenger Learning Center also offers a program for fifth - eighth grade students.

This hour-long Zoom session will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, designed for remote and hybrid classrooms.

The Space Center extends the invitation for both programs to all schools whether they are in the Downey School District or not.

Registration is now open for both field trip and space mission programs for Spring 2022 and will take flight in February and run through June 10.



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**Pandemic:** After being shut down in 2020 due to COVID-19, the Columbia Space Center in Downey, CA makes the decision to create virtual experiences for students to learn about space in a safe way.

## Grocery store shortage on supplies make a comeback as covid cases increase

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Shelves across the country are being emptied out and are struggling to be restocked.

The shortage in essential workers ranging from truck drivers to grocery store associates continues to fuel this crisis.

Discussions on various Facebook groups in the 562 area prevail as users debate on whether this shortage is due to mass hysteria among the surge of the Omicron variant in preparation for a second lock down, or the shortage in employees.

"It might be due to employees calling in sick," Facebook user Maria Buenrostro wrote on a discussion post in Positively Downey. "This omicron is



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**Shortage:** Grocery store shortages appear to be reoccurring as the omicron variant piles onto supply chain difficulties and labor shortages. Shoppers reminisce the grocery store panic at the beginning of the pandemic.

spreading like wildfire!"

A record number of 4.4

million Americans quit their jobs in November 2021, according

to the Job Opening and Labor Turnover Summary by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

As the Omicron variant rises, more employees are either quitting their jobs or calling off due to positive COVID-19 tests or exposure by family and friends.

Current Walmart employee Sergio Acevedo shared that while COVID-19 makes labor stressful, customers make it more difficult.

"Sometimes we get so short-staffed that our lunches get cut and our breaks are pushed back," he said, "Customers will yell at us for things that are out of our control. Employees are hired to work certain departments that we aren't supposed to move from, so some things cannot be helped."

Acevedo later added that as an essential employee, he is unknowingly exposed to hundreds of people everyday who could potentially be carrying the virus.

He said, "You'd be surprised at how unsafe and unsanitary customers can be. Each day we

struggle between keeping our store clean and doing our best to help customers throughout the store while staying safe."

Lisa Canales, a current Ralph's employee, wrote in a discussion post on Facebook that empty shelves have a lot to do with shipments being cut or delayed.

"This has been an ongoing issue since the pandemic started," Canales stated. The National Grocers Association said that many stores currently operate at less than 50 percent of their usual workforce capacity.

As unemployment rates surface back to pre-pandemic levels, the trucking industry experiences a shortage in an estimated 80,000 truck drivers.

Employees quitting their jobs, retiring and calling off sick leaves trucking companies desperate for workers extending labor to younger audiences.

With Omicron variant cases rapidly rising, there's no telling when this shortage will come to a stop.



# Adventureful Return for Girl Scouts

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As Girl Scouts are preparing to knock on your door, a new cookie is making its debut on the 2022 cookie line-up.

Alongside the classic favorites including do-si-dos, samoas, thin mints and trefoils, Girl Scouts across the country will begin introducing their newest cookie to their sales pitch – adventurefuls.

Adventurefuls are brownie-inspired cookies filled with a caramel flavored creme, a hint of sea salt and a chocolate drizzle on top.

Doty Middle School student, Jocelyn Pena, said that she is excited to support Girl Scouts this season.

“My friend is a Girl Scout and I always look forward to helping her,” Pena said. “My favorite cookies are thin mints but I’m excited to try the new adventurefuls because I also love brownies.”

Cookie funds go into supporting Girl Scout troops, subsidizing their learning activities ranging from camping

trips to troop resources, to STEM projects and more.

Net proceeds from fundraiser sales stay local and fund outdoor experiences, travels, and community projects for the Girl Scouts according to the official Girl Scouts website.

Daisy Prieto, Troop Leader Girl Scout Troop 16352, said that her team is most excited to be able to run local cookie booths again.

“This year will hopefully look a bit brighter for our girl scout entrepreneurs as they will rely on a mix of in-person and online sales. They are super excited and can’t wait to reach their goals,” said Prieto.

This year, buyers have the option to purchase their \$5 boxes in person at booths in front of their local grocery stores or order their treats to be shipped and delivered straight to their homes.

Many Girl Scout families, friends and neighbors have posted links to their local troop’s cookie sales on various social media platforms like Facebook, promoting the start of the sweetest season of the year and encouraging the community to support their local Girl Scouts.

If you know a Girl Scout, you are encouraged to reach out directly to see how her troop is handling sales this year, or visit <https://www.girlscouts.org/> for more information.

Girl Scout cookie season officially begins the popular online and door-to-door sales

on Jan. 23 and will conduct in-person booth sales at a variety of local businesses beginning Jan. 31.

Beginning Feb. 11, Girl Scout troops will officially be located outside both Stater Bros grocery store locations in Norwalk, 11300 Firestone Blvd and 12523 Alondra

Blvd.

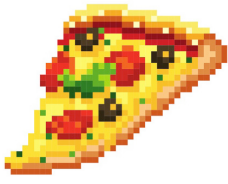
Operation times for both locations’ booths are subject to change but will typically run from around 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Official hours can be found on the official Girl Scouts Cookie Finder.

Be on the lookout for sashes and wagons full of cookie boxes!

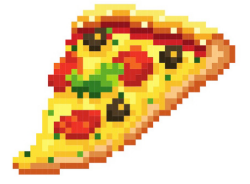


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**Cookies:** Girl Scout cookie season is back and the young entrepreneurs are ready to return to selling the world’s favorite cookies with a smile at grocery stores and local businesses with their newest sweet treat.



## Facebook users promote local pizza parlor in Norwalk



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Facebook users promoted SoCal Pizza, a local pizza parlor in Norwalk, after the business shared their struggles during the pandemic on social media.

