



46th Commencement

More than 1,000 Graduate with Associate Degrees

More than 1,000 students receiving their associate degrees were hailed for persevering through many hours of rigorous study, as they donned graduation regalia under bright skies during Rio Hondo's 46th annual Commencement.

The familiar strains of Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance greeted the class of 2009 as they entered Rio Hondo College's Soccer Field to the capacity crowd of family and friends who were on hand to share in the celebration, held May 28th.

The beautiful day turned into an even more spectacular evening as friends and guests were greeted by Superintendent/President Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D., who introduced platform dignitaries and noted his pride at seeing so many students following their dreams. Faculty members and staff were recognized for their important roles in preparing the students for success. Board of Trustees President, André Quintero, congratulated students for

their hard work and honored them for their dedication.

RHC Vice President of Student Services Henry Gee then provided inspiring stories of four graduates who persevered to reach their goals. Edgar Cortes, Stephanie Heckel, Marcos Martinez and Carolina Ortiz were each hailed for moving past barriers and making education a priority to ensure their futures are bright.

In a poignant moment, valedictorian Mike Benitez gave a heartwarming speech and received rousing applause as he spoke of approaching life with passion and perseverance.

Doyle Campbell, Assistant Los Angeles Sheriff (Retired) drew upon his past to provide sage advice for graduates. "What you learn will never be wasted," he said, noting that life should be lived to the fullest, with lifelong learning, living, and loving as goals.

Finally, with anticipation in the air, each graduate's name was announced

and the audience cheered as each proudly walked across the stage, adjusting their academic tassels, and raising their diplomas in celebration of the achievement.

While the evening wound down, the campus personnel, staff volunteers and custodial crews watched as their many hours of planning and execution made everything 'just right' for the big day.



Transfer Center Leads Students to Four-Year Universities

For many students, RHC is the first step on the path to four-year universities like USC, UCLA, UC Berkeley, or Cal State Long Beach. But that path can be clearer and smoother for students who work with the RHC Transfer Center.

Most four-year colleges and universities require applications from community college transfer students as much as one year in advance, a reality about which some may not be aware. For that reason, RHC's Transfer Center is working overtime to ensure students are optimizing

the services and benefits it provides.

THE TRANSFER CENTER

- Offers counseling and expert advice to students on the application process for the college of his/her choice;
- Sets up University Representative Appointments on a regular basis, giving students the opportunity to meet with university officials where they can receive detailed information on their preferred schools;

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President's Message



Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr.

Since 1963, Rio Hondo College has been serving generations of students eager to take advantage of educational opportunities to prepare for transfer to four-year colleges and to pursue the latest career paths. We believe it is especially important that college resources be used in the most efficient and effective ways to continue service to as many students as possible. We are dedicated to keeping the doors open, even in difficult financial times.

We believe that our campus environment is important and conducive to learning, and are proud of the new facilities taking shape on our hilltop campus, a result of our community's good will and generosity in funding Measure A

facilities bond. Just next month we will open the new state-of-the-art Library and Learning Resource Center, providing a wealth of learning support services and library resources.

In addition to nearly 100 degree and career certificate programs available, Rio Hondo College sponsors a lively campus life for our students; opportunities to participate in 16 intercollegiate sports; to perform in vocal, musical, and theatrical arts; and to join an active student government, including many special-interest clubs.

And that's not all. In the past year, Rio Hondo College has earned accolades and received important awards. The College Futures Assembly selected

our college to receive the Gold Bellwether Award for the *Go Rio* transportation project and was named one of the nation's top 15 *Military Friendly Schools*. Inside this newsletter you'll learn more about recent student victories in national competition in the Microsoft Imagine Cup competition. The Honors Transfer Program garnered its own honors, achieving 92 percent transfer acceptance to UCLA.

Clearly, Rio Hondo College is a premier institution. As we enter our 47th year of service to men and women of the San Gabriel Valley, I invite you to explore your opportunities with us. I look forward to greeting you on campus.

Commencement Speaker Highlights Doyle Campbell

The Class of 2009 heard inspirational and thought-provoking remarks from commencement speaker, Doyle Campbell, a Rio Hondo alumnus and retired Assistant Sheriff for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

He told students he was not chosen to speak at their graduation because of his academic record at RHC. Instead, he conjectured, he spoke because his story is unique.

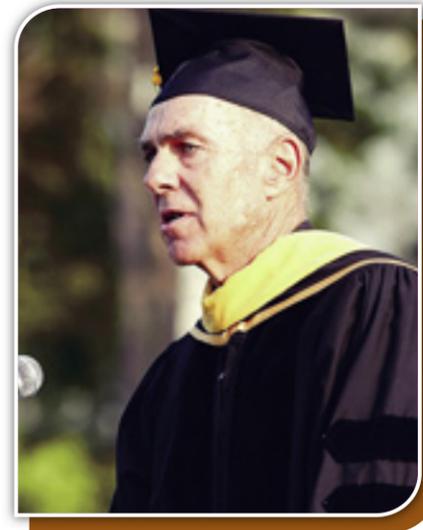
He told the audience about his battle with a rare form of liver cancer at

the age of 34, and how he eventually became the first cancer patient to receive a liver transplant and the 83rd liver transplant recipient at the University of California, Los Angeles. He shared with students about the worst night of his life - and how at one point, his illness left him thinking he might never walk out of the hospital.

