

# REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY 2012

*Celebrating*

*Years*



*A Community Legacy*

**RIO  
HONDO  
COLLEGE**

**50**  
1963 - 2013



## MISSION STATEMENT

Rio Hondo College is a collaborative center of lifelong learning which provides innovative, challenging, and quality educational offerings for its diverse students and community.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary provides the perfect opportunity to thank and acknowledge the community that initiated plans for a "junior" college in 1960, and funded construction of the first campus three years later. As we approach the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement ceremonies in May, 2013, we laud the accomplishments of students through the years and commend those committed and dedicated trustees and employees who have served so ably.

This document is more than a report of one year's accomplishments. Rather, it is a snapshot in time that is built upon the cumulative progress Rio Hondo College has made since the early vision was transformed into reality when the first classes were held in 1963. We take pride in showcasing examples of the successes of our students, and in presenting a selection of program highlights, along with the progress of our physical campus reformation made possible by \$245 million Measure A facilities funding supported by our voters in 2004.

Rio Hondo College, like all other public institutions of higher education, has been impacted by the economy. Because we have maintained a prudent fiscal approach through the years, we have been able to sustain cuts in our state-funded apportionment budget without major impact to our students and employees. We have maintained a stable level of class offerings since 2010, even accommodating robust summer sessions every year and serving more students than the state reimburses for in our allocation. However, in 2012-2013, it is necessary to reduce class offerings by approximately 260 sections in order to bring our expenditures into alignment with the reality of our funding. Thanks to the passage of Proposition 30 in November, we will not be facing an additional \$4 million reduction for the second half of the present academic year.

We are introducing a new book, *Our History*, a 112-page compilation of interesting narrative and vintage photos that illustrate the growth and development of Rio Hondo College. Underwritten entirely by the Rio Hondo College Foundation and the Follett Higher Education Group, this book is on sale at the College Bookstore. Ordering details appear on the back cover of this annual report.

We look forward to special events ahead, including the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration April 19 at the Industry Hills Expo Center in City of Industry. We will honor those individuals who have made exemplary contributions to Rio Hondo College with Medallion Awards, and raise funds for student scholarships. It will be a splendid evening indeed. I invite you to join us!

Teresa Dreyfuss  
Interim Superintendent/President



# RIO HONDO COLLEGE VISION STATEMENT

“Rio Hondo College strives to be an exemplary California community college, meeting the learning needs of its changing and growing population and developing a state-of-the-art campus to serve future generations.”



1963

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# OUR HISTORY

## *Early Milestones*

**1960** Area voters established a Junior College District.

**1962** Area expanded to include El Rancho Unified School District, necessitating election of a separate Board of Trustees.

**1963** Dr. Phil Putnam hired as first president.

**MAY 1963** Board selected 'Rio Hondo' as college name.

**SEPTEMBER 1963** First classes held at Sierra and El Rancho High Schools.

**OCTOBER 1963** \$12 million construction bond issue passed to construct a college for 4,000 students on the Pellisier Ranch property, the present location of the main campus.

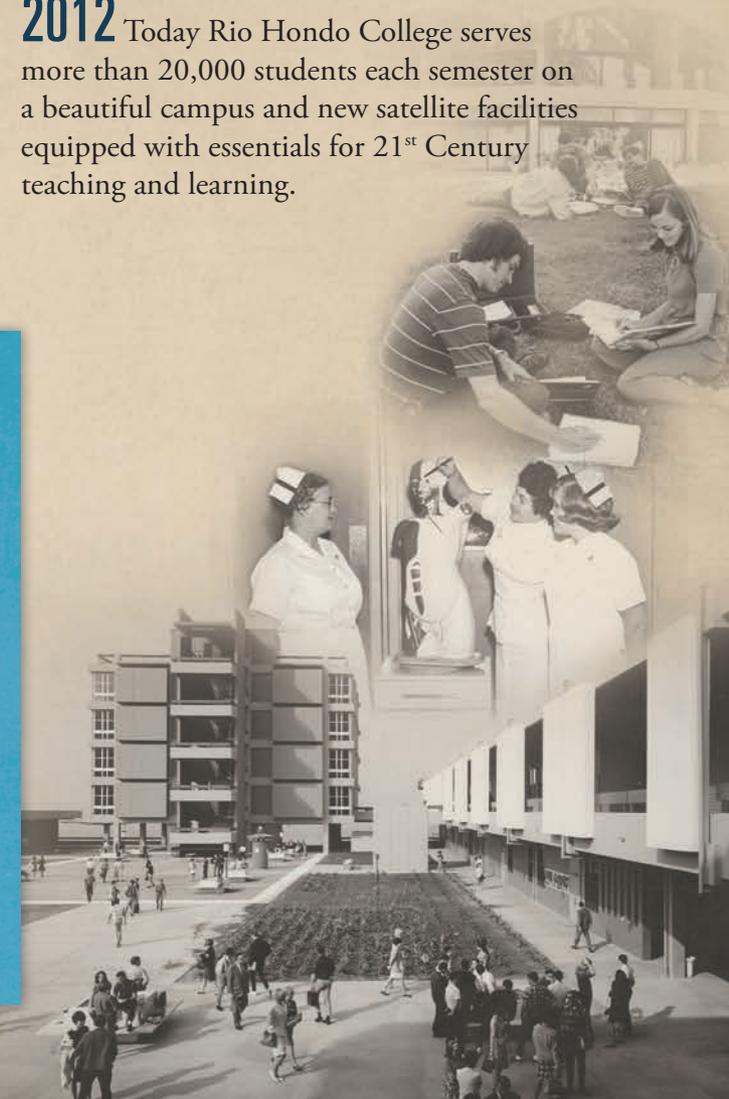
**1964-1965** Classes held at former Little Lake School in Santa Fe Springs.

