### Fueling the Economic Development Engine





Dr. Jose Fierro, President/Superintendent

The world's youngest self-made billionaire 'absolutely' recommends dropping out of college to make money instead—here's why

20 Self-Made Millionaires Who Didn't Go To College

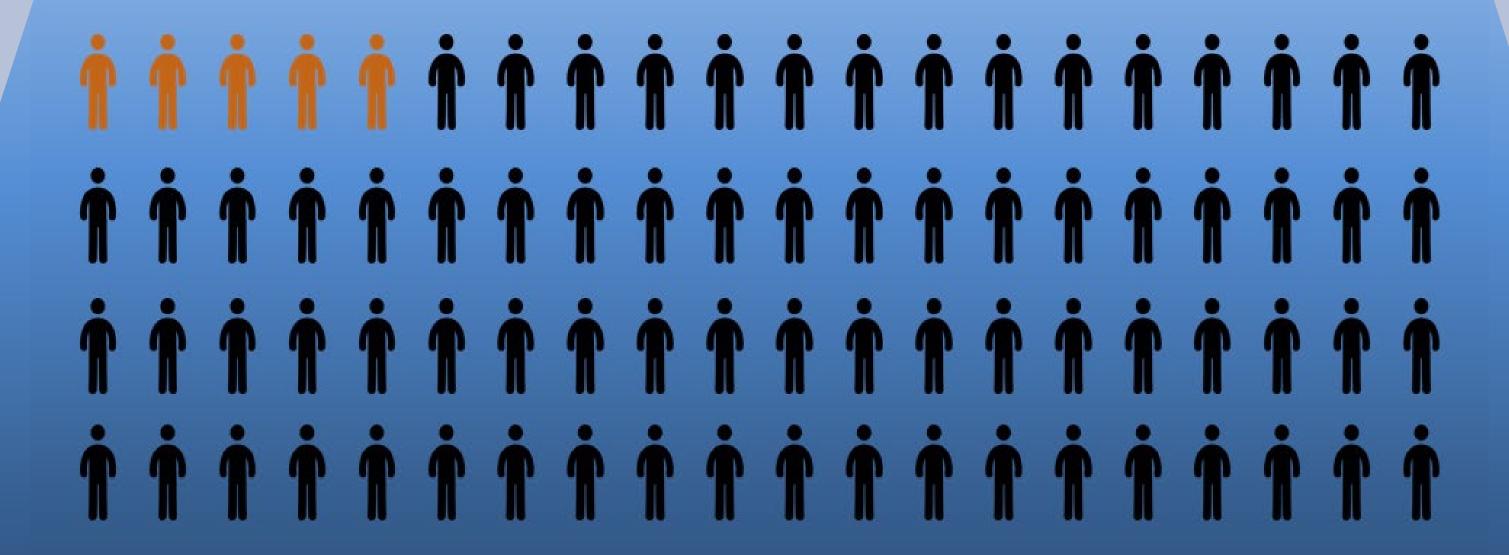
### Would you agree to skip college for \$100,000?

It's time we start rethinking what we mean when we say, 'Get an education'

Tech Billionaire's Right, More Kids Should Drop Out Of College You'd Be Surprised How Many Billionaires Don't Have a College Degree

These Are The Richest Americans Who Never Went To College Billionaire Warren Buffett Says Going to College Could Be a Terrible Decision If Warren Buffett, the worlds third-richest person, says college isn't for everyone.... 8