After the mom and pop business posted photos of an empty diner reading, ‘don’t be down, Rick, there’s always tomorrow,’ Norwalk Facebook users began re-sharing the post with their own supportive captions.

Users created a public event for the community, inviting members to visit the business on Feb. 9 from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. to dine-in and show their support.

Following the city’s first Coffee with the Mayor event, folks drove down to SoCal Pizza to show their support by eating and drinking locally. Mayor Rick Ramirez also joined in on the fun.

Facebook user Ralph Barrios posted the flyer in The Real Norwalk Neighborhood group (days before the event) in an effort of encouraging Norwalk residents to order from the local business.

SoCal Pizza is a family-owned business located in the city of Norwalk on Imperial Hwy. The business has been up and running since 2010. (Clarissa Arceo)

“Show some support for SoCal Pizza by ordering some food, the owner is a really cool guy and could use our support,” Barrios said, “If we don’t support our own who will!”

As a result, a variety of Norwalk residents showed their support for the business by either

ordering take-out, pick-up or dining in for the experience and posting their photos on Facebook.

A former employee for SoCal Pizza and admin for the Norwalk Interactive Corner group on

Facebook, Jennifer, re-shared SoCal Pizza’s post and shared some words of encouragement of her own.

Jennifer said, “I used to work here and the staff are amazing! It’s a family-owned business, I promise you won’t be let down.”

The company’s social media platforms later shared a post to the community thanking them for their endless support.

SoCal Pizza is now hiring for waiters and waitresses with open availability and a starting pay of \$15/hr. Reach out to the business on Instagram at @socialpizza4. Courtesy of: SoCal Pizza (Clarissa Arceo)

“I want to express from the bottom of my heart my gratitude for everyone’s words of support and shares,” the Owner of SoCal Pizza wrote, “It’s such a blessing to know that we still have such a caring community here. I appreciate you!”

SoCal Pizza is a family-owned business run by Rick Ochoa and his wife, Lori. The business opened its doors in 2010 to share Ochoa’s passion for cooking and serving the community.

With COVID-19 shutting the world down in 2020, small businesses have struggled to survive. Many have closed their doors or have been forced to transition everything online.

SoCal Pizza is one of the many local, small businesses struggling to keep up with the pandemic and appreciates all the support they can get...**Read more at Talonmarks.com.**



SOCAL PIZZA

**Socal Pizza:** Norwalk community members come together to support SoCal Pizza, a local business, after the company shares their struggles.



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# WHOS MOON KNIGHT?

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There has been a lot of hype as well as confusion about Disney+'s new Marvel show called Moon Knight.

Moon Knight has been an underrated and under appreciated character throughout pop culture. He suffers from dissociative identity disorder, which is something you rarely see in comic books and super heroes.

We tend to view superheroes as these perfect beings that do not have to deal with much besides

beating villains up.

The character of Moon Knight directly goes against this common stereotype and illustrates that there can be a superhero that isn't perfect and gives a sense of comfort to readers who deal with mental health issues.

In the comics, Moon Knight has three different secret identities.

His main identity is that of Marc Spector, who is a mercenary that was revived by the Egyptian god of the moon Khonshu.

His other two identities

are Steven Grant, a handsome millionaire, and Jake Lockley, a tough cab driver.

Based on the trailers so far, viewers are yet to see if the show will be incorporating all of these identities.

Moon Knight's powers have changed throughout the comics but in most variations he has enhanced strength, reflexes, speed and durability.

Moon Knight draws his power from Khonshu and in recent years has displayed god-like powers.

Even without his powers, the identity of Spector is an excellent hand-to-hand fighter. Spector was trained in the CIA as well as the Marines.

Moon Knight also has a wide array of weapons at his side such as darts, grapples and ankhs.

Moon Knight is known to be a violent superhero who does not cut his enemies any slack.

He is a hero who loves to fight and scrap, claiming that he wears all white so his enemies can see him coming.



MARVEL STUDIOS' MOON KNIGHT

He is also known to take a punch as opposed to dodging it.

This show seems to be going in the comic accurate direction, showing Moon Knight beating a villain with his bare hands and revealing a comic.

It is interesting and exciting to see Disney make a show surrounded by one of their darker themed heroes, even teasing horror-like scenes in the trailer. This is something we usually do not see throughout the MCU.

The character will be played by actor Oscar Isaac who is no stranger to bringing comic book characters on screen.

Isaac is known for his roles in X-Men, Star wars and Dune.

The show's main antagonist

is Arthur Harrow, played by well known actor Ethan Hawke.

It is still unknown exactly what Harrow's powers and reality may be, but based on trailers he seems to be some type of German cult leader.

In the comics Harrow has a very minor role.

He is a famous doctor that was exposed for using information and experiments from the Auschwitz concentration camps.

Marvel fans will have to wait and see what Disney has in store for Harrow and if he is even the main antagonist.

Expect to see the Egyptian god of the dead Anubis sometime throughout the show.



MARVEL STUDIOS' MOON KNIGHT

## Microsoft set to acquire Activision

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On Jan. 18, Microsoft announced their plans to acquire longtime video game development and publisher Activision for \$68.7 million.

This will shake up the gaming landscape because for over 40 years now Activision has been seen as a multiplatform gaming company providing some of gaming's biggest franchises such as Call of Duty, Candy Crush and Overwatch.

Along with the acquisition of Activision comes Blizzard, which is well known in PC gaming for series' like World of Warcraft, Diablo and StarCraft.

But one of the biggest questions with this acquisition is will Microsoft/Xbox allow Activision to continue to develop and publish games for other platforms? Back in 2014, Microsoft had purchased Mojang, which is well known for producing the modern classic Minecraft, allowed other platforms such as PlayStation and Nintendo to sell Minecraft on their respective consoles.