Campbell never gave up on his hope to become healthy again. In fact, he was able to walk out of the hospital and eventually return back to work and stay healthy.

"Three pieces of advice," Campbell said to the Class of 2009, "that's all I am giving you. First, stay hungry. What you learn will never be wasted. Second, be proud of what you do, so even if you come in last, you can smile and say, 'It was brilliant!' And third, when a crisis comes, never give up."

After pausing, Campbell offered one last life tip to graduates, "Life is as precarious as it is precious. Enjoy every moment. It is a wonderful journey. Good luck Class of 2009!"



Doyle Campbell

Student Success Stories - Class of 2009

Rio Hondo College's class of 2009 included many amazing graduates. These four stories illustrate the perseverance of Rio Hondo College students.



EDGAR CORTES has been described by those who know him best as an "exemplary person who has no problem overcoming any obstacle that gets in the way of his goals." Graduating with a 3.3 grade-point-average today, Edgar has worked hard to apply himself in pursuing his interest in Information Systems. In fact, despite math being his least favorite subject, Edgar made it his goal to succeed and earned "A" grades in all his math classes.



STEPHANIE HECKEL is one determined young woman. In addition to overcoming a learning disability, she participated in more than eight theatrical performances since she's been enrolled at Rio Hondo, her most recent performance being one of the lead roles in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." She also joined several clubs and activities and even served as this year's Associated Student Body Vice President. Stephanie

is on her way to UCLA's School of Theatre, Film and Television next fall and we wish her the best. Congratulations, Stephanie!



MARCOS MARTINEZ, who participated in the Extended Opportunity, Program and Services (EOP&S) program, says he is incredibly thankful for the support he received at Rio Hondo College. After his parents separated when Marcos was young, he found himself distracted during high school and not focused on his future. However, with the support of his family and friends and the EOP&S team, Marcos found himself on the right track and is graduating from Rio Hondo after four semesters! Congratulations, Marcos!



CAROLINA ORTIZ came to this country less than five years ago in search of educational opportunities... she found them at Rio Hondo College. Graduating today, she has earned a 4.0 grade-point-average, was a student in the Honors Program, overcame language barriers and has dedicated much of her time to helping others. While here, she tutored ESL students and even organized a lunch to honor military reservists before they deployed to Iraq. Carolina wants to continue her education and hopes to work toward earning a master's degree in design and technical theatre. Congratulations, Carolina, we wish you the best!

Transfer Center *continued from page 1*

- Holds Transfer Workshops, providing detailed information on the process and what RHC students can expect from the university;
- Takes students to tour and visit several universities throughout the year, free of charge;

- Hosts University Fairs on RHC's campus with more than 40 universities present to answer any student questions; and
- Has a resource library with catalog information for students to read about their future majors and colleges of choice.

"We are working to increase awareness among our students about the trans-

fer process by hosting these workshops and offering tours," said Rio Hondo College Transfer Center Counselor Dianne Martinez. "If we can reach them and be a resource for them throughout their academic careers here, then there is no doubt they will be prepared to transfer to their dream schools since they will know exactly what they need to do to get there."

Many students regularly use the Transfer Center. In fact, thousands of RHC stu-

dents have transferred to colleges and universities across the country after meeting the necessary requirements, including all University of California campuses, all California State Universities, private colleges and many more.

For more information on RHC's Transfer Center, you can visit its web site at www.riohondo.edu/students/transfer-center or to schedule an appointment with a counselor, call (562) 463-4619.



BREAKING IT ALL DOWN

College can be expensive. But at RHC, you can get a great education at a fraction of the cost others charge. See the chart below for a comparison of approximate annual tuition costs for full-time students. You can see how much money you and your family can save by starting at Rio Hondo College.

- University of Southern California (USC) \$37,000 per year
- DeVry \$16,000 per year
- University of California (UC) \$ 8,720 per year
- California State University (CSU) \$ 4,827 per year
- Rio Hondo College \$ 780*

*Tuition/fees are established by the California State Legislature and are subject to change.