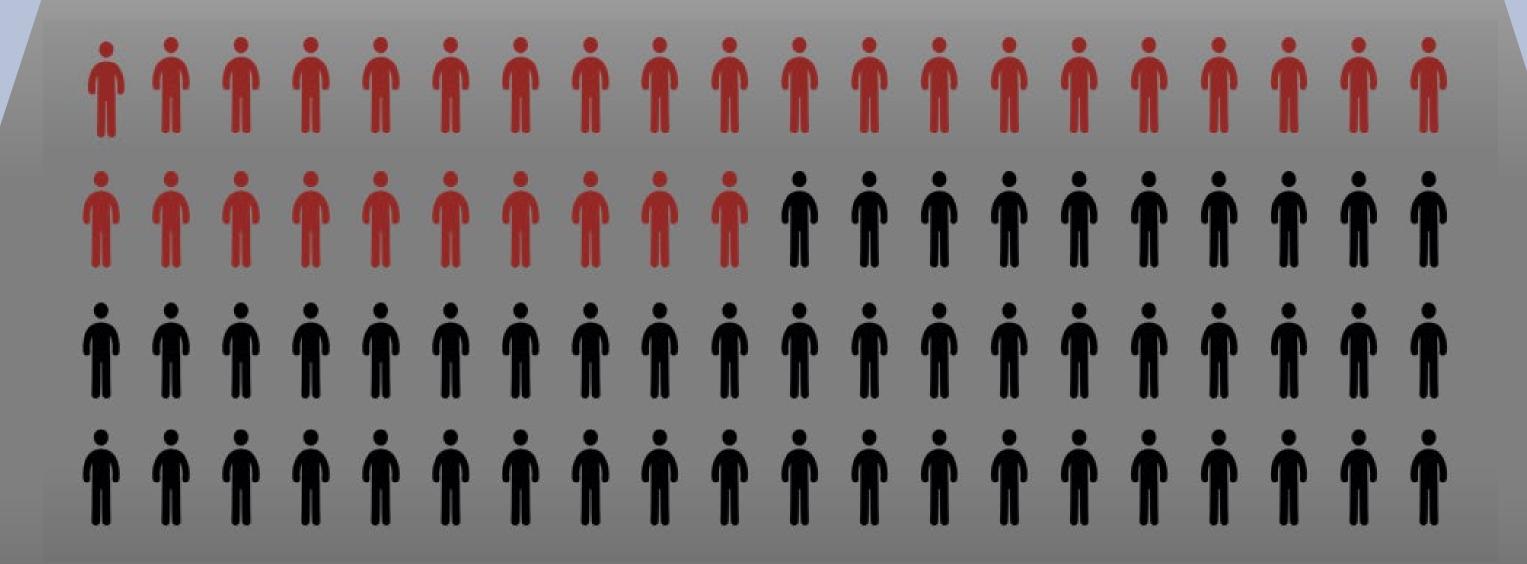
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5 PERCENT OF AMERICANS WITH A COLLEGE DEGREE LIVE IN POVERTY.



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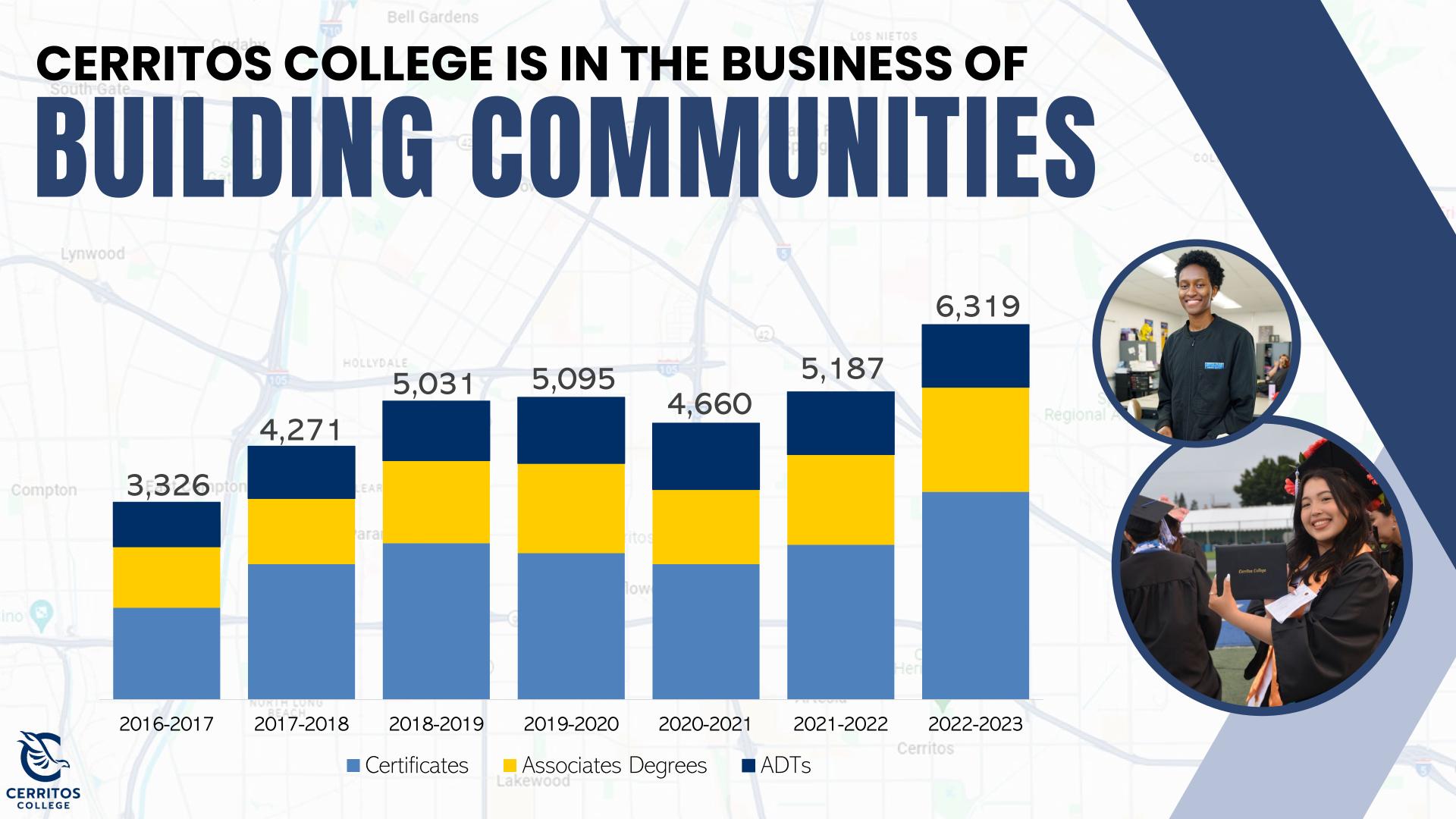