It would be hard to imagine classic franchises like Call of Duty to be exclusive to only Xbox rather than PlayStation which is where the majority of their player base is and the possibility of those big named franchises not being widely available on other platforms might just hurt both Microsoft and Activision.

This decision can honestly go both ways - one where

Microsoft allows Activision to develop and publish video games, as well as for other platforms, and maybe even provide resources to help with development. It could even be one where Microsoft takes a gamble and makes Activision develop and publish video games exclusively for Xbox and perhaps even PC.

Another major concept that might be subject to change is cross platform gaming, which allowed other gaming platforms like PlayStation and Nintendo to play online with each other without any console restrictions, games that primarily feature are Fortnite, Call of Duty, Overwatch and Diablo.

Many gamers fear that Microsoft might put a stop or do some type of monetization of cross platform gaming, but I believe it would reinforce the idea that video games should not be bound to only be played on one platform and dividing player bases, but rather be played among all other platforms and connect the gaming community together.

One more thing to note is how this will affect Microsoft in their biggest platform Xbox, and not just Xbox but their current subscription based streaming service of video games which is known as Xbox Game Pass which allows subscribers to download, stream and play a vast library of video games new and old on Xbox, PC, and mobile device's.

This acquisition will ...[Read more at Talonmarks.com.](#)

## LIFE IS STRANGE GETS REWORKED

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The timeless classic that is Square Enix's Life is Strange was released once again as a remastered edition on Feb. 1, in which the emotions shown in the story of Max Caulfield and Chloe Price are in high-definition graphics—or so was promised.

While Life is Strange has always been a game that has brought about emotion, it never quite achieved it through how detailed its pixels looked.

It was accomplished by the beautiful storyline, the voice acting and the morals behind the premise of reuniting with a childhood friend.

The re-release could have been an update to the original game, which was released in 2015.

This version of Max's narrative adds nothing except upgraded models and some enhanced gameplay mechanics—as well as a price tag of \$40.

It is clear that Max and Chloe received most of the attention, though; however, the other characters in the game are more unnatural.

One example is Principal Raymond Wells of Blackwell Academy, whose face is droopy than the solemn like he was during the first game.

Another startling example is Kate Marsh, a devout Christian in which no emotion is present on a person who was displayed as someone who could originally express sadness with a few words in the way she spoke.

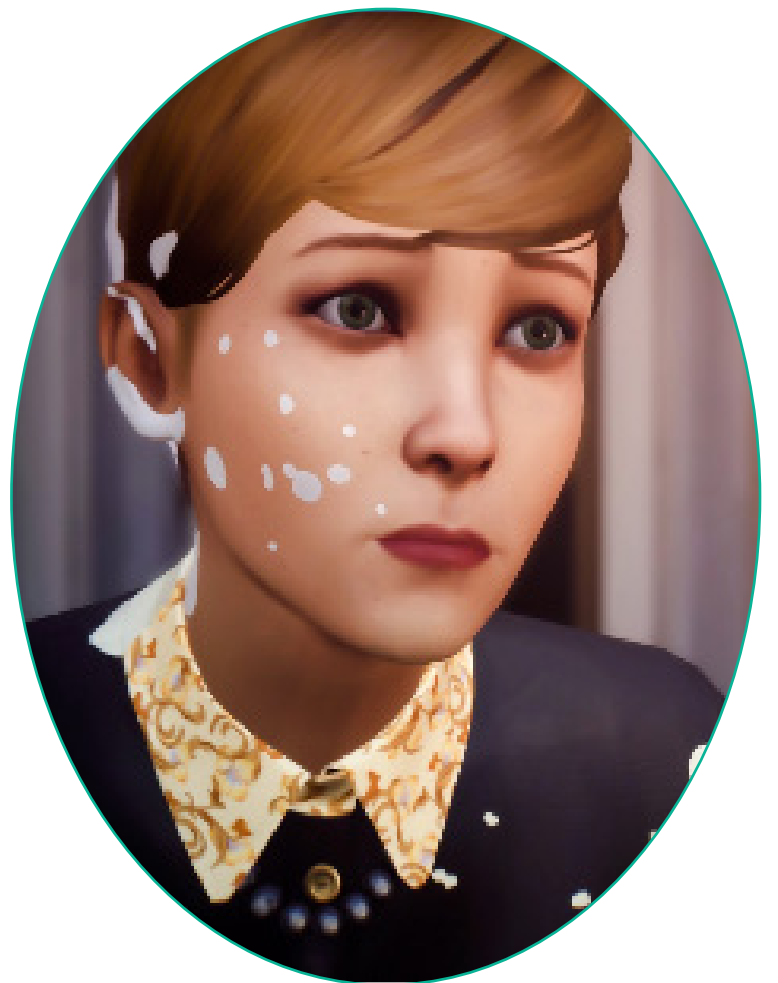
These types of features don't quite reduce the emotional impact of Max's decisions, but it does feel less natural and heartfelt when it is as obvious as the examples

provided.

It feels like it emphasizes Max and Chloe's roles as the protagonist but ignores the fact that so many other characters contribute to what the story has to offer.

Square Enix has promised to

Something that can work in Square Enix's favor is investing in more original stories like those of Life is Strange: True Colors, which introduced Alex Chen, a foster child with a tragic history that already sets an emotional storyline for the player to explore.



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*Apart from some character models, others are just relatively untouched—just slightly enhanced. But is a little enhancement being worth \$40 is also a little questionable.*

fix these kinds of visual mistakes with regular updates beyond the release date.

What it has failed to recognize is that Life is Strange Remastered is another weak-willed attempt by a company at grabbing whatever's left inside the player's wallet.

It actually adds something unique to the Life is Strange franchise.

