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09/03/2014
• EVENING COLLEGE SUPERVISION SCHEDULE, HOURS ARE 5:00 P.M. – 10:30 P.M., ROOM A119,

   Direct Dial Number: 908-3437
   Monday, March 10 – Jasmine Lopez, Interim Director, Student Life & Leadership
   Tuesday, March 11 – Chedva Weingart, Director of Accounting
   Wednesday, March 12 – Gary Van Voorhis, Director, IT
   Thursday, March 13 – Judy Pearson, Director, A & R

• CITY OF PICO RIVERA – On March 3, President Dreyfuss had a “Meet & Greet” with Mayor Brent Tercero of the City of Pico Rivera. It was a mutual opportunity for Mayor Tercero to get to know more about Rio Hondo College and for her to learn more about the City of Pico Rivera. Mayor Tercero will visit our campus the week after Spring Break and will be given a campus tour.

• CEO ACCREDITATION MEETING – On March 4, President Dreyfuss attended the CEO Accreditation Meeting at West Los Angeles College in Culver City. Approximately 20 Presidents and Chancellors met with ACCJC CEO Dr. Barbara Beno, ACCJC Chair Dr. Sherrill Amador and ACCJC Commissioners Raul Rodriguez and Frank Gornick. They engaged in open and honest conversations with the Commission representatives with the goal of improving the relationship between the membership and the Commission. Topics included: what does the membership and ACCJC have in common; what values/goals does the membership and ACCJC share; what do CEOs need from the Commission and vice versa; how does the membership and ACCJC improve communications and outcomes. The results of the conversations will be debriefed at the Northern and Southern conferences.

• PRINCIPAL OF THE DAY – On March 6, President Dreyfuss served as “Principal for a Day” by job shadowing Principal Amy Moss at Grazide Elementary in Hacienda Heights. She interacted with students in 10 classrooms and observed their active learning and participation in math, writing skills
and in the computer lab. She was impressed with the teachers’ method of teaching their students how to think critically by applying the common core standards into their curricula. She was also impressed with the teachers’ enthusiasm and commitment to their students as reflected with their overtime hours without pay. Grazide’s API Score of close to 950 speaks for the school’s reputation of high level of achievement. She was also invited to attend a luncheon at the Industry Hills Expo Center Pavilion with approximately 300 attendees who also served as “Principal for a Day.”

- **WOMEN’S HISTORY DAY CONFERENCE** – On March 7, President Dreyfuss was thrilled to have welcomed nearly 300 high school seniors to the 19th Annual Women’s History Day Conference on our campus. After Dr. Zolita Fisher introduced her as the 9th Superintendent/President of Rio Hondo College, she shared with the audience that she started as a classified staff member at Rio Hondo College in the field of accounting to demonstrate that nothing is impossible. She gave thanks to our partners in this endeavor, Whittier Union High School District and The Soroptimist International of Whittier, and to all the committee members who made the day possible, including our outstanding tri-chairs:
  - Dr. Zolita Fisher, Director of TRiO
  - Dr. Elizabeth Coria, Director of Financial Aid AND
  - Jasmine Lopez, Interim Director of Student Life & Leadership

   Keynote Speaker Dunia Elvir, Telemundo News Anchor, moved the audience with her inspirational and humbling story as an immigrant from Honduras who never gave up on her dream of becoming a news reporter. She did not let her immigrant status, the poor and violent conditions she grew up in Watts, nor becoming a teen mom at the age of 18 with an autistic child get in the way of pursuing her dream. She converted every adversity into an opportunity, embracing the theme of the conference: “Women Inspiring Hope & Possibility.”

- **DISCUSSION OF STEM** – President Dreyfuss, along with our VP Academic Affairs, Dean of Math/Science and Professor Gisela-Spieler were invited by Board Member Madeline Shapiro to a STEM discussion with the South Whittier School District Administrators. South Whittier School District Administrators, as well as their science faculty, are very interested in developing the STEM program including some elective curriculum. Rio Hondo College may be able to provide mentorship programs for the school district.

- **AA-T APPROVED** - The proposed **AA-T for Journalism** and **AA-T for Spanish** degrees each gained approval from the Chancellor’s Office last week. This is in addition to the recently approved **AA-T for English** and current **AA-T for Communication Studies** degrees, among others. These four degrees will be available to students by the fall to reinforce clear academic pathways within the Communications & Languages Division.

- **FORENSICS SHOWCASE** - Last Thursday’s **Fourth Annual Forensics Showcase** was a remarkable success. Electrifying student performances, parliamentary debates, and panel discussions were presented to a full and lively audience in the Wray Theater. High commendation goes to Forensics Coordinator Libby Curiel, Coaches Grant Tovmasian & Erin Crossman, and the entire Forensics team. For a view of the remarkable night, visit our Facebook page at: [https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.650582671645609.1073741830.182206005149947&type=1](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.650582671645609.1073741830.182206005149947&type=1)

- **SPANISH INSTRUCTOR MARIANO ZARO** will travel to Cartagena, Colombia this week to present at the **International Congress of Hispanic Literature**. His presentation is entitled, **La producción poética en español en la ciudad de Los Ángeles**, (**Poetry Production in Spanish in the City of Los Angeles**). Dr. Zaro will also moderate a panel discussion on Hispanic poetry within the US.

