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## **WAFC's Retail Management Certificate Program Achieves Milestone of 2,000 Graduates!**

(LAKEWOOD, CALIF.) — The Western Association of Food Chains' most widely-available educational program — the community college **Retail Management Certificate** – has reached the milestone of 2,000 graduates!

As the food industry evolves with changes in products, processes, technology and competition, the program provides relevant real-life learning to develop future leaders. Collectively, food industry workers across the U.S. complete nearly 10,000 courses a year as they aspire to earn the credential

Introduced in partnership with Cerritos College, the Retail Management Certificate is an accredited community college program designed to provide our workforce with the critical skills and knowledge needed to attain management roles in the grocery industry. The first graduates completed the program in 2002. Today, the eight-class curriculum is available at community colleges throughout the nation and 100% online.

“It is extremely gratifying that we celebrate this success as we approach the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual WAFC Convention, May 5-9, 2018 in San Antonio. Executing our mission of “Advancing the Food Industry through Education and Leadership” has never been stronger!”, said Mike Stigers, WAFC President Chairman and Executive Vice President, Wholesale & Supply Chain for SUPERVALU.

For more information on the Retail Management Certificate and how to participate, go to [www.RetailManagementCertificate.com](http://www.RetailManagementCertificate.com). To learn more about the WAFC, go to [www.wafc.com](http://www.wafc.com)