Square Enix will acquire its share of success from individuals who aren't familiar with the Life is Strange universe ...[Read more at Talonmarks.com.](#)



# Studio Ghibli Exhibit in LA

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Studio Ghibli fans of all ages can now take a trip with their favorite characters at the Hayao Miyazaki Exhibit dedicated to the works of Studio Ghibli at the Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles.

The exhibit opened at the end of Sept. and will run through June 2022. Vaccination cards (or a negative COVID-19 test), and a valid state ID are required prior to entering the building.

General admission tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.academymuseum.org/en/> for \$25, \$15 for students with a valid school ID and free if you are a member with the museum.

With general admission tickets, guests are allowed to visit other exhibits featured in the museum and visit the gift store selling unique Studio Ghibli merchandise.

Studio Ghibli is a Japanese animation film studio, founded in 1985 by Hayao Miyazaki and

Takahata Isao known for its high quality artistry and unique storytelling.

The films touch on real life topics that are relevant, emotional and heavy on immersive realism.

The museum's exhibition curator Jessica Niebel and assistant curator J. Raul Guzman organized the collaboration with Studio Ghibli to bring the first North American retrospective.

Hayao Miyazaki, the exhibit, features hundreds of original storyboards, layouts, character designs, backgrounds from Studio Ghibli archives and is thematically assembled into several sections.

Upon arrival, guests enter through a tree-like tunnel into the works of films like *My Neighbor Totoro* and *Spirited Away* as well as character designs and older works by the Studio.

Deeper into the exhibit awaits an immersive sky view experience where guests are invited to lay on a slanted platform and gaze up at the nostalgic sky setting featured in Miyazaki's films.

A section in the exhibit is dedicated to the creations of



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**Film:** *The Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in Los Angeles presents Hayao Miyazaki, an exhibit dedicated to the works of Studio Ghibli.*

settings featured throughout the films such as *Howl's Moving Castle* as well as the transformations and connections made between humans, nature and the spiritual world.

The exhibition is accompanied by a number of film screenings throughout your stay, with walls featuring one of Studio Ghibli's 22 films at nearly every turn.

25-year-old Genesis Herrera

said that they were pleased with the exhibit's portrayal of Hayao Miyazaki's world and Studio's production.

"I grew up watching Studio Ghibli films with my little sister," they said, "So to be able to see how the worlds I imagined myself living in were brought to life, it makes me so happy and nostalgic."

No form of film or photography is allowed in the actual Miyazaki

exhibit to maintain privacy and respect for the Studio.

Guests are, however, invited to take pictures with the art display at the entrance of the exhibit and visit the museum's sky view balcony for a breathtaking view of the city.

Studio Ghibli fans are encouraged to visit ...[Read more at Talonmarks.com](https://www.talonmarks.com).

## Call to artists: "Jukebox" is cancelled!

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Since Omicron has taken over, the Downey Art Coalition had to postpone the "Jukebox" event till April.

Both President Gil and Hernandez said that in the process of thinking of "Jukebox", we were ... brainstorming and we thought - "wouldn't it be great to have art pieces that are inspired

by actual songs." What inspired the theme was the Schoolhouse Rock song, "3's a Magic Number", which was released in 1973.

Their initial title of the event was "Name That Tune" but ended with "Jukebox". When brainstorming titles, President Gil and Hernandez looked for a title, "that rolls off the tongue."

The Downey Art Coalition's focus is to, "nourish arts and culture in the community" President Gil points out.

She also alluded to why they

continued the Downey Art Coalition, "we felt like Downey needed more art and culture" and gave an anecdote, "I had to leave Downey to go experience it in other places". The President also mentioned that during that time, she felt a disconnect with her city.

President Gil gave a story about the city's resistance to keeping the Art Committee, "it was like 'oh these art people, they just want to have art shows' ... and I don't think that they felt it was ... important". However, the city noticed that the Wine Bar would fill up and would ask the Downey Art Committee to curate more events.

Hernandez explained how he curates events, "We try our best to connect them to the concert as much as possible. Then, [we] write up a Call To Artists, send it out to different people."

The process of picking art is simple, "they hardly turn anyone away" Hernandez said, "it's usually when the art piece is so off-topic for the theme" - but that art can be considered for the next art show.

President Gil brought up that they were a nonprofit organization, she introduces one of the reasons why she is in the Downey Art Coalition, "I want to give those local artists a chance."

When talking about their favorite moments of the Downey Arts Coalition, President Gil excitedly talked about their 10th Anniversary, having Blue's Legend James Harmond and Phil Alvin play at their Wine Bar, the *Defying Gravity* event and had a rare red violin in one of their shows (which was called "Rhapsody in Red").

Hernandez talked about his

best memories with the Downey Arts Coalition by explaining his amazement in the symphony, "it's not something you see ... you have an art exhibition along with incredible music". He also talked about how his first curated event was "Cosmic", which the theme was about space.

President Gil also explains the mentorship these artists take part in, which inspires younger artists to get better at their craft. President Gil talked about the difference between the Downey Art Coalition versus other organizations, "We are a grass-roots nonprofit" and explained that they don't have many rules, "or a lot of red tape".

President Gil brought up that her dad is a musician and how she grew up with music all of her life.

She then found out that there was a Downey Symphony and became a 'cheerleader' for them. President Gil works as a Project Cost Administrator for a construction company and feels like the Downey Art Coalition is her 'artistic outlet'.

Hernandez explained that he took an art appreciation class in high school and when he had to create a painting, he was so drawn into that painting. He then met Liz Moran at Dominguez Hills, which led him to Pat (President Gil) and they both were talking on the phone.

Hernandez gives his advice on curation, "be open to change" and President Gil's advice was to "treat everybody with respect."

They made it clear that they, "are open to growing". President Gil also talked about DAC's biggest need, "support (behind the people)" and ...[Read more at Talonmarks.com](https://www.talonmarks.com).



