

# Institutional Planning 2009-2010

## Rio Hondo Community College District

### Vision Statement

Rio Hondo College strives to be an exemplary California community college, meeting the learning needs of its changing and growing population and developing a state of the art campus to serve future generations.

### Mission Statement

“Rio Hondo College is a collaborative center of lifelong learning which provides innovative, challenging, and quality educational offerings for its diverse students and community.”

*(Mission Statement revised 12/13/05)*

### Values Statement

*As a teaching/learning community, we come together and strive to meet the needs, aspirations, and goals of our changing student population and communities. Since what we value forms the core of who and what we are, the college community—trustees, faculty and staff—recognizes the importance of openly and candidly expressing the college's values. Rio Hondo College values the following.*

- ◆ **Quality teaching and learning** The college is dedicated to excellence in instruction and student services to develop the intellectual and personal competence of each student. Rio Hondo College is committed to preparing students to adapt to the demands of a multicultural society.
- ◆ **Student access and success** Rio Hondo College recognizes the individual worth and potential of every human being. Accordingly, the college offers an open access, comprehensive educational program to its students including basic skills, vocational education certificates and degrees, general education and transfer courses, and, for its community, economic development opportunities. At Rio Hondo College, students will have an opportunity to develop ethical values, learn the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, develop career skills, and understand the scientific, artistic and social achievements of various cultures including their own.
- ◆ **Diversity & Equity** Rio Hondo College remains committed to the diversity of students, faculty, staff, and management Diversity can be defined in many ways including ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, learning styles, political beliefs, or other ideologies. Appreciation of diversity means the following.
  - ✓ Recognizing that each individual is unique and understanding individual differences.
  - ✓ Recognizing the things that people have in common despite being members of diverse groups
  - ✓ Creating a safe, positive, and nurturing environment that cultivates respect for these differences
  - ✓ Moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating the rich dimensions of diversity as a way of coming together as a community with a common purpose.
  - ✓ The concepts of educational equity and student learning outcomes are central to the values of the College. Access to education and the opportunity for educational success for all students shall be provided, with particular efforts in regard to those who have been historically and currently underrepresented. Education should prepare students to adapt to the demands of a multicultural society.
- ◆ **Fiscal Responsibility** - Rio Hondo College recognizes the importance of maintaining a fiscally sound, efficient, and effective college operation. It uses its resources—human, facilities, and financial—to the optimum benefit of its students, community, and staff.