Hundreds of friends and family members waited eagerly on the Rio Hondo College Soccer Field for the 47th Annual Commencement Ceremony to begin. Once the sea of caps and gowns were visible, their cheers of excitement made it clear how proud they were of the Class of 2010. Nearly 1,000 students received associate degrees.

The May event began with a welcome from Superintendent/President Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D., who congratulated the graduating class for their hard work and success. Board of Trustees President, Angela Acosta-Salazar applauded students for making their education a priority and honored them for such dedication.

Rio Hondo College Vice President of Student Services, Henry Gee, then shared motivational stories about four graduates who overcame obstacles and persevered to reach their academic goals. Juan Sixto, Reanne Sanchez, Chito Jara and Lloyd Del Rosario were each asked to stand as their stories were read at commencement.

Others honored included graduate Eve-lyn Mercado, who as class valedictorian received the Marie I. Pellissier Award. Faculty member Dr. Manuel Baca was named a Fellow of the College for his years of service at Rio Hondo and his support of the State’s community colleges. Baca received the Governor’s appointment to the Board of Governors of the California Community College Board of Governors. He also serves as an elected Trustee of the Mt. San Antonio College Board of Trustees.

Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar, a special assistant to President Obama for Justice and Regulatory Policy for the White House Domestic Policy Council, served as the commencement speaker. Cuéllar chose to speak to the graduating class about all the choices they have in life and encouraged them to reach for their dreams. “There’s no denying all of you worked hard to get here, and you have a chance at success that escapes many,” he told graduates. “And when you wake up tomorrow, you will confront a world as complicated and uncertain as it is beautiful.”

Then it was time for each graduate’s name to be called. Family members applauded and cheered as names were announced. Graduates held their degrees in triumph high in the air while others took photos capturing the special moment in their lives.

Rio Hondo College Celebrates Class of 2010 at 47th Commencement

Each year, Community College Week, in association with the U.S. Department of Education, releases its list of the Top 100 Associate Degree Producers in America. The report includes Top 50 lists for various degrees by disciplines and by populations served. Community College Week is a national, independent trade publication reporting on community colleges.

The 2009 report lists Rio Hondo College as 5th in the nation for awarding associate degrees in all disciplines, total minority; 9th in the nation for all disciplines, Asian, and all disciplines, Hispanic. Additionally, Rio Hondo College ranks 9th nationally for associate degrees in Security and Protective Services (second in California); 19th in the nation for Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences (fifth in California); 28th nationally for associate degrees in Criminal Justice and Corrections (third in California); and ranks in the top 100 for Nursing, total minority.

“They are important because they show us firsthand how we are doing in terms of helping our students reach the academic finish line. We hope Rio Hondo College will be included on even more of these important lists as a measure of institutional and student success. That’s yet another good reason to pursue the addition of new degree programs for our students to pursue.”

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It is important for our community to know that we received a Full Reaffirmation of Accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Accrediting Commission. Student coursework continues to be fully transferable and our students are completely eligible for Financial Aid. Accreditation is our official ‘licen- se’ to do business and a mark of our aca- demic, fiscal, and governance integrity as an institution of higher education.

We believe that our campus environment is important and conducive to learn- ing, and are proud of the new facilities under construction.

In addition to our community’s good will and generosity in funding the Measure A facili- ties bond, this newsletter provides an update on college building construction projects and information about the exciting changes taking place on campus. We have inaugurated new electronic systems for students to apply, register and track their progress.

You’ll also learn more about recent student and faculty honors and accompl- ishments as well as impressive ath- letic victories.

In addition to nearly 100 degree and certificate programs available, Rio Hondo College sponsors a lively campus life for our students; opportunities to par- ticipate in 16 intercollegiate sports; to per- form in vocal, musical, and theatrical arts; and to join an active student government, including many special-interest clubs.

Clearly, Rio Hondo College is a premier institution. As we enter our 48th year of service to our San Gabriel Valley commu- nities, I invite you to explore your oppor- tunities with us. I look forward to greet- ing you on campus.

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College Enhances Campus Safety With New Resources

As part of a continuing effort to provide safe and secure learning environments, Rio Hondo College is implementing a series of important safety enhancements to benefit students, the campus community, and the communities the College serves. Although the College and its off-campus sites are public non-gated areas, Rio Hondo College is diligent in maintaining a high level of security for its students and employees. In addition to ongoing security patrols and related services, the College will be implementing the following:

- New “blue light” emergency, solar-powered phones are being installed in parking areas throughout the campus and will be activated during the fall semester. The blue light emergency phone system is also being installed in the new building under construction, the Campus Quad, and in the Observatory building as well as the baseball field.
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- Security cameras in the new Learning Resource Center will help deter theft and other crimes in high-traffic locations. Additional security cameras for parking lots and the Applied Technology outdoor repair yards are also anticipated.