**FALL 1966** Rio Hondo College campus opened with an enrollment of 3,363 daytime students and 2,682 evening students.

**2012** Today Rio Hondo College serves more than 20,000 students each semester on a beautiful campus and new satellite facilities equipped with essentials for 21<sup>st</sup> Century teaching and learning.

### CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACTS

- ▶ California community colleges train 80 percent of firefighters, law enforcement personnel, and emergency medical technicians.
- ▶ Transfer students from the California Community Colleges to the University of California system currently account for 48 percent of UC bachelor's degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- ▶ Community colleges offer associate degrees and short-term job training certificates in more than 175 fields, and approximately 25,000 apprentices are educated each year to meet the demand for a skilled workforce.
- ▶ Twenty-eight percent of University of California and 55 percent of California State University graduates started at a California community college.
- ▶ California community colleges educate 70 percent of our state's nurses.
- ▶ Nearly 50 percent of all California veterans receiving G.I. educational benefits attend a California community college for workforce training, to earn an associate degree or to work toward transferring to a four-year university.



# 2012 HIGHLIGHTS

Since Rio Hondo first opened its doors in 1963, more than one million students have come to the hillside campus, as well as satellite education centers, to pursue their educational goals. While the state's budget crisis continued to plague the College throughout 2012, students were undeterred in their commitment to achieving their academic goals, as were the more than 500 faculty members and counselors helping them. The year was filled with stories of student perseverance and success, some of which are captured in this report.

The 2012 commencement ceremony featured one of the largest graduating classes in the College history. An increase of nearly 13 percent over last year was a result of focused efforts to help students complete their programs more efficiently, and to encourage them to recognize the importance of seeking an associate degree, even if they planned to transfer.

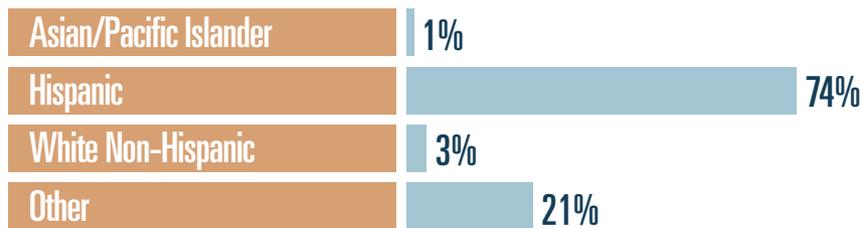
## STUDENT PROFILE



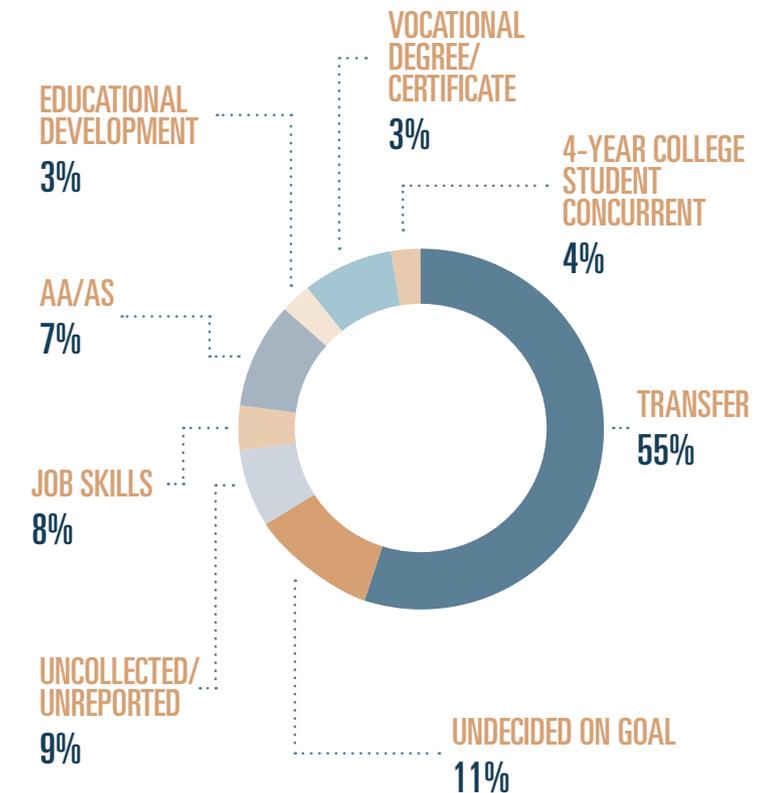
## STUDENTS SERVED IN 2012



## ETHNICITY PROFILE



## STUDENT GOALS



## COMMUNITY FORUMS ENGAGE PUBLIC

Throughout the spring Rio Hondo hosted five Community Educational Forum Sessions, one in each Trustee Area. The well-attended forums provided community members, and especially parents of high school students, the opportunity to learn more about Rio Hondo College and the new state recommendations to promote student success.