Rio Hondo College Students Transfer to:

- UC Berkeley
- UC Irvine
- UC Los Angeles
- UC Merced
- UC Riverside
- UC San Diego
- UC Santa Barbara
- CalPoly University, Pomona
- CalPoly University, San Luis Obispo
- CSU Chico
- CSU Dominguez Hills
- CSU East Bay
- CSU Fresno
- CSU Fullerton
- CSU Long Beach
- CSU Los Angeles
- CSU Monterey Bay
- CSU Northridge
- CSU Sacramento
- CSU San Bernardino
- CSU Humboldt
- CSU San Diego
- CSU San Francisco
- CSU San Jose
- Azusa Pacific University
- Biola University
- DeVry
- Hope International University
- Loma Linda University
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- University of Southern California
- University of La Verne
- Whittier College

The Transfer Center Helps YOU Connect!

Facilities Update
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The approximately \$12 million upgrade was implemented throughout the campus and will provide chilled water through two 1,000-ton chillers and hot water with two gas-fired, low emissions boilers as well as new fiber optic cable throughout.

Although the construction of the infrastructure project in the campus roads had a major impact on traffic, work has been completed and all roads are now open.



Central Plant

IN DESIGN

Three major projects are currently in the design phase: the new PE Building, the new Student Services and Union Complex and the rehabilitation of the entire Central Quad.

■ **PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING**

The Physical Education (P.E.) Building will replace the existing exercise facilities with a new 41,000 square-foot building that will include an area for weight training, team rooms, a new locker facility and staff offices. The swimming pool will also be replaced.

Design has been completed and approved by the Department of the State Architect. Construction will begin when State funds are received. The P.E. building will seek a Leadership in

Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

■ **STUDENT SERVICES AND UNION COMPLEX**

The Student Services and Union Complex consists of two buildings for distinct purposes. The Student Services Building Consisting - a three-story, 35,000 square-foot structure - will house various student programs including clubs, organizations and other student service programs.

The ground floor of the two-story, 14,000-square foot Student Union Building will include a new cafeteria and kitchen for providing daily food service to the community. Exterior seating on patios and plazas supplement the interior dining area. The cafeteria will also be used to host public events and meetings with a nearly 300-person capacity. A new student lounge will occupy the second floor for informal gatherings and relaxation.

The complex will be located just south of the existing Science and Administration buildings and will form a new hub for campus activities. The two buildings are linked with open bridges and are connected to the campus via bridges to the Central Quad. Design of the Student Services Building has been completed and is currently in "plan check" with the Department of the State Architect (DSA).

■ **CENTRAL QUAD PLAZA**

The third project is the major rehabilitation of the entire Central Quad plaza and landscaping area. The current bridge connecting the upper and lower quads will be demolished and replaced by a series of stepping plazas connected with stairs, ramps and lush landscaping to provide a more open, access-friendly space connecting all of the central campus buildings. This project is being designed in close coordination with the new Student Services/Union complex and will result in a radically-changed contemporary image for Rio Hondo College.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

■ **SANTA FE SPRINGS REGIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING CENTER**

As part of the building program, off-campus facilities are being developed to bring the college to the neighboring communities.

One of these projects is the Santa Fe Springs Regional Public Safety Training

Center, a firefighter training center jointly used by the college, City of Santa Fe Springs Fire Department, and other Southern California fire departments. The first two phases consisted of renovations to the existing administration classroom facilities.

Phase III is now underway to construct a series of training "props" including an oil drum, cracker tower, tank truck and a railroad tank car. Of special note is the Confined Space Training Facility to train rescue operations in underground tunnels, vaults and wells. Construction of Phase III began this month and will be completed for use by the fall semester.

■ **SOUTH WHITTIER EDUCATION CENTER**

In South Whittier, construction has begun on a three-classroom building on the site of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department facilities off Telegraph Road. The project, with funding identified in 2007, is a collaborative effort supported by Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and several community organizations interested in increasing access to education for South Whittier residents.

This facility, which has been a priority of the Board and administration, will be used to offer a variety of teaching programs to the community, pro-

viding convenient and relevant RHC programs to local residents of all ages, as well as promoting an atmosphere of lifelong learning.

■ **EL MONTE EDUCATION CENTER**

Rio Hondo College is working with the city of El Monte to identify and procure a site that will be used as an educational center, making RHC courses more accessible to El Monte residents.

The project is also a priority for the Board and administration. Despite the current budget crisis being felt in California, which has unraveled a funding collaboration that had been established with the local city, the college continues to find creative options to develop a comprehensive program in El Monte.

In the meantime, until a new site has been identified, the College is holding classes at El Monte High School and in other available facilities in the area.

"It is absolutely critical that we do everything possible to ensure students throughout our community are able to access Rio Hondo classes," said RHC Superintendent/President Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D. "We have found creative ways to develop seamless instructional opportunities for El Monte residents. But ultimately, we will develop an RHC-specific facility to promote stability and continuity."



South Whittier Education Center

Library and Learning Resource Center Set to Open

When students return to RHC for the Fall semester they will be greeted by a new structure on campus - the Library and Learning Resource Center. The largest single element in the Measure A construction program, the new building is the size of two football fields and will be the campus' signature structure.