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**Music:** *Lego jukebox, which is similar to the jukebox event. The image was taken by EROL*



# ABCUSD neglects equal pay for CTE teachers

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CTE pathways aim to prepare students for their future careers, and enable them to develop not only industry skills, but also academic ones. However, the ABCUSD refuses to update an outdated contract of over two years to help CTE teachers adjust for their cost of living – which could lead to a strike by the teachers and potentially end CTE within the district.

Risking the termination of CTE courses is one of the many mistakes that the ABCUSD is partaking in. This specific school district dismisses the value that CTE teachers bring to the table by constantly ignoring their request to be paid fairly in comparison to single subject teachers.

Does the future of students who aren't interested in STEM matter to the ABCUSD? Why is it that the ABCUSD is sitting back comfortably when their own CTE teachers struggle to make ends meet?

CTE teachers, who have the same amount of training, experience and credentials as single subject teachers, are being put down for no reason- even by petty teachers at their own schools. By teaching CTE career pathways to the youth, we are broadening their horizons on picking a career and increasing



**ABC Unified School District:** The ABCUSD refuses to treat Career Technical Education teachers fairly by dismissing required updates for their teaching contracts.

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their likelihood of graduating.

CTE teachers work hard in every district such as the ABCUSD to provide quality education by self-designing their own curriculum while using their own resources such as time and money. Single subject teachers have everything easy to the point where they rely on readily-available resources, but will get paid way more than

CTE teachers (according to the low compensation rates on their website).

\*Sean Baker, a CTE teacher in the ABCUSD, mentioned that the district has about a 14% surplus for operating funds (which is 4% more than the standard amount on a scale of 4% – 10%). Baker says this further proves that the ABCUSD has a surplus amount of money that they're simply

refusing to distribute to their CTE teachers- which is very suspicious (and makes it look like they're embezzling the money).

"If you can't pay 18 people a regular salary," Baker said, "what are you doing with that money then?"

If we care for the future of the creative youth who will bring light into this world with their talent in CTE, we must demand

the ABCUSD at their district board meeting on Feb. 15 from 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. that we will not tolerate inequality towards CTE teachers. It's time to stop treating these highly qualified teachers with disrespect, and demand their salaries to be adjusted according to the cost of living.

I stand as one of the many examples of someone who benefitted from a CTE teacher. If it wasn't for the CTE pathway I took in high school, I wouldn't be where I am today.

I'm a student writing for a newspaper in Cerritos College, successfully transferring to a university as a journalism major who's beyond content with the opportunities I have ahead of me. I wouldn't have even known about my love for journalism if it wasn't for my CTE teacher at Cerritos High School.

ABCUSD should think twice before repeatedly neglecting the hard work CTE teachers do to successfully shape the future of individuals. School districts like this one shouldn't be taking advantage of these teachers by paying them less than what they work for.

Without these brilliant CTE teachers, who will shape the future of the youth who don't see their future in STEM? Not everyone is cut out for STEM majors/careers.

\*Sean Baker is a given name for a CTE teacher in the ABCUSD who wishes to keep his identity anonymous.

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## Men need to stop over-sexualizing women

sexualize women and make them look as revealing as possible, but when a woman chooses to show herself to gain confidence she is insulted and people say she has no respect for herself (specifically by men). Some men may even say, 'well if she didn't dress like a wh\*re, then she wouldn't be sexually assaulted.'

Clothing doesn't excuse men or anyone to sexually harass or assault women. Men oftentimes use the logic that 'she was asking for it' to justify their disgusting behavior, but no. She wasn't asking for it.

According to an article by Silive, more than half of the women who were interviewed noticed that they've changed their clothing, refused to attend social events and felt uncomfortable at their work/school because of men catcalling them.

Cat-calling women (who are minding their own business) is form of sexual harassment. Women have to live with fear that they can't dress the way they want to because men will harass them just to gain power and sexual attention.

It is unfair that women are constantly having to be in fear of simply rejecting a man. The amount of cases that have arose because of men verbally and physically targeting women



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**Sexual harassment:** Women are sexually harassed on a daily basis and often go ignored when dismissing unwanted attention. "No" means "no" and simple confirmation of that does not mean "yes" or "convince me."

in the last few years because stricken egos (by being rejected) is honestly ridiculous.

It's not the fault of women if men can't handle simple rejection. Women are rejected by men all the time, yet the women don't become violent with the men after receiving rejection.

Women are left having to be alert every time that they go out, and are potentially approached or catcalled by a man causing them to be in danger or left feeling

emotionally distressed.

Why are men not being properly held accountable?

Parents, teachers and elders in the community need to educate and really talk to young men about respecting women's boundaries.

These conversations should especially start occurring when they're young.

Women's Aid, a domestic violence organization, presented statistics proving that domestic abuse is a gendered crime aimed

specifically towards women.

It's 2022, and we as a generation need to be the ones to stop sexism, misogyny, over-sexualization and the harassment of women by educating men at a young age.

We must educate men on how to deal with a woman saying no or how to take a woman's rejection instead of constantly harassing the women, trying to physically harm her or even pulling a weapon out on her.

Women are being cat-called, harassed and given unfair dress codes in school due to the men who cannot be respectful and considerate.

Once men are rejected, they blame women for who they dress and act, making our society one of hyper-sexualization, misogyny and even grooming.

According to a Mother Jones article, 28.3% of female characters in movies are wearing revealing attire while only 8% are male characters.

Genres in media such as Anime exploit women by constantly showing them as very curvy in lingerie clothing to get more views; men, on the other hand, are hardly over-sexualized.

The media chooses to over-



# Should we use the term Latinx?

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Latinx is a term made for people in the Latin American community meant to be gender neutral for individuals of Latin-American descent. Even though it was made to do good, there has been back lash throughout its history.