## GO RIO PROGRAM HELPS STUDENT GET TO CLASS



The cities of South El Monte, Whittier, Pico Rivera and El Monte awarded grants to the GO RIO Program. Now in its seventh year of operation, GO RIO is an award-winning, universal access mass transit program that provides full-time Rio Hondo students with access to free or low-cost public transportation. By voting to assess a \$7 GO RIO student fee each semester to subsidize program costs, this year students demonstrated their continuing commitment to providing easy access to education and creating an eco-friendly campus. Partner transit agencies include Metro, Foothill Transit, Norwalk Transit, Montebello Bus Lines, and L.A. County Department of Public Works Sunshine Shuttle.



## GO RIO HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ GO RIO established in 2006

**14,566** students served each year

**11** tons of vehicular emissions have been eliminated from environment

**\$311,111** cumulative underwriting support from Rio Hondo College students

## RIO HONDO ADOPTS SMOKE FREE CAMPUS POLICY

To achieve a healthier campus environment for everyone, five new designated smoking areas were established on campus.

## SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ In 2012, the Roadrunner Baseball team was the Number 1 Ranked Team in Southern California, as well as Number 1 Ranked Community College Team in the State by the American Baseball Congress, an organization that provides a ranking system for community colleges.
- ▶ Since 2006, the Rio Hondo College wrestling team won the West State Conference Championship five times.
- ▶ Women's tennis claimed Foothill Conference titles seven times since 2002; Coach Karen Unger was named Coach of the Year six times.

# GOAL 01 EXCELLENT GENERAL EDUCATION AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE COMPLETION

Rio Hondo College ranks among Hispanic “Top 50 Community Colleges” according to recognition from *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*. The national publication’s annual “Top 50 Community Colleges” issue ranked Rio Hondo College in the top 50 for Community Colleges by Hispanic Full-Time Enrollment (25th), Community Colleges by Hispanic Faculty (22nd), and Community Colleges for Hispanics Awarding Associate Degrees (25th).

The College was also ranked nationally in the annual “Top 100” producers of Associate Degrees awarded to minority students in all disciplines by *Community College Week* in a report of data provided by the United States Department of Education, and in the “Top 50” for degrees awarded in homeland security, law enforcement, firefighting and related protective services.

The 2012 College Catalog included **1,143** credit courses.

Students selected from among 52 associate degree programs and 53 certificate programs of study.

In 2012, Rio Hondo College awarded **1,007** Associate Degrees.

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AWARDS GRANT TO ASSIST STUDENTS EARN STEM DEGREES

The National Science Foundation awarded \$600,000 to provide scholarships to academically talented but financially disadvantaged students in its Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) programs. The “Scholarships to Aid Rio Hondo STEM Students,” or STARSS program, aims to reduce financial barriers that prevent student from achieving success in challenging STEM classes. The program now provides about 20 students annually with up to \$6,000 for the academic year to eliminate or reduce the need to work.

## HONORS PROGRAM GIVES TRANSFER STUDENTS ADMISSION EDGE

Students who participated in the College Honors Program were admitted to UCLA at a higher rate than students who did not, according to 2012 statistics that highlight the acceptance rates between honor students and their non-honor counterparts. The Rio Hondo College Honors Program is an open access program that currently serves about 331 students.

For fall 2012, 74 percent of Rio Hondo Honors students who applied to UCLA were accepted, compared to an acceptance rate of just 29.6 percent for non-Honor Program students.

Honors students are also given priority admission consideration at many four-year schools. Beyond UCLA, Rio Hondo has transfer agreements with:

- ▶ UC Irvine
- ▶ UCCLA
- ▶ UC Riverside
- ▶ Cal State Fullerton
- ▶ San Diego State
- ▶ San Jose State
- ▶ Cal State Stanislaus
- ▶ Azusa Pacific University
- ▶ Chapman University
- ▶ La Sierra University
- ▶ Loyola Marymount
- ▶ Mills College
- ▶ Occidental College
- ▶ Pitzer College
- ▶ Pomona College
- ▶ University of San Diego
- ▶ Whitman College



## GOAL 02 PREPARING STUDENTS FOR CUTTING-EDGE CAREERS

Rio Hondo will provide excellent instruction in career and technical education leading to an increased awarding of certificates, degrees and job placement.