The building has a modern library, training and meeting rooms, writing and reading labs and a rooftop garden on the second floor. Located on the former site of the Putnam Center, the 94,000 square-foot two-story building anchors the south end of the central campus area. The entry into the two-story lobby space is designed as the terminus of the Central Quad area, also to be reconstructed.



The building also features a large book stack area capable of easily holding the approximately 78,000 volumes of books and periodicals the college currently possesses. The room, and its adjacent reading room, offers extraordinary natural light through a continuous high thermal performance glass wall that also affords a hilltop panoramic view of the San Gabriel Valley.

The facility includes spaces for the Basic Skills Initiative Program for the enhancement of reading and writing abilities, distance learning classrooms, a teleconferencing lounge and faculty offices. It also features a multi-media resource center with a complete media studio for broadcasting student video and audio productions. The building features energy-efficient glazing, a green roof area and will seek a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

The college plans a grand opening for the new LRC once the building is fully occupied and in service.



Administration of Justice

Groundbreaking for Eagerly-Anticipated Building

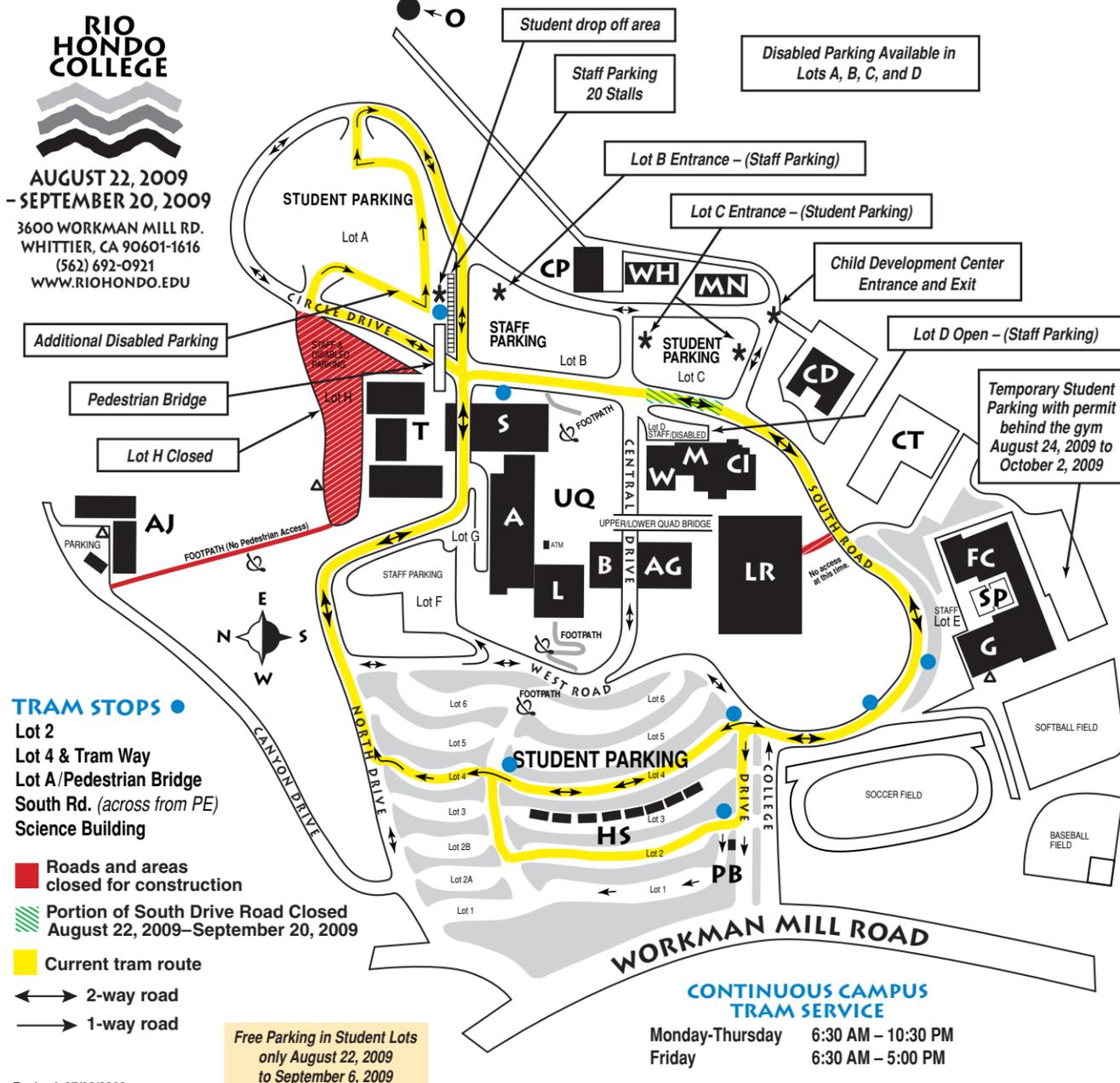
The College held a groundbreaking ceremony for its Administration of Justice (AOJ) Building in March. The new, 37,000 square-foot, three-story AOJ facility will include classroom and administrative space to house the Police Academy as well as classrooms for other programs within the Division of Public Safety and for general College use. This dramatic metal and glass building near the main entrance of the College will feature innovative and efficient designs and will also include physical activity spaces for the cadets.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Construction related to the Rio Hondo College Building Access and Excellence building program is underway!