According to Pew Research Center, 23% of Hispanic adults have heard of it and only 3% use it. Many people had even felt offended by the word, one of the reasons being because they feel that it replaces Latino from the Spanish vocabulary.

The National Review said that Politico made a survey asking Latinos if they found it offensive and the results showed that 40% felt the term is offensive and 30%

said they would not support the term neither.

The Washington Post mentioned people on social media like Facebook, said that the word anglicizes the Spanish language, erases their own heritage and they fought for their gender to be recognized as Latina.

So the question is, should we all use Latinx? Due to the amount of hate it gets and it has already become an official term, anyone

who wants to use it can and anyone doesn't want to doesn't have to.

However, if the word will be used, the call to action should be using the word as a term in English, but also using Latino and Latina when talking about a specific person and just "Latino" when referring to a group of people in Spanish.

It is like saying Latin American in English and Latino Americano in Spanish. Even though it sounds absurd to most people, it is important to have a name that is equal to all in the community.

The term came about online in 2004 to be more gender neutral to all Hispanics. It also made its first appearance in academic literature in 2013, in a Puerto Rican psychological periodical to challenge the gender binaries encoded in the Spanish language.

The term had been used in social media by activists, students and academics that want advocate for people of non-binary and gender-queer.

The 'x' was brought in to not only be a substitute for the letters 'o' and 'a,' but also to take recognition in the indigenous communities.

According to Wikipedia, there had also been changes to other terms as well. The other terms were Chicax/Xicanx instead Chicano which describes a Mexican-American, Mexicanx, Latine, Lateen and Latin@.

Though they were made to show more acceptance to non-binary Latinos, it only fueled the anger of the ones that despised with the word since they already dislike Latinx.

In all honesty, the attempt to make the other words have more equal meaning is respected but it seemed like the people who came up with it was doing too much.

Critics say that it does not follow the traditional Spanish grammar, difficult to pronounce and disrespectful to the language. The Royal Spanish Army also does not recognize the suffix 'x' as well.

On top of this, students at Columbia University had also changed the name of Hispanic Heritage Month to Latinx Hispanic Heritage Month. Even though this was an official change, it is still not being used.

made Latina, and 40% said that they were...[Read more at Talonmarks.com.](#)

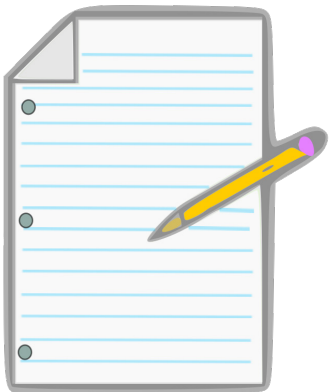


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**Latin American Heritage:** Latinx was made for better equality but received a significant amount of dislike in the process due to its' generalization of different cultures. The controversial term has many interpretations for the hispanic community as depicted in the image above.

# Burmese military abuse of power goes unchecked

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### Letters to the Editor

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Prior to the civilian government of Burma was a 100-year-old military government that only recently gave civilians positions of power. Now, it's come back and no one cares enough to say anything.

The nation of Burma had ruled peacefully by the democratically-elected National League for Democracy until its military, the Tatmadaw, forcefully took over on Feb. 1, and since then, brutalized the people of Burma.

Despite major political and economic reforms that began in 2011, the military still took hold of Burma for reasons that can only be speculated, given that authority figures in the Tatmadaw—the Burmese military's official name—have traditionally been reserved.

The only significant gain from this coup has been the restoration of its political command for individuals like senior general Min Aung Hlaing.

Not to mention the freedom to enact its will without anyone deciding against it, as evidenced by the killings that occurred in Kayah State in late Dec., where civilians attempted to flee from combat.

As well as the mistreatment of the Rohingya Muslim minority,



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**Protests in Burma:** It didn't take long for the citizens of Burma to organize protests against the new military rule in states like Yangon. However, it also didn't take long for the said military rule to respond with brute force.

which already has a history of abuse by the Burmese military.

What's more, is that this stratocracy—a government ruled by military chiefs—can now utilize its newfound authority to diminish U.S. influence in the Indo-Pacific region while tension grows between China and Taiwan.

To clarify, Burma is India's next-door neighbor, and the

Government of the Russian Federation has all but shown its support for the regime as it continues to arm its military and conduct bilateral visits.

The same Russian government that is threatening war with the White House over Ukraine for greater authority in Europe.

That Burma is critical to India's economic prosperity is

not helpful, what with its location making it the center of the India-Southeast Asia sector.

However, if the Tatmadaw decides to abide by Moscow's sentiments, then the U.S. will lose one of its most advantageous allies if an armed conflict occurs between Taiwan and China.

That being said...[Read more at Talonmarks.com.](#)



# Cerritos Falcons rallies against Victor Valley Rams

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Cerritos ends their losing streak and wins 10-9 on a walk-off hit in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Freshman infielder, No. 24, Bilal Ali singled through the middle for the game-winning run against Victor Valley.

Ali collected two RBIs through sophomore No. 15 Andy Vega and No. 44 Sawyer Chesley.

Vega was the tying run on third and Chesley was the winning run on second as they scored through Ali's hit.

"It was exciting, today I was struggling towards the beginning finding my swing," Ali said, "I felt prepared and I was ready when I saw that pitch come my eyes got wide and I was able to bring it home for the team."

Freshman outfielder, No. 23 Angel Alvarez was walked in the bottom of the ninth and got the balk off the Rams pitcher.

No. 14, Lucas Iorgulescu got to first base off a throwing error, Alvarez rounded off third base and home plate for the score to make it 7-9.

Down by two, both Vega and Chesley were walked at the plate after battling it out with the Rams pitcher.