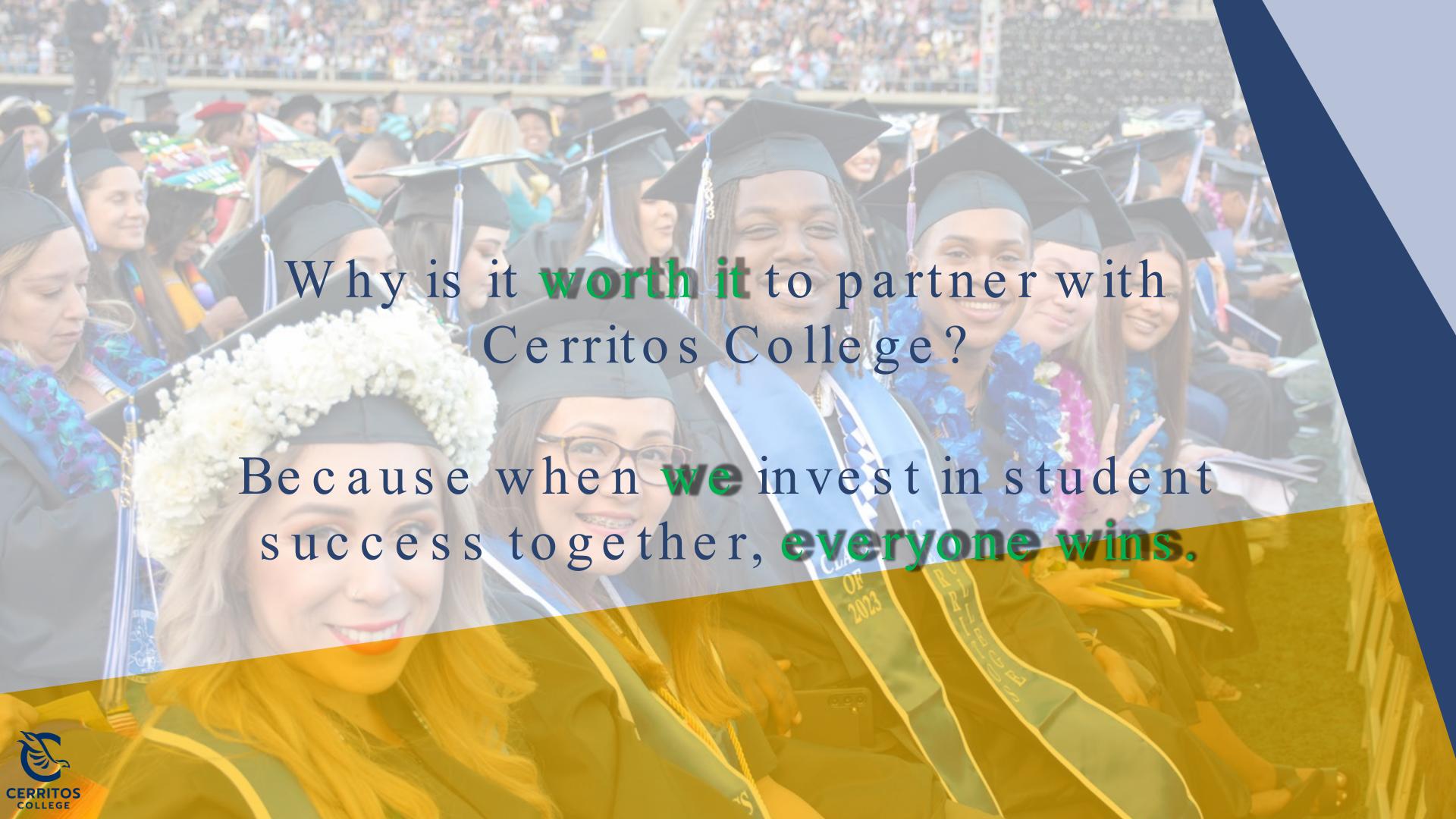
IF YOU DON'T HAVE A COLLEGE DEGREE, YOU ARE 6 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO LIVE IN POVERTY.