### CAREER AND OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATES PROVIDE JOB-READY SKILLS

- ▶ Two hundred forty-three students received Certificates of Achievement in 2012. Others received Career Certificates or Certificates of Skill Proficiency. National Board of Nursing Examiners reported that Rio Hondo Vocational Nursing graduates who sat for the exam in the second quarter of 2012 had an outstanding pass rate of 92 percent compared to the national average of 83 percent, and the California rate of 72 percent.
- ▶ The Alternative Fuels Technology Program at Rio Hondo College continued to expand in the year, offering even more ways for students to enter into this exciting career field. An Alternative Fuels Technician Associate of Science degree was approved in 2012 and Coda Automotive partnered with Rio Hondo to develop high-voltage training for students in this degree program.
- ▶ The Alternative Fuels Technology Program at Rio Hondo includes a technician training on a pure plug-in electric vehicle as well as in Hybrid Technology, Fuel Cell Technology and Hydrogen Technology, Compressed Natural Gas, Liquid Natural Gas, and Liquid Petroleum Gas.
- ▶ The Rio Hondo College Fire Academy, among the largest fire academies in California, graduated 45 cadets from the Wildland Fire Academy in 2012. Graduates were hired as seasonal firefighters through the U.S. Angeles National Forest Service in the spring and joined efforts to fight two wildfires this fire season: the Northern California Lost Fire in August, and September's Williams Fire in Glendora. The hiring of Wildland Academy students to serve as Type II hand crew began in 2001 as a joint venture between U.S. Forest Service and Rio Hondo College.

Since its inception in 1968, **3017** cadets have passed through the Rio Hondo Fire Academy.

**925** students have completed the Emergency Medical Technician program.

Since 2000, **760** Cadets have graduated from the Wildland Fire Academy.



# GOAL 03 INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTION AND OPPORTUNITIES IN BASIC SKILLS

## STUDENTS GARNER BENEFITS FROM TARGETED SUCCESS AND RETENTION INITIATIVES

Rio Hondo students reap benefits from targeted efforts to boost student success and retention within basic skills courses that strengthen foundational skills in reading, writing, mathematics, learning and study skills, and English as a Second Language.

The College began these targeted efforts about five years ago when the California Community Colleges (CCC) created its Basic Skills Initiative, a comprehensive and strategic effort to serve the educational needs of the increasing number of California community college students entering college at basic skills levels. In 2012 Rio Hondo gathered the first comparative data sets regarding the Student Success and Retention programs, and the first-year incoming students they primarily serve. Program highlights include:

**First Year Experience Program (FYE):** Promotes academic achievement among entering college students in a supportive, integrated and innovative learning environment. Ninety-seven percent of these students persisted through their first year of college.

**Gateway Tutoring Program:** Tutors work with specific instructors, attending their classes and facilitating group study sessions for students. This year 30 course sections used Gateway tutors per semester, serving upward of 1,000 students. Eighty-four percent of students attending tutoring sessions passed the target class with passing grades, 10 to 20 percent higher than those not participating.

**Summer Bridge:** Incoming students who participated in the four-day extended orientation are more likely to take and pass math in their first semester.

**Fast Track Accelerated Learning Program:** Rio Hondo expanded the number of cohort learning communities from one serving 29 students during fall 2011 to five cohorts serving 113 students during spring 2012. Generally retention rates were higher across the board when comparing the ten different Fast Track courses to the same non-Fast Track courses.

## STUDENT YAN WANG NAMED JPLUS SCHOLAR

Yan Wang, an electrical engineering student, was named a Jet Propulsion Laboratory Undergraduate Scholar (JPLUS) in May. This honor serves to recognize achievement and high potential in students who are majoring in engineering, mathematics, computer sciences or the physical sciences.

Wang, 24, was nominated by Professor Vann Priest Ph.D., of the Math & Science Division for this distinction. Throughout the year-long program Wang will participate in activities such as seminars, workshops and conferences that will help him to become aware of and prepare for undergraduate research fellowship opportunities.

“It feels good to be acknowledged,” says Wang, who was also nominated as a Rio Hondo College 2012 Outstanding Student in Chemistry and Mathematics. “It’s a personal achievement.”

Wang, a graduate of El Monte High School, came to Rio Hondo College in fall 2009.



# GOAL 04 LIFELONG LEARNING, PARTNERSHIPS, RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY NEEDS

Rio Hondo will offer a stimulating curriculum which fosters lifelong learning and serves community interests.

## COLLEGE FINALIST IN BELLWETHER COMPETITION

Rio Hondo College was named as a finalist in the prestigious 2012 Bellwether Awards for its El Monte Union High School District Pledge Compact Project. The Community College Futures Assembly sponsors the awards that recognize outstanding and innovative programs and practices that are successfully leading community colleges into the future.

Rio Hondo and the El Monte Union High School District began the collaboration in 2010 to provide even more incentive for local youth to pursue higher education. The El Monte Union Pledge Compact includes University of California, Irvine (UCI) and Cal State Los Angeles as partners in the development of a seamless pipeline from high school to college and university.

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Continuing Education Department offers short term career certificates in many areas. All are either state board approved and/or lead to preparation for the state exam. The Department also provides a full-range of fee-based courses for almost every interest.



## CAREER EXPLORATION SUMMER ACADEMY

About 70 middle school students spent two weeks at Rio Hondo in the summer studying architecture, automotives, and alternative energy through innovative projects that ranged from building fuel cell and solar-powered cars to engineering toothpick towers. The Rio Hondo Career and Technical Education Division hosted the second annual Career Exploration Summer Academy that drew students from El Rancho Unified, Little Lake City Elementary, and Valle Lindo school districts. Rio Hondo faculty led the workshops and Rio Hondo students interested in pursuing teaching worked as lab assistants.

