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### *Community Service Classes Move to Main Campus*

Since 1996, the Rio Hondo College Training Center has been operating out of offices on Valley Blvd. in El Monte. Starting with the 2003 summer session, however, the Center will be temporarily relocated to the College campus at 3600 Workman Mill Road in Whittier.

According to the Dean of Vocational Education, Dr. Lyla Eddington, "By relocating to the main campus we will be more conveniently located for residents in the central and southern portions of our district. Also, the magnitude of budget cuts facing the College because of the State funding crisis, means we are simply no longer able to subsidize the Center's operating costs out of our general fund. By moving classes to the campus, the money saved on rent lets us keep more classes."

The Rio Hondo Training Center hosts year round fee-based training, contract education, credit classes, and staff development activities; it also functions as a meeting site for community groups, schools, and economic development agencies within the area.

Adds Dr. Voiza Arnold, Executive Vice President of Academic Services, "As part of our Facilities Master Plan, the college is planning several permanent off-site centers that will provide greater services to our communities, including El Monte. The college will obtain community input to the planning for these centers at Town Hall meetings that are being scheduled during the next few months within the cities that make up our district."

Dr. Andy Howard, Interim Dean of Planning and Development, has met with the City of El Monte, the El Monte Adult School, and Dick Nichols, Director of the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce, to explore possible future El Monte locations.

In the meantime, community services classes that were scheduled at the Center will be relocated to the Rio Hondo campus, starting with the 2003 summer term.

### *CarFaire Comes to Rio Hondo College*

Rio Hondo College has announced it is teaming up with CarFaire to provide an easy solution for district residents to sell or buy used vehicles, while helping support student programs at the same time. Car owners can sell direct without the hassle of trade-ins and avoid having strangers coming to their home or office. CarFaire allows a variety of cars, trucks, boats, and recreational vehicles to be seen in one place. The fair opened on April 12 at Rio Hondo and will continue every Saturday and Sunday.



*Car Faire will take place in the parking lot closest to Workman Mill Rd.*

The fair is free for buyers, but sellers are charged a one-time fee that allows the seller to display the car at Rio Hondo every weekend until it is sold. Also included in the seller's fee is a custom listing with color photo on the CarFaire website ([www.carfaire.com](http://www.carfaire.com)). The free display includes a computerized Kelley Blue Book Analysis, a For Sale Sign, and computerized tear-off sheets for interested buyers.

Revenue from the fair will be shared by the college and CarFaire, Inc., which will manage the facility. CarFaire has been running similar operations at other California community colleges and K-12 schools for over ten years, including Santiago Canyon College and Cypress High School.

CarFaire will be held at the Rio Hondo College parking lot located on Workman Mill Road in Whittier. The fair runs every Saturday from 8 AM to 4 PM and Sunday from 9 AM to 4 PM. The grand opening was held on the weekend of April 12 and 13. Buyers or sellers interested in obtaining more information should visit the CarFaire website at [www.carfaire.com](http://www.carfaire.com) or call CarFaire at 1-800-220-4441.

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### *Rio Hondo College Foundation Receives Major Donation from Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital*

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**K**ay Hudnall, Executive Director of the Rio Hondo College Foundation, has announced the pledge of a three-year, \$100,000 per year gift for the Rio Hondo College nursing program. According to Hudnall, "This very generous gift is the first of its kind to our Foundation. It will allow our nursing program to add 12 additional students, and serve as the beginning of a special endowment to fund a full-time nursing instructor."



*Nursing students are shown in the Rio Hondo nursing lab, where they can practice their skills on simulated "patients" with a number of lifelike features, including being able to generate a pulse.*

Daniel F. Adams, President and Chief Executive Officer of Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, says, "Our hospital has enjoyed a long-term relationship with Rio Hondo College, and has benefited from the fine caliber of nurses graduating from the college's Associate Degree Nursing Program. The intent of this donation is to enable Rio Hondo College to increase the number of students enrolled in the nursing program and help alleviate the critical nursing shortage we are facing."

Adds Rio Hondo College President, Dr. Rose Marie Joyce, "Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital has been a highly valued partner for our nursing program, and their latest pledge is warmly appreciated, as it will help more men and women to enter our nursing program and help alleviate our nursing shortage, particularly in the communities we serve."

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### *Opinions Voiced at Town Hall Meetings*

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**I**n an effort to gain community input to help shape its future, Rio Hondo College is currently holding town hall meetings in each residential cluster throughout the District. Meetings are being held in Whittier, the unincorporated portion of Whittier, El Monte, South El Monte, Pico Rivera and the Santa Fe Springs/Los Nietos/Norwalk area to discuss with res-

idents ways in which the college can improve services, enhance lifelong learning and bring educational opportunities closer to all community residents.

On April 28, Rio Hondo held its first town hall meeting with residents from the unincorporated portion of Whittier at the Sheriff's Training and Regional Services Center. The second meeting is being held on May 7 with residents of the Santa Fe Springs/Los Nietos/Norwalk area at Santa Fe High School.

After a short presentation about the college's academic and workforce programs, parents, business owners, senior citizens, high school counselors, and other residents share their thoughts about a wide range of topics including transportation to the campus, youth programs, specific courses, financial aid, registration and a host of other issues.

"We are receiving many constructive comments and a great deal of positive feedback that will prove extremely beneficial as we work to integrate the recommendations from the various forums into our course offerings and utilize the information to better achieve the college's goals and objectives," said Rio Hondo President Dr. Rose Marie Joyce.

All meetings are free and open to the public, and childcare is provided.

For more information about the community meetings, please call: 562-692-0921, Ext. 3412

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### *Classes for the Community*

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Come to Rio Hondo to pursue your goals. We have classes for just about everyone!

You can learn how to repair desktop computers, or take an intensive program in computerized accounting with three classes in one week. Learn the ins and outs of buying income and investment property. Find out how to start up your own business.

Earn a certificate in makeup design. This series of workshops will provide you with professional design concepts and ideas. They are designed for those who want to add makeup to an already existing business, do freelance work, or learn specialized makeup application.

Take a series of six piano or violin lessons for just \$50 or enjoy three hours of private lessons for \$120.

Our College for Youth offers classes for young people that include oceanography and basic math.

There are On-line Classes, perfect for the busy person who prefers to study at home.

Maybe you're just looking for a little extra adventure. Our day excursions and trips offer loads of fun and educational outings to interesting destinations all over Southern California. Check the schedule for details.