Ali was up at the plate when



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**Runner Advances:** Sophomore No. 15 Andy Vega cheers on No. 44 Sawyer Chesley who makes his way home after Ali singled through the middle. Chesley would be the winning walk-off run against the Victor Valley Rams on Feb. 12, 2022.

a wild pitch flew right by Victor Valley catcher Iorgulescu scored an unearned run.

Vega would take third along with Chesley on second. Ali battled out with the pitcher before he send it down the middle for the win.

The Falcons were down 9-6 at the end of the first inning.

The dugout consisted of motivational spirits as Cerritos remained hopeful of winning this

game as losing was not an option

Defensive plays from the outfield helped stoped this game get out of hand despite critical errors in the infield. Six total pitchers were used throughout the game by the Falcons.

A notable player worth mentioning is sophomore second baseman/shortstop No. 3, Alex Bueno who stepped up as the starting catcher for the game due to injured starting catcher Daniel

Mariscal Jr.

"There's certain needs ask, sometimes you have to do something you've never done before," Bueno said, "when the team demands you answer." "I'm happy for the guys," coach Vic says, "we preach that in practice that we have to play all nine innings, starting from the first pitch in the first inning to the last out in the ninth inning and they did that they battled, they believed

that they could get the job done to come out victorious and they made it happen." Freshman RHP, No. 50, J'amore' Ward started on the mound and pitched three innings allowing four hits, five runs, and three errors.

Freshman LHP, No. 26, Matt Cabrera relieved RHP, No. 32, Tony Lendvai to start the top of the ninth inning for the Falcons. He only gave up one run and two hits and retired the inning against Victor Valley.

The Falcons baseball record moves to 3-5-1 in non-conference...*Read more at Talonmarks.com.*



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**Runner Slides:** Freshman No. 14, Lucas Iorgulescu steals home off a wild pitch. He scores the Falcons eighth run of the game in the bottom of the ninth inning against the Victor Valley Rams on Feb. 12, 2022.

## ⚾ Cerritos softball rolls through El Camino ⚾

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The Falcons softball team wins 7-1 against El Camino Warriors in an amazing offensive start.

Freshman pitcher, No. 7, Samantha Islas started the game on the mound against the El Camino Warriors. She retired the top of the first inning with two K's.

The Falcons softball team starts big in the bottom of the first with a grand slam by freshman pitcher/infielder No. 5, Richere Leduc as she collects four RBIs to make it 4-0.

The Warriors would score off a fielding error at the top of the third inning as No. 9, Kayla Inzunza put El Camino on the board.

In the bottom of the fourth, freshman pitcher, No. 12, Maddy Guillen would be walked, followed behind freshman outfielder, No. 27, Negasse Williams would be hit by the pitch to take first and second base.

Freshman outfielder, No. 4, Alyssa Capps grounded out off a bunt, leading to Guillen and Williams advancing to second and third base.

Freshman second baseman, No. 24, Alyssa Sotelo singled to center field and collected one RBI as Guillen would score the Falcons fifth run of the game, Williams was not too far behind as she rounded third base and was tagged out at home plate.



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**At Bat:** Freshman outfielder, No. 4, Alyssa Capps up to bat smacks the ball as she singles to the right side of the field against El Camino. She would get caught stealing second base by Warrior's second baseman on Feb. 10, 2022.

Cerritos was up 5-1 to start the top of the fifth, Islas would end the top of the fifth with another K after two warriors popped up to freshman shortstop, No. 14, Miranda Diaz, and freshman third baseman, No. 2, Brooklyn Bedolla.

The Warriors would make some defensive adjustments in the bottom of the fifth, Diaz was struck by a pitch, Bedolla would be walked, Leduc singled to warriors third baseman to load the bases for Cerritos.

Williams was walked at the plate, collecting one RBI and the go-ahead score for Cerritos

as Diaz made it 6-1 against the Warriors. Freshman utility player, No. 9, Havyn Marines flew out to center field leaving three LOB at the end of the fifth.

In an intense battle in the top of the sixth for the Falcons, the defense bends but did not break to end the inning with three runners on each base with two outs as Islas K's No. 11 Clarissa Lockett.

The Falcons defense held El Camino to only one run scored in the ball game. In the bottom of the sixth inning, Diaz would collect herself one RBI through a sacrifice fly ball to third base.

Capps would round third and

slide home for the unearned run due to an error from the warriors. Cerritos would be up 7-1, Bedolla would ground out to third base and retire the bottom of the sixth inning. Cerritos would end the game in the top of the seventh as the Warriors grounded out, popped up, and fouled to Bedolla and Sotelo to end the game.

Islas would earn her third win pitching all seven innings to improve to 3-1 on the season. She earned seven K's against El Camino only allowing six hits and one run.

Softball improves to...*Read more at Talonmarks.com.*

## Baseball Schedule

Feb. 24 at home vs Los Angeles Harbor at 2 p.m.

Feb. 25 away vs Los Angeles Valley 2 p.m.

Feb. 26 away vs Los Angeles Harbor at 12 p.m.

March. 1 away vs East Los Angeles at 2 p.m.

March. 3 home vs East Los Angeles at 2 p.m.

March. 5 away vs East Los Angeles at 12 p.m.

## Softball Schedule

Feb. 24 at home vs Los Angeles Harbor at 3 p.m.

Feb. 25 at home vs Pasadena City at 3 p.m.

March. 1 at home vs Rio Hondo at 3 p.m.

March. 3 away vs Mt. San Antonio at 3 p.m.

March. 5 away vs Cypress at 12 p.m.

To see full schedule visit at [www.CerritosCollegeAthletics.com](http://www.CerritosCollegeAthletics.com)



## Rams road to the Super Bowl

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The Los Angeles Rams are 2022 Super Bowl champs. The road to a ring was not easy and it all started in 2014.