During construction, the College will issue campus maps on a regular basis which show roads and areas temporarily closed, as well as updated tram routes/stops. This campus map is for the period of August 22, 2009 through September 20, 2009. Please consider these changes when planning your route to the campus and your parking plans. Directional signs will be placed around the campus to ensure safe circulation. The Campus Tram will not be stopping at Lots H from February, 2009 through April, 2010. Updates can be obtained on the web at www.riohondocollege.info



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NEW Classes, Degrees and Certificates for Fall 2009

Rio Hondo College students have several new degrees, certificates, and courses from which to select this fall. Many of the new offerings are designed to help transferring students also qualify for a degree or certificate in their field before they transfer - an important benefit. Studies show that students who receive a two-year degree, even if they eventually go on to receive a bachelor's degree, will earn more money over their lifetime.

Other new programs and classes are intended to expand a series of career and technical courses into certificate programs, and yet others help students position themselves for jobs in the rapidly growing 'green' technology fields.

Here is the list of new degrees and certificates that will be available to students beginning in Fall 2009.

- ▶ General Studies Associate of Arts degree with four areas of emphasis:
 - Arts & Human Expression
 - Science & Mathematics
 - Social Behavior & Self-Development
 - Social Science
- ▶ Alternative Energy Technology Certificate of Skill Proficiency

- ▶ Nurse Assistant Pre-Certification Training Course Career Certificate
- ▶ Certified Nurse Assistant Acute Care Career Certificate
- ▶ Home Health Aide Career Certificate
- ▶ Forensic Identification Career Certificate
- ▶ Pre-School Teacher Certificate of Achievement

NEW CLASSES AT RHC INCLUDE

- ▶ World Building For Game Development
- ▶ Introduction to Landscape Design and Maintenance
- ▶ Introduction to Landscape Architecture & Design
- ▶ Introduction to Alternative Energy Technology
- ▶ Photovoltaic Systems Design and Installation
- ▶ Advanced Wastewater Treatment, in Environmental Technology
- ▶ Exploring Authors
- ▶ Postcolonial Literature
- ▶ Women and Literature
- ▶ Digital Photography



- ▶ Music in Film
- ▶ Introduction to Governmental and Not-For-Profit Accounting
- ▶ Intermediate Accounting I
- ▶ Transportation Management
- ▶ Contract Management

- ▶ Computerized Logistics
- ▶ Virtual Media: 3D Animation and Simulation
- ▶ Virtual Media 3D: Rendering and Compositing

Hot Careers for Today's Economy

The country's economic crisis is hitting many local residents hard through job loss and salary reductions. During these challenging times, RHC is here to provide the training needed to get new jobs or advance in current career paths.

Check out the list of some of the hot majors available to you at RHC:

- Automotive Technology, Alternative Fuels
- Heavy Equipment Maintenance
- Advanced Transportation Technology & Energy Center
- Electronics (Renewable/Green Energy)
- Geographic Information Systems
- Fire and Police Academies
- Logistics Management
- Nursing



Don't see your future listed here? Visit www.riohondo.edu to explore all the career opportunities that are waiting for you at RHC!

Sammy Castillo Assumes ASB President Post for 2009-2010

For new Associated Student Body (ASB) President Sammy Castillo, this year is all about positive change. While serving as president, he plans to increase participation in RHC's recycling program and further increase awareness among students of the resources available to them.

Castillo, a graduate of Arroyo High School in El Monte, came to RHC two years ago. Following high school graduation, he had been working full-time, but one day realized he wanted more from his life than what his current job was offering. He is now majoring in Business Administration, with an emphasis in Information Systems.

"I didn't want that job for the rest of my life," he said. "I needed to take school seriously and utilize the resources Rio had for me."

And that's exactly what Castillo did. After enrolling, he joined various clubs, including the Vocal Arts Alliance Club and ASB.

"ASB really opened my eyes to what I could do here," he said. "I really think RHC gave me a smoother transition after high school than a four-year university could. I had a chance to develop more. My experience here showed me that if I wanted to grow, I could grow."

Castillo said in his new position, he also hopes to focus on the current economic crisis, see how it is impacting RHC, and help provide student feedback as budget plans are developed.

Castillo plans to attend California State University, Fullerton, after he earns his associate degree this spring. He said he hopes one day to open his own business in computer repairs.