## DANCE COLLECTIVE

In December, the Rio Hondo Dance Collective presented a special community performance of "The Nutcracker" in the historic SkyRose Chapel at Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuary.

The 12 dancers belonging to the Dance Collective presented an hour-long contemporary version of the holiday classic, abbreviated for children but appropriate for all ages and made affordable for area families. The Rio Hondo Dance Collective is a touring ensemble comprised of Rio Hondo College's advanced dancers.



## GOAL 05 STUDENT CENTERED CLIMATE

### CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER DEBUTS NEW PLAYGROUND

Four new playground areas that opened in March are outfitted with custom play structures and swing sets. With a combination of play areas totaling 3,674 square feet, the playgrounds, designed with a recyclable synthetic turf safety surface, are low maintenance and earth-friendly. The California Department of Education, Child Development Division, State Preschool Program, Repairs and Renovation, and Measure A Facilities Bond provided project funding.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Take the Lead! So goes the motto of Rio Hondo College Student Leadership Institute (SLI) Program that launched in the spring semester and graduated 45 students as its first cohort. SLI is a non-credit certificate program in partnership with California State University, Fullerton, geared toward providing students with the transferable leadership skills that they need to further their academic, professional, and personal success.

The Rio Hondo College Theater Department has staged more than **225** productions in the College's 50-year history, including original plays, drama, musicals and comedy. Theater arts students have toured to Scotland, Poland, Korea and Japan.

### FOSTER YOUTH STUDENTS

In the year Foster/Kinship Program started a new program for its Foster Youth students called CONNECT – Connections Necessary to Experience College Transition. The program works to connect Foster Youth students to campus services and to provide ongoing support that contributes to their college success and helps them avoid the stigma sometimes felt by Foster Youth as they seek college services.



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## RIO HONDO NAMED MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL FOR FOURTH YEAR

For the fourth consecutive year Victory Media and *G.I. Jobs* magazine designated Rio Hondo College as a “Military Friendly School.” The 2013 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

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The Veterans Service Center was established in 2008, following a successful fund-raising Gala hosted by the Rio Hondo College Foundation to benefit veteran students. Since then, the Center has seen a steady growth each semester. In 2012, approximately **400** veterans and eligible dependents were served, an increase of **166** percent over the prior year.

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The student newspaper, *El Paisano*, published its first issue the second week of September, 1964 when the College was on the Little Lake Elementary School campus in Santa Fe Springs.

The name of the student newspaper was adopted by the staff after the naming committee, comprised of students Bob Poole, Phil Petrillo, Bob Benson, Dick Haslam and John Francis, researched and suggested *El Paisano*, which means friend of the traveler and describes the Roadrunner, the school mascot. Bob Poole was the first ever editor-in-chief.

*La Cima* magazine’s first issues were published, in both fall 1965 and spring 1966. The name, also from the same committee as above, means The Hill in Spanish. Today, *La Cima* is printed annually in full color.

In the first year *El Paisano* won about 10 JACC State and SoCal awards and since then, the paper has won more than 650 State and SoCal staff and individual awards, including some 60 General Excellence newspaper awards and around 30 General Excellence awards for the magazine.

## FORENSICS TEAM SCORES SILVER AND BRONZE AT NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

In the year three Rio Hondo students represented the College at the 78th annual Phi Rho Pi National Speech and Debate Tournament in Schaumburg, IL, where more than 500 community college students from across the nation competed in eleven Individual Event categories.



## GOAL 06 MEETING THE REGION'S EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING NEEDS

### REGIONAL HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING CENTER FULLY OPERATIONAL

The new Rio Hondo College Regional Homeland Security Training Center in Santa Fe Springs was celebrated with a grand opening ceremony in January. The new three-acre facility allows Los Angeles County first responders to receive coordinated training to uniformly respond to natural disasters or terror events. It houses training 'props' for regional agencies to conduct training to respond to a variety of disaster scenarios. The Santa Fe Springs Fire Department and Rio Hondo College share the facility.

### NEW PROFESSIONALS FOR REGION'S HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

In 2012, eighty-seven new nurses received their pins. The Health Science and Nursing program has grown to meet the needs of the healthcare industry and now also includes training opportunities for vocational nurses, certified nurse assistants, acute nurse assistants, and home health aides.

### POLICE ACADEMY RESUMES BASIC COURSE INSTRUCTION

The California Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) notified Rio Hondo College that it had been authorized to resume its Police Academy Basic Course beginning in June. The Rio Hondo Police Academy has been in existence since the college opened in the early 1960s. Its Administration of Justice program is one of the largest college-based programs in California, and trains police officers for some 40 jurisdictions.

Since its inception in 1968, Rio Hondo College Nursing program has graduated more than **2,500** associate degree nurses who have served as registered nurses throughout the region.



