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### ***Award-winning Actress Felicity Huffman to Headline Rio Hondo College's Sixth Annual Forensics Showcase on March 2***

**WHITTIER** – Emmy- and Golden Globe-winning actress Felicity Huffman will be the featured speaker at Rio Hondo College's sixth annual Forensics Showcase, scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 at the College's Wray Theatre.

Huffman, who is part of the ensemble cast for ABC's critically acclaimed "American Crime," won a Golden Globe for her role in the movie "Transamerica," for which she was also nominated for an Academy Award and an Independent Spirit Award. She won an Emmy and a Screen Actors Guild Award for her role on ABC's "Desperate Housewives."

"Our Forensics Program helps students prepare for a variety of careers, ranging from communications and law to politics and acting," said Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss. "It's a testament to the program's national recognition that our annual showcase secures such extraordinary and inspiring speakers."

The showcase will begin with speaking performances by members of the Forensic Speech and Debate Team who will represent Rio Hondo College at upcoming state and national tournaments. A live interview with Huffman will follow, conducted in the style of Bravo TV's Inside the Actor's Studio.

"Felicity Huffman embodies what it means to be a successful performer," Forensics Speech and Debate Program Coordinator Libby Lee Curiel said. "With both her experience as an actress and as a public speaker, she can impart wisdom to our students about the process of developing their own communication skills as they pursue various careers, in which they too will undoubtedly be called upon to perform or speak to the public."

The event is free and open to the public; the parking fee on campus is \$3.

"This promises to be another in a long line of great community-focused events for Rio Hondo College," Board of Trustees President Mary Ann Pacheco said. "The showcase will open a window into some of the amazing opportunities available to residents of our community."

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