Rio Hondo Expands Online Course Options

No time to make the trek to the Rio Hondo College? Don't let that stop you. Nine additional courses have been approved for Distance Education, also known as online instruction or Virtual College. These were previously existing courses that can now also be offered online, which increases RHC's ability to reach students who are unable to access the college campus. For more information, visit www.online.riohondo.edu.

VIRTUAL COLLEGE — IS IT FOR YOU?

TAKE CLASSES ONLINE!

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- You communicate with your instructor and classmates via email and/or through online discussions.

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ONLINE SERVICES

At Rio Hondo College you can even apply for scholarships, schedule meetings with your counselor and register for college all at the click of a button. Get all the help you need at www.riohondo.edu/admissions/online_reg_info.htm.



Faculty Profiles

Here's a brief introduction to some Rio Hondo College faculty members.

GENE BLACKMUN III, M.B.A.
BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

Gene Blackmun III, Assistant Professor of Business Management, is entering his fifth year of teaching at Rio Hondo. He received his master's degree in business management from Cal State University, Fullerton.

He teaches business law, marketing and management courses. Prior to RHC, he taught at Santa Ana College, Santiago Canyon College, Cerritos College, and Long Beach City College.

"I love Rio Hondo and believe the students here have a passion for learning and many are striving to make a difference in the world and get ahead," stated Blackmun. "I champion their efforts and I hope I can, in some small way, help them with their educational journey."

ADA BROWN, M.E.A.
PAINTING AND DRAWING

Ada Brown is currently an assistant professor of painting & drawing at Rio Hondo College and has been teaching courses in beginning, intermediate and advanced Freehand Drawing, as well as Life Drawing and Painting at RHC for five years.

Born in New York City, Brown began her art education at the High School of Art and Design and later, earned her bachelor's degree in Studio Art, at Queens College of the City University of New York. She attended the Sarah Lawrence College School of the Arts summer program, in Lacoste, France and earned her master's of fine arts degree as a Teaching Fellow at the University of Houston.

"I really enjoy working with the students at Rio Hondo College, they are talented and want to learn," said Brown. "Here we teach the skills to begin a stu-



Gene Blackmun III



Ada Brown



Edward Gonzalez



Rebecca Green



Ted Preston

dent in a career where smart and talented people are always needed. RHC is a great place to work, but it's the students that make my job so wonderful."

EDWARD GONZALEZ, B.V.E
CIVIL AND ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING AND DESIGN

Edward Gonzalez has been teaching Civil and Architectural Drafting and Design at Rio Hondo since he joined the faculty in 2005. He earned his bachelor's degree in vocational education (BVE) from California State University Los Angeles.

He previously spent five years teaching Computer Aided Drafting/Design (CADD), Architectural Design and Geographic Information System (GIS) at Eagle Rock High School, Walnut High School and Glen A. Wilson High School. In addition, he also taught CADD for five years as a part-time instructor at Rio Hondo College.

"When teaching students at RHC, I bring my real life experiences from the fields of architecture, civil design technology and construction into the classroom. I try to make each course I teach engaging, stimulating and fun," says Gon-

zalez. "With my dry sense of humor, I also try to give the student an understanding that there is more to life than drawing a set of plans and in order to succeed in the fields of architecture and civil design technology, they must be well rounded."

REBECCA GREEN, M.A. SOCIOLOGY

Rebecca Green graduated from Cal State University, Dominguez Hills with a master's of arts degree in sociology. She has just completed her fourth year of full-time teaching at Rio Hondo College.

In addition to her classroom duties, she is the coordinator of RHC's Honors Transfer Program and she is the Honors Club advisor, giving her the opportunity to spend time with and encourage the honors students as they pursue their academic dreams.

Green is overflowing with emotion when she speaks of teaching. "My favorite day all academic year is graduation day. To see the students who are graduating from Rio, to hear the shouts of pride from their families and to hug many of my former students

and wish them the best is a wonderful way to spend the day," says Green. "Teaching is my vocation - it's my calling. I am energized by it, I'm challenged by it and I'm humbled by it. I love the feeling of driving up the hill each morning - I am fortunate to work at Rio Hondo College."

TED PRESTON, PH.D. PHILOSOPHY

Dr. Preston has been teaching Philosophy since 1999. He received his bachelor's degree in philosophy and psychology from Claremont McKenna College, his master's degree in philosophy from CSU Long Beach and went on to earn his Ph.D in philosophy from UC Riverside.

He taught previously at CSU Long Beach, Cal Poly Pomona and UC Riverside and has been published numerous times in a variety of journals and has a chapter in The Undead and Philosophy.

"I love the opportunity to introduce my students to the world of philosophy," says Preston. "I find that their excitement and appreciation is one of the most rewarding benefits of teaching here."

