• **State of the College City Council Presentation** --- On Tuesday, we concluded our 2013 series of State of the College presentations to City Councils in Whittier. Trustees Shapiro and Acosta-Salazar joined President Dreyfuss, Russell Castaneda-Calleros and Susan Herney for the presentation. As with each of the other city council presentations, we gave the City of Whittier a 50th Anniversary banner to display and a 50th Anniversary commemorative pin to each member of the council. Again, we were well received. City Council members expressed appreciation for Rio Hondo College programs and accomplishments.

• **Children's Art show Family Night** --- The Child Development Center showed off the creative efforts of the children enrolled in the Pre-School Laboratory at a Children’s Art Show Family Night, with almost 200 children, parents and family members in attendance. The Show is open to visitors through Thursday, March 7 in the Child Development Center Pavilion. The staff is selling gift basket raffle tickets at $1 each to fund a field trip to the Science Center to see the space shuttle Endeavor.

• **Whittier Area School Administrators Award** --- On Thursday, six Rio Hondo College administrators were present to applaud the presentation of our WASA Community Service Award to the 2013 recipient, Yosh Nakamura. RHC attendees included Barbara Salazar, Kats Gustafson, Steve Hebert, Henry Gee, Kenn Pierson and Dr. Zolita Fisher.

• **Accreditation Update** - The Accreditation Leadership Team (ALT) will have its monthly meeting this Thursday, where the co-chairs of the standards provide updates on their progress. A key area of accreditation is program review and this was part of a focused discussion at Planning and Fiscal Council (PFC) last week. Marie Eckstrom (Program Review Coordinator) and Howard Kummerman (Dean of Institutional Research and Planning) provided a summary of findings from this year’s process. PFC made various suggestions for how to improve the process in the future and adopted the recommendations from the Program Review Committee. Please remember that you can win a $25 Starbucks card by completing the Accreditation Basics online course (which takes about an hour) found on the ACCJC website and sending your certificate of completion to Adam Wetsman by April 1.

• **Evening College Supervision Schedule, Hours are 5:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Room A119**
Monday, March 4 – Jacque Wilvers – Director, Grant Management  
Tuesday, March 5 – Elizabeth Coria, Director, Financial Aid  
Wednesday, March 6 – Russell Castaneda-Calleros, Director, GCR  
Thursday, March 7 – Susan Herney, Director, Marketing & Communications  

- **Career & Technical Education** - February is National CTE Month. The CTE Division hosted two separate events to expose current high school students to the programs in the division. The events were held on Friday, February 22, 2013 Engineering Technology/Civil/Drafting/GIS and Friday, March 1, 2013 Advance Transportation and Alternative Energy. Approximately 190 high school students from El Monte Union High School District, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, Tri-Cities ROP, and Whittier Union High School District participated in the events. Special thanks to all CTE faculty and staff, CTE students, Facilities, Security and everyone involved in making the events a huge success.

- **Communications & Languages** - The annual Speech and Debate Forensics Showcase is featuring another impressive lineup this year. The March 7th event is now being publicized.

  English Instructor Juan Fernandez' ENGL 101 class hosted a group of 5th grade students from the Boyle Heights Save Ourselves leadership program last Monday. The interactive session promoted academic achievement and empowerment for all participants. Campus tours and souvenir bags were provided to our young guests by the Office of Educational Partnerships.

  Puente students gained valuable insight last Friday at UC Riverside's Community College Transfer Day. This was a joint venture with the RHC Transfer Center.

- **Health Sciences & Nursing** - Congratulations! I’m pleased to inform you that the Nursing Assistant Training Program at Rio Hondo College has been awarded a $50,000 grant to increase the capacity of the NAT and HHA Programs during the 2013-14 academic year.

- **Arts & Cultural Programs**

  KELLY BARRIE – ARTIST IN RESIDENCE - MARCH 7 – APRIL 18 - Kelly Barrie photography builds a tremendous textural and emotional richness through his inventive photo process. Kelly’s work is part gestural, part documentation. His work has been described as an alliance of physical presence.
  
  **RHC Art Gallery**' Reception and Artist Talk – March 14, 7-8:30pm

  **ATTENTION ARTISTS – EXTENDED DUE DATE**, Rio Hondo College’s, 14th Annual Journal of Art and Literature River’s Voice, has **EXTENDED** the submission date for **VISUAL ART** submissions **ONLY**: THE EXTENDED DUE DATE FOR VISUAL ART SUBMISSIONS ONLY IS: MARCH 7, 2013

  Direct questions to Sheila Lynch, Art Editor, River’s Voice riversvoiceartwork@riohondo.edu
PROJECT ERANOS CONCERT – WHAT KEEPS MANKIND ALIVE? - Pack your bags and be off with the internationally-acclaimed project ERANOS on a rollicking, fast-paced, romantic holiday filled with love, longing and absolutely no regrets! Rio Hondo’s own award-winning vocal ensemble, directed by soprano Ann Gresham, returns in a one-of-a-kind Sondheim celebration.

Wray Theatre, 7:30pm

- Physical Education & Athletics

MARCH 4 – Mon. – Rio Hondo Softball – AWAY – East Los Angeles College – 3:00pm
MARCH 5 – Tues. – Rio Hondo Men’s Baseball – Home - *Cerro Coso – 2:00pm
MARCH 5 – Tues. – Rio Hondo Women’s Tennis – AWAY - *Mt. San Jacinto – 2:00pm
MARCH 6 – Wed. – Rio Hondo Softball – AWAY - *Mt. San Jacinto – 3:00pm
MARCH 7 – Thurs. – Rio Hondo Men’s Baseball – AWAY - *Cerro Coso – 2:00pm
MARCH 7 – Thurs. – Rio Hondo Women’s Tennis – AWAY - *Mt. San Jacinto – 2:00pm
MARCH 8 – Fri. – Rio Hondo Softball – Away – *Antelope Valley College – 3:00pm
MARCH 8-9 – Fri.-Sat. – Rio Hondo Swim – Cuesta Invitational @ Cuesta – All day
MARCH 9 – Sat. – Rio Hondo Men’s Baseball – Home - *Cerro Coso – 12:00pm

Events:

- Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, March 13, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
- 50th Anniversary Time Capsule / ASRHC Giant Birthday Card – Thursday, March 14, 2013, 1:00 pm
- 50th Anniversary Celebration – Friday, April 19, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

?Question(s) of the week

Have a specific question that you would like asked and feel others may want to know as well? Forward them to Sandy Sandello in the President’s Office for inclusion in next week’s e-Messenger.