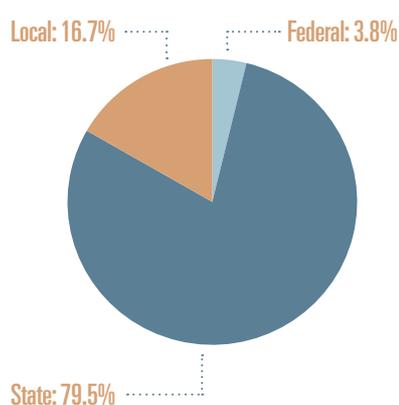
# GOAL 07 MAINTAIN FISCAL SOLVENCY

The State budget scenario continued to present great challenges for college operations. Rio Hondo College has successfully weathered years of recent cuts while maintaining a complete array of academic course offerings. In early 2012, California community colleges were all hit by a February ‘surprise’ - an unexpected additional \$149 million budget cut. This unanticipated cut amounted to nearly \$1.7 million for Rio Hondo College. The successful passage of Proposition 30 in the November election helped provide fiscal stability for the balance of the 2012/13 academic year, and will enable the college to avoid yet another mid-year budget reduction of \$4 million. The college has served 1,500 more full-time equivalent students each of several previous years than the state provides apportionment funding. In order to bring college expenditures in line with realities of the budget, approximately 260 class sections were eliminated from the 2012-13 academic year.

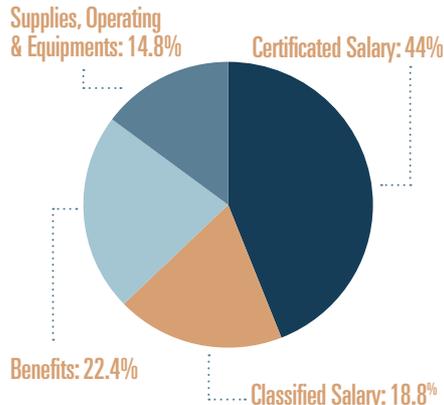
The economic position of Rio Hondo College is closely tied to the State of California; 80 percent of the total sources of revenues received by the District for the fiscal year come directly from the State apportionment, State categorical programs and grants. Total revenue during the year was approximately \$70.6 million from the general fund, including approximately \$2.7 million from Federal sources, \$56.1 million from State and \$11.8 million from local sources.

During the fiscal year, cash deferment of revenue reception contributed to a total deferment of approximately \$17 million for Rio Hondo College. Nonetheless, the College had a more-than-adequate projected 7.1 percent reserve at the fiscal year’s end.

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES



## 2012/2013 CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

**Seated:** Amber Salazar, Yesenia Fernandez, Irina A. Barajas (Student Rep), Teresa Dreyfuss (Interim Superintendent/President) and Lois Czuba

**Standing:** Toby Chavez, Richard Garner (Chair), Maria Claver, Mary Ellen Witt, Alejandro Izarraraz and Dr. Joseph Rivera (Vice Chair)

**Not Present:** Maribel Garcia

## MEASURE A BOND FUNDS

To ensure Measure A Bond funds have been expensed properly and effectively according to the project list of the College building program, Rio Hondo completed an independent audit performed by accounting firm Vasquez & Company LLP. The external audit conducted on Rio Hondo College’s Measure A Bond Funds revealed its success as all funds were properly accounted for with no deficiencies in internal control were detected and no instances of noncompliance were reported. Total Bond expenditures at fiscal year-end were **\$18.8 million**. Bond year-to-date expenditure since inception is **\$143.2 million** as of June 30, 2012.

## GRANT FUNDS

In 2012 Rio Hondo College was awarded \$8,432,130 in grant funds in support of new and continuing projects. New projects awarded total \$2,450,978 and include projects for Math, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA); Nursing Enrollment Growth, Home Health Aide, Student Mental Health; National Science Foundation Scholarships for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics; El Monte Promise Scholarships, Distance Education Captioning, and several Chancellor’s Office Career and Technical Education projects supporting innovative workforce development training.

**GOAL 08** PROVIDE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP, FACULTY AND STAFF

Throughout its history, Rio Hondo College has assembled strong leadership teams in support of the work done by outstanding faculty in the classroom and caring and able classified staff who provide essential services in all phases of college operation. The College community came together just prior to the beginning of the 50<sup>th</sup> academic year in August, 2012, to commemorate the milestone with a 'family' photograph.



## LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

New campus leaders graduated from the second-annual 2011- 2012 Leadership Academy. Participants, drawn from administration and staff, spent the academic year gaining knowledge about leadership theories, conflict resolution, communication, project development and implementation, and more topics. They explored innovative ways to help new students better navigate the college matriculation process.

## GOAL 09 MEETING TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS

- ▶ The Rio Hondo community as well as the general public can now charge their electric vehicles on campus, thanks to four Electric Vehicle Charging Stations installed in the year.

Made possible via a grant received through the ChargePoint America program, two fully networked Level II (220v) ChargePoint Charging Stations are installed in Lot H and will be used for student training as well as for consumer charging. Two more stations are installed in front of the Administration of Justice building.

- ▶ The new digital message board quickly became an essential element in the new heart of the campus, with up-to-the-minute time and temperature information, along with electronic messages about activities and events.