Aaron Donald was drafted in the first round of the 2014 draft out of Pittsburgh and has been the anchor for the Rams ever since.

Donald is an eight-time pro bowler, a seven-time all-pro and a three-time defensive player of the year.

Despite the outstanding production and talent of the defensive tackle, the Rams did not begin to compete until the hiring of Sean McVay.

When McVay was hired in 2017 he was the youngest head coach in NFL history. A lot of controversies came with the hire due to McVay's inexperience and age.

McVay proved the doubters wrong, leading the Rams to their first playoff appearance in years with a record of 11-5.

In the five years, he has been head coach the offensive guru has never had a losing season, and has made the playoffs four out of five times.

The next key in the Rams' journey and one of McVay's first steps was the drafting of Cooper Kupp. Kupp was drafted in 2017 in the third round out of Eastern Washington.

Kupp has been a productive receiver in his five years, but this past year is when he hit his stride.

Kupp had arguably the greatest season ever for a wide receiver. Kupp led the league in receiving yards, receiving touchdowns, receptions, and yards after catch.

Kupp ended the season with 1,947 receiving yards, second most in a season all-time. He was also awarded the Offensive Player of the Year award and was named Super Bowl MVP.

The Rams' next move was trading for cornerback Jalen Ramsey in 2019. Ramsey has been the best corner in the league since, earning first-team all-pro honors twice.

The most controversial move throughout the Rams' road was the trading of Matthew Stafford.

The longtime Detroit Lions quarterback was...  
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## LA Rams win Super Bowl 2022



**Celebration:** Los Angeles Rams head coach Sean McVay holds the Lombardi Trophy after defeating the Cincinnati Bengals, 23-20, in Super Bowl LVI at SoFi Stadium on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022, in Inglewood, California. (Brian van der Brug/Los Angeles Times/TNS)

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The Los Angeles Rams are Super Bowl champions after defeating the Cincinnati Bengals 23-20. All those traded draft picks the Rams made paid off.

Rams D-lineman Aaron Donald seals the win late in the Fourth quarter forcing Bengals quarterback, Joe Burrow to toss the ball up in efforts to keep their hopes alive.

It was unsuccessful as the ball would be incomplete intended for Bengals running back, Samaje Perine on fourth and one.

Rams wide receiver, Cooper Kupp secured Super Bowl MVP after catching eight passes, for 92-yards, and two TD's.

A crucial Fourth down conversion on the sweep to Kupp kept the Rams alive.

Kupp has arguably had the greatest season ever recorded by a receiver after winning the OPTY award for leading the league in

TD receptions, receiving yards, and receptions.

Stafford who the Rams traded for back in 2021, proved to be the solution to the Rams offensive struggles last season.

Cincinnati came out swinging in the second half of the game after scoring on a controversial no call penalty on the first offensive play of the half.

For what would have been offensive pass interference after Bengals receiver, Tee Higgins grabbed Rams cornerback, Jalen Ramsey face mask as he fell down looking for a flag from the officials.

Stafford would throw an interception after the ball slipped out of Kupp's hands and popped up into the air and picked off by defensive back, Chidobe Awuzie.

Defense turned up as the Rams defensive front forced pressure on Burrow and the Bengals unmatched O-line.

Burrow was sacked seven times for a total loss of 43-yards. Rams outside linebacker Von

Miller and Donald both recorded 2 sacks and 3 total hit on the quarterback.

Burrow was held to 22 completed passes for 263-yards and one TD in the ball game.

Stafford completed 26 passes on 40 attempts for 283-yards, three TD's and two interceptions.

Rams wide receiver, Odell Beckham Jr. caught two passes for 52-yards and the games first TD got injured as he tore his ACL late in the second quarter.

Beckham Jr. was very emotional on the sidelines throughout the game as he unsuited his gear watching his team struggle offensively without him on the field.

Both teams run games were struggling to move the ball throughout the game as both defenses held each team to less than 100 rushing yards.

The city of LA celebrated throughout the night to see their team bring home a championship to LA following behind the Lakers and Dodgers in 2020.



**Touchdown catch:** Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Cooper Kupp (10) catches a 1-yard touchdown pass in front of Cincinnati Bengals cornerback Eli Apple (20) late in the fourth quarter in Super Bowl LVI at SoFi Stadium on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022, in Inglewood, California. (Wally Skalij/Los Angeles Times/TNS)

## Mathew Stafford trade proves worth it

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The trade for Matthew Stafford to the Rams is turning out to be one of the greatest trades in recent history.

His arm talent, experience, leadership, and his ability to make throws in the pocket are why the Rams made the trade and why they are where they are.

Stafford had a career year, finishing in the top five to 10 range in a lot of major stats.

Stafford finished third in the league with 4,886 passing yards while completing 67% of his passes. Stafford was tenth in the league in completion percentage.

Stafford was second in the league in passing touchdowns with an amazing 41 touchdowns.

He was also third in the league in yards per attempt with 8.1 and finished sixth in passer rating with 102.9. This is Stafford's second-highest passer rating in his 13th year in the league.

Stafford averaged over 287 yards per game while leading the Los Angeles Rams to a 12-5 record, their best record since 2018.

Detroit Lion fans and long-time Stafford fans were not surprised to see Stafford perform the way he did this year.

The former first-round pick out of Georgia set several records while playing in Detroit.

He was the fourth quarterback of all time to throw for over 5 thousand yards in a single season.

He was also the fastest player ever to reach 40 thousand career passing yards.

Stafford did this while playing for the poor franchise that the Lions are.

The main speculation that came from the Stafford trade was if he can get it done and win against good teams in big games.

It is safe to say that the 33-year-old proved everyone wrong.

During the regular season, the Rams were 4-5 against winning teams. Stafford was a little inconsistent in some of these games but still one four tough games against tough opponents.

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