Roadrunners Show Might – 2008/2009 Sports Roundup

Congratulations to the following Roadrunners for their achievements as highly competitive student-athletes during the 2008-2009 school year! Here are some highlights:



TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS

- Conference Champions
- Men's Soccer - 7th year in a row
- Wrestling - 3rd year in a row
- Baseball
- Women's Cross Country

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Diego Martinez Wrestling - CCCAA Pepsi Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- Alan Ponce Conference MVP - Men's Soccer
- Full-ride scholarship to University of Connecticut
- Ruben Martinez Men's Track / Cross Country - All American - State Finalist
- Lesley Vodiscka Women's Basketball - Kodak All American
- Ian Millan Outstanding Wrestler of the Conference
- Sal Feliccia Wrestling Academic All-American Team
- Billie Rivera Wrestling Academic All-American Team
- Julian Gonzalez Wrestling Academic All-American Team

COACHES OF THE YEAR

- Mike Tellez Wrestling
- Mike Salazar Baseball
- Orlando Brenes Men's Soccer

RIO HONDO COLLEGE STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

- Sal Feliccia Wrestling
- Lesley Vodiscka Women's Basketball

PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDENT DANCER OF THE YEAR

- Rosa Martinez

Renowned Wrestling Coach Named to Hall of Fame

Ken Bos, former Rio Hondo College wrestling coach, was selected to receive a Lifetime Service Award from the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in May. His name was permanently placed on a plaque at the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Museum in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Coach Bos, who said he was honored by this recognition, has an extensive resume. He was a three-year Letterman at Artesia High School, a two-year Letterman at Cerritos College, a two-time

Conference Champion and three-time All American at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He also worked as a coach for two years at Santa Barbara High School before coming to coach at Rio Hondo College. Coach Bos retired from Rio Hondo College five years ago.

Under his direction and leadership he led the Rio Hondo College wrestling team to eight Conference Championships, three Regional Championships, two State Championships and he coached 34 JC All-Americans. Additionally, he was

an NCAA Division I official and served on the National Wrestling Coaches Association Executive Board. He also was a three-time president of the California Community College Wrestling Coaches Association and was the Wrestling Tournament Competition Director for the 1984 Olympic Games.

In addition to the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Coach Bos was inducted into the NCAA Division II Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1998 and the California Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2001.



NEW AccessRIO Provides One-Step Online Connection

If standing in line at the registrar's office seems like a necessary part of the college experience – think again.

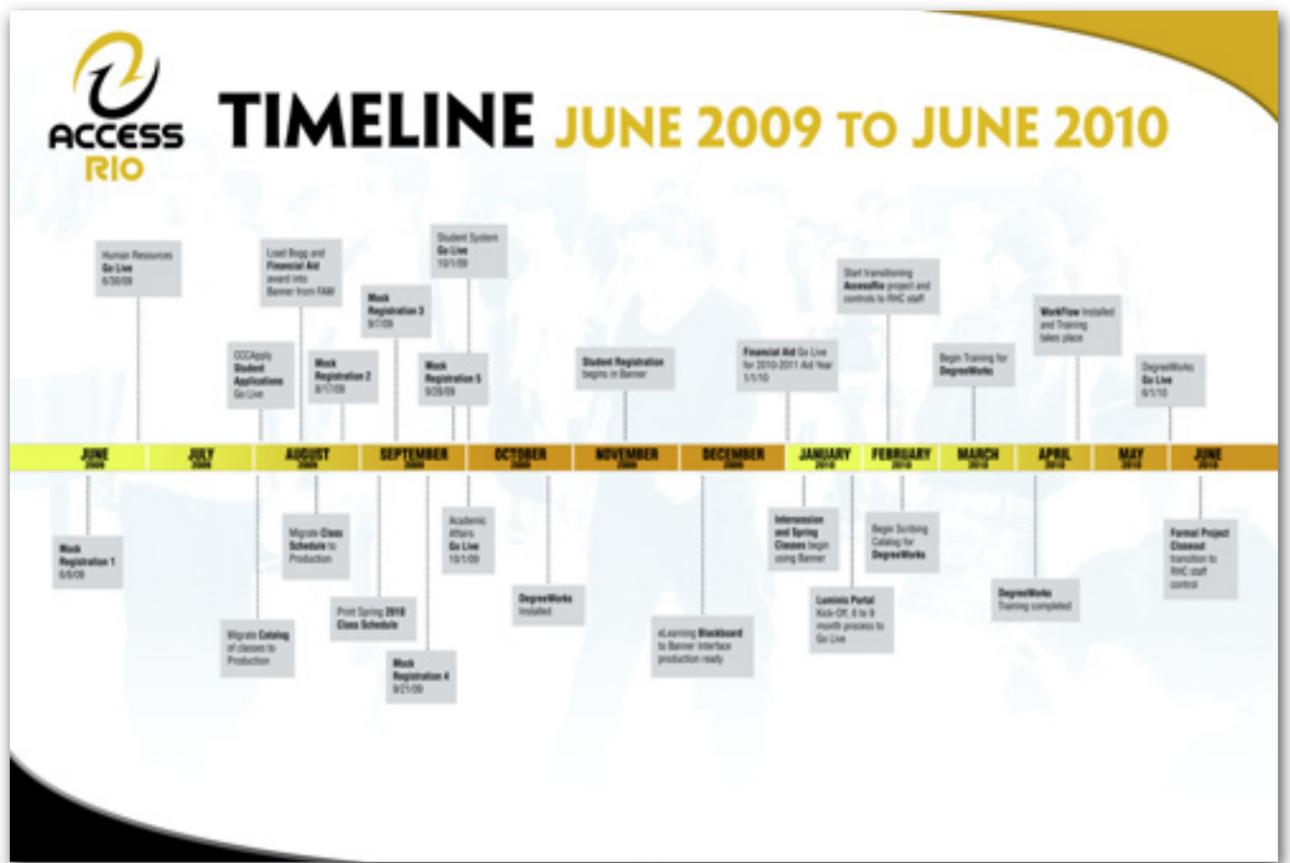
Rio Hondo College is on the verge of starting up a fully integrated computerized student information system. Known as AccessRIO, the system will increase information access for students and provide greater connectivity for RHC employees.