# GOAL 10 ENHANCE AND PROVIDE OUTSTANDING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

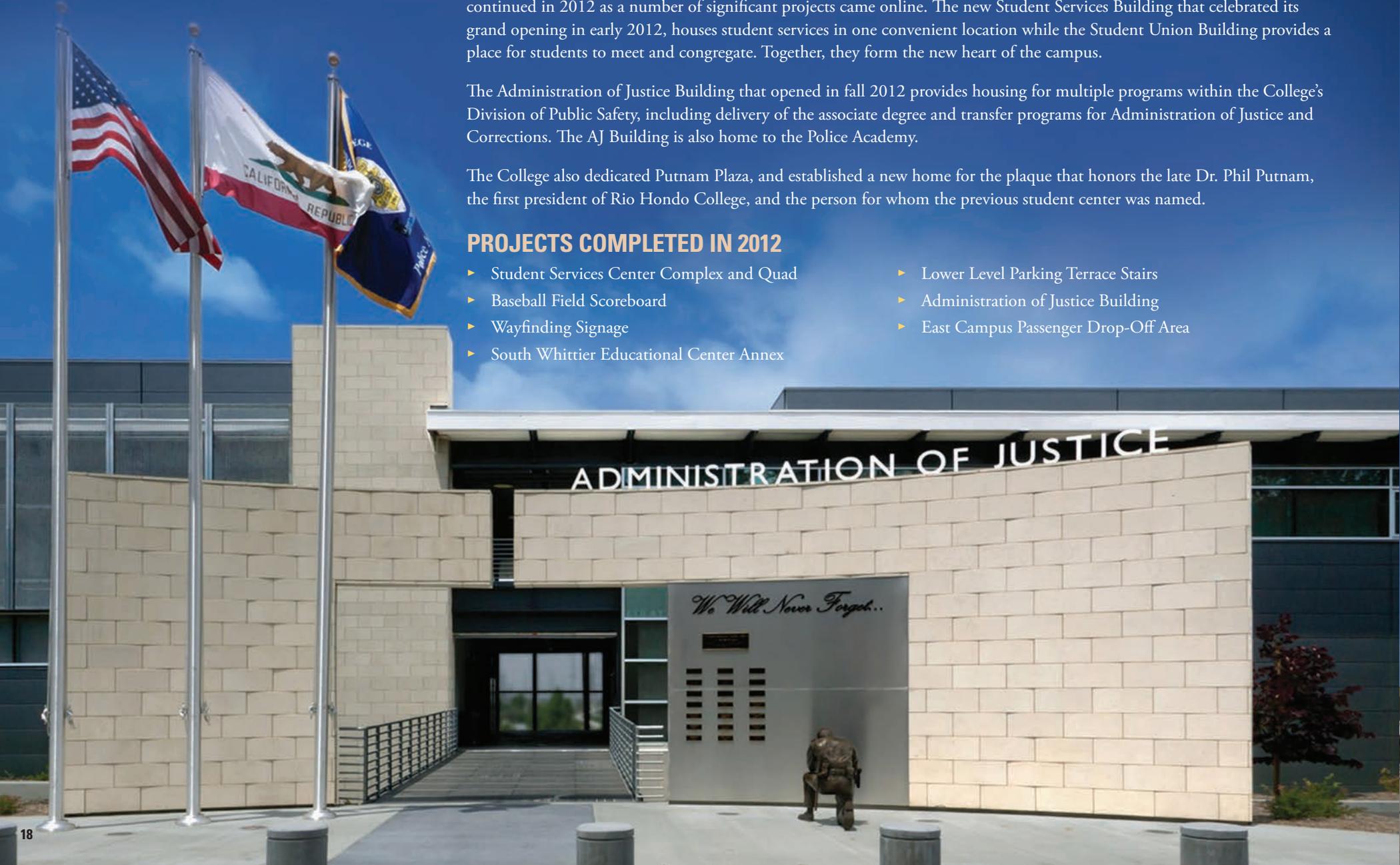
The transformation of Rio Hondo into a thoroughly modernized campus equipped for 21<sup>st</sup> Century teaching and learning continued in 2012 as a number of significant projects came online. The new Student Services Building that celebrated its grand opening in early 2012, houses student services in one convenient location while the Student Union Building provides a place for students to meet and congregate. Together, they form the new heart of the campus.

The Administration of Justice Building that opened in fall 2012 provides housing for multiple programs within the College's Division of Public Safety, including delivery of the associate degree and transfer programs for Administration of Justice and Corrections. The AJ Building is also home to the Police Academy.

The College also dedicated Putnam Plaza, and established a new home for the plaque that honors the late Dr. Phil Putnam, the first president of Rio Hondo College, and the person for whom the previous student center was named.

## PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2012

- ▶ Student Services Center Complex and Quad
- ▶ Baseball Field Scoreboard
- ▶ Wayfinding Signage
- ▶ South Whittier Educational Center Annex
- ▶ Lower Level Parking Terrace Stairs
- ▶ Administration of Justice Building
- ▶ East Campus Passenger Drop-Off Area



East Campus Passenger Drop-Off Area



PE Complex



## COMPLETED PROJECTS

- ▶ Pedestrian Bridge
- ▶ Central Plant and Campus Infrastructure
- ▶ Santa Fe Regional Public Safety Training Facility
- ▶ Learning Resource Center
- ▶ Applied Technology Building
- ▶ Campus Quad Renovation
- ▶ Blue Light Emergency Phones

