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Rio Hondo College Wins Five-Year Student Services Grant

WHITTIER – Rio Hondo College has secured a five-year U.S. Department of Education grant that will allow it to continue offering its TRiO/Student Support Services program to students who face significant challenges in post-secondary education, including first-generation students, low-income students and students with disabilities.

Rio Hondo competed with 1,400 colleges for a share of nearly \$290 million in federal grants – the fourth such grant it has secured since 2000. The College will receive \$247,584 annually.

“This new grant is an affirmation of all the hard work our Student Support Services team does to help our students succeed in completing programs of study at Rio Hondo College,” said Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss. “Now, they will be able to continue their mission for five more years.”

Jasmine Mageno, Interim Director of TRiO Programs for Rio Hondo, said the group continually refines its approach to services based on data collected about its efforts. In the coming year, for example, it has revised how it will market its services to ensure students know about the opportunities available to them through TRiO.

The group has also moved its tutors to the Learning Assistance Center, allowing students to access them earlier and later each day.

“Rio Hondo College’s mission is to help students as they pursue their college and career dreams. TRiO/Student Support Services helps make that dream a reality for hundreds of our students who need the most support,” said Board of Trustees President Madeline Shapiro.

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