# A COLLEGE DEGREE IS THE MOST RELIABLE PATH TO THE MIDDLE CLASS AND BEYOND.







### WE INVEST IN THE WORKFORCE

**General Motors (GM) ASEP** is a two-year automotive technician partnership program between Cerritos College and GM to prepare their technicians for the workforce.

#### Training Tailored by the Industry Experts

Curriculum is designed by General Motors and Cerritos College, leading to two certificates of achievement.

#### A Win for Students and Employers

- Students earn while they learn
  Students complete 80-90% of GM Certified Technician Training at Cerritos College
  Certification leads to high-wage employment
  Dealerships benefit from a highly skilled and reliable
- workforce







# WE INVEST IN THE WORKFORCE: RETAIL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

#### Serving More Students

Over 2,000 students enrolled in 2023-24 academic year, a 150% increase within the last two years.

#### Our Grads Earn More Money

Students who completed the program are 3 times more likely to get and retain a management position, resulting in an increase in average salary from \$33,000 per year to \$79,000 per year.

#### Market Share

We are the number one provider of completed Associate's Degrees in the region (35.6%)





# UPSKILLING THE WORKFORGE THROUGH CERRITOS COLLEGE









#### Bristol Farms, Lazy Acres, New Leaf

Leadership Fundamentals
Team Dynamics Workshop
Thinking Strategically About Your Business
Presentation Skills – The Confident Manager
Professional Communication
Creating a Culture of Accountability
Financial Acumen for Managers

#### **NicoNat**

Leadership Development Series
Team Building
Safety in the Workplace
Continuous Improvement
Motivational Leadership

#### **Gaviña Coffee**

Leadership Development Safety Food Quality certifications, Computer Skills Customized team building trainings



Bell Gardens

## CERRITOS COLLEGE IS IN THE BUSINESS OF BUILDING COMMUNITIES

Lynwood

As we produce more and more graduates, we need our partners in the workforce to tell us the skills their future employees need to be successful.

Bellflower

Artesia

Cerritos



# INVEST IN YOUR EMPLOYEES USING GRANT DOLLARS

We work with businesses and the Employment Training Panel (ETP) to deliver workplace education and customized training programs that increase efficiencies, enhance productivity, and reduce costs.

Grant funding may offset the training costs with no additional outside costs to employers.

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The greatest economic impact of Cerritos College stems from the added human capital—the knowledge, creativity, imagination, and entrepreneurship—found in our alumni.



The college's annual contribution to the local economy is:

# \$537.4 Million beryear

When we invest in student success, everyone wins.