## PROJECTS IN CONSTRUCTION

- ▶ El Monte Educational Center
- ▶ PE Complex
- ▶ Aquatic Center

## PROJECTS IN DESIGN

- ▶ Softball Field Renovation
- ▶ Soccer Field Renovation



Student Services

# PROVIDE ENGAGING AND REWARDING CAMPUS LIFE

## STUDENT CLUBS

- ▶ Alpha Gamma Sigma (AGS)
- ▶ American Sign Language Club (ASL)
- ▶ American Society of Engineers and Architects (ASEA)
- ▶ Association of Latino American Students A.L.A.S. (formally MEChA)
- ▶ Art Guild
- ▶ Artists Creating Theater
- ▶ BBQ Club
- ▶ Careers in Pedagogical Students of
- ▶ Dance and Integrated Movement Club
- ▶ ENLA
- ▶ Forensics Speech and Debate of RHC (Forensics)
- ▶ Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)
- ▶ Go FAR (Fostering Achievement at Rio)
- ▶ Green Technology & Sustainability Club (Green Tech)
- ▶ Hispanic Scholarship Fund Chapter
- ▶ Kinesiology and Sport Club
- ▶ Latinos United for Voting (LUV)
- ▶ Men in Nursing Club
- ▶ Nursing Club
- ▶ One in Christ Newman Club
- ▶ Phi Beta Lambda (PBL)
- ▶ Pre-Health Club
- ▶ Puente Club
- ▶ Science Club
- ▶ SHOUT: The Student Advocacy Club
- ▶ Sociology Club
- ▶ Sports Medicine Club
- ▶ Students Without Borders (SWB)
- ▶ Super Gamer Bros.
- ▶ The Creative Writing Club
- ▶ The French Club of RHC
- ▶ Veteran's Club
- ▶ Vocal Alliance



# 12 RIO HONDO COLLEGE WILL OFFER INCREASED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

## SOUTH WHITTIER EDUCATIONAL CENTER

The opening of the South Whittier Educational Center (SWEC) Annex in September made it possible to increase the class schedule at the site by nine classes more than the prior semester, increasing student enrollment from about 500 students to almost 875 in the fall. Courses grew over its two years of operation from eight in fall 2010 to 26 in fall 2012.

## EL MONTE EDUCATIONAL CENTER

El Monte Educational Center is scheduled to come into service in late spring 2013, providing 'late start' classes in eight-week modules for the inaugural semester at this newest off-site center, which will provide neighborhood college opportunities for area residents who are not able to travel to the main campus in Whittier.

## "TASTE OF RIO"

Rio Hondo officially began the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in April with "A Taste of Rio," a festive evening of food and beverage tasting that benefited students and College programs.

A very special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be held April 19, 2013 at the Industry Hills Expo Center. At that time, honorees will receive the newly-commissioned Medallion Awards to commemorate their service to Rio Hondo College and the community.

## VONS FOUNDATION GIVES \$10,000 TO ASSIST VETERAN STUDENTS

Representatives from the Vons Foundation presented \$10,000 to the Rio Hondo College Foundation to benefit veteran students through the Veterans Emergency Loan Program.



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## **RIO HONDO COLLEGE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS STUDENTS**

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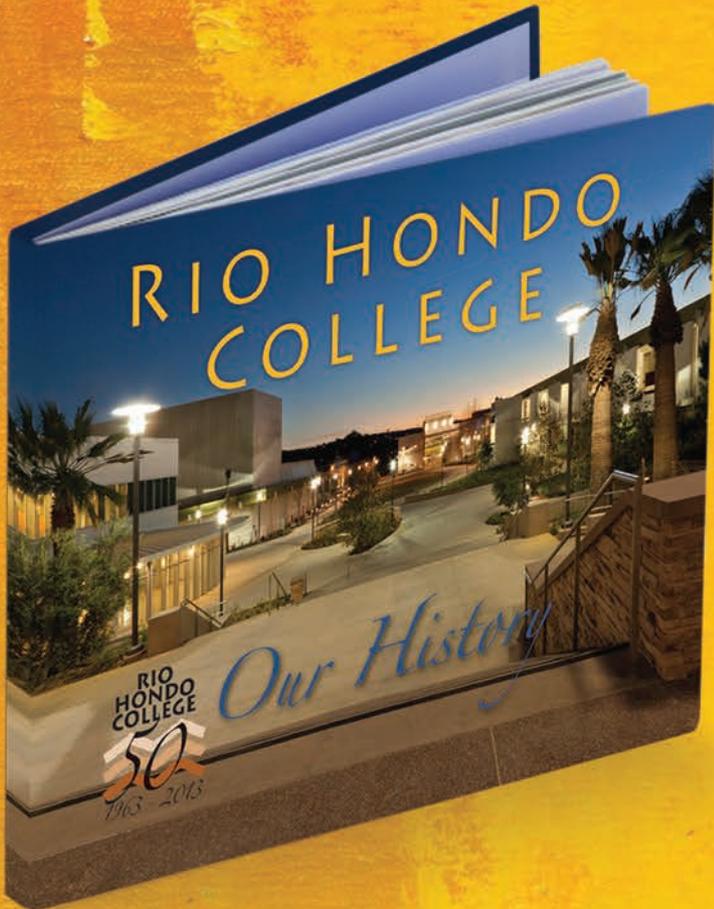
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