- **EQUITY 2014 CONFERENCE** - Ruthie Retana, Dyrell Foster, and Robert Holcomb will be in Oakland this Friday attending the **Equity 2014 conference**, hosted by the **Community College League of**
California. Student equity is an important aspect of the Student Success Initiative and they will be able to bring useful information back to campus.

- **CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER** – On March 7, the Child Development Center provided a fun Snow Day for the Center’s children, their families, staff and students completing lab hours. Almost 100 people slid down the sled run and played in the snow (seven tons) while a four-foot snowman watched. The event was funded by a Basket Raffle at the center and the Auxiliary Services Organization. Visit our Facebook page to view the Snow Day fun: https://www.facebook.com/RHCRoadrunners?sk=messages_inbox&action=read&tid=mid.1394473721129%3Aafdc37ec73421471#!/media/set/?set=a.650628564974353.1073741831.182206005149947&type=1

- **CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PRESENTATION BY WHITTIER COLLEGE** – Rio Hondo College Professors Melissa Rifino-Juarez and Carol Sigala organized an information session on Feb. 21 with Whittier College Professor Joyce Kaufman, Director of the Center of Civic Engagement at Whittier College. As the Director of the Center, Professor Kaufman explained how service learning took root within a few academic disciplines and eventually blossomed across nearly all disciplines at Whittier College. Professor Kaufman, who is a political science professor, discussed how Whittier College’s long-standing relationships with the surrounding Whittier community has helped to create numerous service learning or civic engagement opportunities for Whittier College’s students. Rio Hondo College professors in attendance gained many ideas on how similar efforts to promote civic engagement among our students can be sustained at Rio Hondo College.

- **MARCH-IN-MARCH** – Twenty-nine (29) students chaperoned by the Vice President of Student Services, Henry Gee and the Dean of Student Affairs, Dr. Dyrell Foster participated in the educational rally and march to the state capital, and ASRHC represented the College very well as they illuminated important educational issues in Sacramento. Kudos to ASRHC President, Valeria Guerrero; ASRHC Vice President, Chris Santana and SCCCC Region VIII Senator, Cesar Flores for representing Rio Hondo so eloquently in our state capitol. ASRHC advisor Jasmine López and Director of Governmental & Community Relations, Russell Castaneda-Calleros also accompanied the student leaders when they met with the legislators.

- **SAFE SPRING BREAK ON 3/18/14** – The ASRHC and Student Life & Leadership will be hosting the 2nd annual Safe Spring Break event to create awareness on campus about safe and healthy practices while having fun during the spring break week off. There will be a resource fair, “You don’t need alcohol to have fun” game fair, and a keynote sponsored by the ASRHC and Student Affairs.

- **LAW SCHOOL INITIATIVE** - Rio Hondo College has submitted an application for the Community College Pathway to Law School Initiative. If selected this will be a wonderful opportunity for RHC students interested in pre-law.

- **Follow us on Instagram** -- [instagram.com/RioHondo_College](https://instagram.com/RioHondo_College)
• **Regular Board Meeting**, March 12, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

• **Undercurrent—The Paintings of Cole Case and Joan Kahn, Reception & Artists’ Talk** – Thursday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. Rio Hondo College Art Gallery.

• **RioSource Open House** – Thursday, March 13, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Board Room.

• **KABC Channel 7** – Adjunct Accounting Instructor Steven Valdes to appear on air on the Annual KABC CH 7 Tax Tip Hotline, Thursday, March 13, 4:00 -6:30 p.m.

• **Women’s “Herstory” Month** - There will be a film screening of Miss Representation in SU201 on 3/13 at 1 pm.

• **Free Income Tax Preparation and Family Resources Fair** – Friday, March 14, 2014, B118/

• **Project ERANOS Concert** – Saturday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. Wray Theater.

• **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** – Now through April 11, on Fridays, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Business Building B118.

• **Writes of Spring** April 23-24 Wray Theater

• **Taste of Rio** – Foundation Fundraiser, Friday, May 2, 6 p.m. Mid-Quad

• **Commencement** – Thursday, May 22, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

• **ATHLETIC EVENTS WEEK OF MAR. 9 - 15**

  **WOMEN’S Softball** –
  Mar. 12, vs. Victor Valley College, Away @ 3:00 p.m.
  Mar. 14, vs. College of the Desert, Away @ 3:00 p.m.

  **WOMEN’S Tennis** –
  Mar. 11, Rain Makeup (if necessary), TBD @ 2:00 p.m.
  Mar. 13, vs. Mt. Sac, Away @ 2:00 p.m.

  **MEN’S Baseball** –
  Mar. 11, vs. San Diego Mesa, Away @ 2:30 p.m.
  Mar. 13, vs. San Diego Mesa, Home @ 2:30 p.m.

  **MEN’S/WOMEN’S Swim** –
  Mar. 14, ELAC/ El Camino, El Camino @ 12:30 p.m.
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.