In October, the AccessRIO System will be ready to accept Student Applications and Registrations for Spring 2010.

Beginning with the Spring 2010 term, students will need to use AccessRIO, as in-person and telephone registration will be replaced by this new student information system.

The system will serve as a one-stop online resource for admission, registration and personal records as well as much more. The system will also eliminate students having to wait in line to register or having to use a touchtone telephone to do things such as apply for admission, register for classes, add or drop classes, and pay fees.

In order to access the system, students will need only their name and student identification number. The system software is user-friendly, but anyone requiring additional assistance will be able to receive help at the registrar's office.



Rio Hondo College Students Give It Their All in Microsoft Competition

Fourteen Rio Hondo College students stunned the national IT world by reaching the final round of the US Imagine Cup competition held in Cambridge, Massachusetts in May. There were 180 teams representing 125 schools. Rio Hondo College was the only community college from Southern California to compete. RHC students represented four out of the 15 teams that made it to the national finals.

The competition was fierce and RHC students were up against some of the best teams including University of Alabama (made up of Ph.D. students), University of Colorado (including two Imagine Cup veterans), an MIT junior and three Wayne State University students made up another team as well as teams from Purdue, DePauw and Missouri State Universities.

The Imagine Cup is an annual technology competition, sponsored by Microsoft, which brings together students from around the world to showcase their innovative technology creations that may help resolve some of the world's toughest challenges. The competition, including costs of travel

for the event, was completely underwritten by Microsoft.

Dr. Shin Liu, Professor of Computer Science and Computer Information Technology at Rio Hondo College thinks RHC represents a fine example of what is right about our community college sys-

tem. "Community colleges, like Rio Hondo, were intended to be a bridge from high school to the university. They were and still are a jewel that makes California different from other states. They are affordable and accessible to all students," stated Dr. Liu.



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As new "green" industries provide the promise of increased employment opportunities in today's changing economy, the RHC Board of Trustees has supported and encouraged the development of new classes in the area of environmental technology and other "green" industries that are on the rise.

Economists nationwide note that the new global economy will be based on "green" technology. However, these new industries can only thrive with a well-trained work force in place to implement this new standard. RHC is determined to set the pace when it comes to the training, certification and transfer programs to support these new technologies.

"President Obama is investing millions of dollars in green technology to kick-start the economy by creating thousands of new jobs," said Superintendent/President Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D. "We want our students to be first in line to get those jobs. Our specialized, high-tech courses will give our students a head start."

Environmental technology refers to the skills and knowledge that allow a person to work in the environmental field in compliance with governmental regulations and at the same time protect human health and the environment.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE

The Environmental Technology Associate of Science Degree Program is a two-year program designed to prepare students to either enter the work force

at the technician level or transfer into a bachelor's degree program. Areas of specialization include Waste Management, Land Use Planning & Environmental Restoration, Environmental Health & Safety, Water & Waste Water Management, and Alternative & Efficient Energy Systems.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Environmental Technology Certificate is designed to either prepare students to enter the field or upgrade people who are already working in the field with technician-level skills.

The Certificate of Achievement in Environmental Technology requires 30 units in coursework, including classes such as Hazardous Waste Generation/Reduction/Treatment, Safety & Emergency Response, and Environmental Biology.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS

Rio Hondo College has also developed a set of courses through the community service division, designed for those who want to refresh their skills for work purposes, or for those who are non-professionals who want to know how to properly handle situations that may include hazardous materials. These courses include DOT Hazmat Training, OSHA Construction Industry Training, and First-Responder Awareness.

Visit www.riohondo.edu/mathsci/environmental_tech/ to view a more detailed list of available classes and information.