The Rio Hondo College web site provides security information and reports as required by law. The web site also provides breaking information on campus closures and/or emergencies.

“Rio Hondo College is confident and encouraged by our reputation for providing a safe environment,” said Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent/President. “We continue to adopt new technology and methods as proactive efforts to further enhance the security of our campus, to help keep our students and community members as aware and safe as possible.”

New GREEN Program Helps Local Businesses Become Just That

As part of its priority to build local partnerships within the area it serves, Rio Hondo College launched its GREEN PROGRAM (Giving Rio Hondo Environmental Education to our Neighbors) in March. The program, which is designed to offer five free work- shops to local businesses to help them run more environmentally friendly and efficiently, will run through Spring 2011.

Organized by Rio Hondo College professors, students and graduates of the Environmental Science Program, the GREEN PROGRAM offers free educational workshops, seminars, “train the trainer” sessions, certifications and evaluations to local businesses, the College and its off-campus sites are public non-gated areas, Rio Hondo College is diligent in maintaining a high level of security for its students and employees. In addition to ongoing security patrols and related services, the College will be implement- ing the following:

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The five focus areas for the workshops include: Health and Safety Management, Hazardous, Solid and Universal Waste Management, Transportation and Handling of Hazardous Materials, Water and Storm Water Management and Energy Efficiency and Environmental Sustainability.

These workshops can save a company hundreds of dollars in State Required Training and Certifications, Environmental, Health and Safety Evaluations, Energy Use and Waste Disposal Costs, and Federal State, and Regional Non-Compliance Fees. In addition, local businesses that complete the GREEN PROGRAM workshops will receive College certificates to post for clients and regulatory agencies to see. Participants completing the entire series will receive a program certificate from the College. So far the GREEN PROGRAM has completed its Health and Safety Management workshop for more than 120 participants representing 35 different companies from the cities of Whittier, Santa Fe Springs and others. The remaining workshops are scheduled to run throughout this month until spring.

This GREEN PROGRAM is funded by the Small Business Administration with an appropriation grant secured by Congresswoman Linda Sanchez of the 39th District. For more information about the GREEN PROGRAM or to find out more about an upcoming workshop, please call (562) 463-7501.

Professor Honored for Impact on Former Student’s Life

Professor Vann Priest has taught physics to hundreds of students at Rio Hondo College over the past 10 years. This year, he received special recognition from the University of California at Irvine (UCI) and a former student for the special impact his teaching has made.

In his experience teaching physics to Rio Hondo College students, Priest was used to fielding similar questions from his students when dealing with the challenging subject. That was until Nicole Mi walked into his classroom.

“I loved going to Rio Hondo College,” she said, “but Professor Priest, I think he changed my life. I learned so much from him. He helped prepare me for my future goals and helped me become a better student.”

After attending Rio Hondo College for two years, and taking numerous physics and science courses, Mi was ready to transfer. She applied and was accepted into UCI the past year as a junior, she is majoring in civil engineering. One day, she hopes to be a licensed professional engineer.

When Mi transferred, Priest really did become a better student. “Seeing her become the person she is today,” said Priest, “it’s almost like watching someone grow up and then one day, they are fully grown. For a long time, I saw her as my student, now with her level of expertise and comprehension, I see her as my peer.”

New for Fall 2010!

Rio Hondo College faculty keeps the curriculum fresh and updated, finding ways to include new approaches and timely subjects. Here’s a sampling of new classes to be offered during the Fall 2010 Semester:

- Advanced Athletic Training
- Exploring Authors: The Works of the Bronte Sisters
- Exploring Authors: The Works of George Elliot
- Exploring Authors: The Works of Mary Shelley
- Introduction to College Survival
- Online Newspaper Production
- Positive Psychology
- Self Defense
- Survey of Motion Picture, Radio and Television (online)
- The Mathematics of Money
- Theory of Coaching

For more information, check out the Fall 2010 class schedule at www.riohondo.edu
South Whittier Educational Center to Open August 23

To celebrate the completion of the long-awaited Learning Resource Center (LRC), the college hosted a grand opening and ribbon-cutting for the large new facility in August. The beautiful new LRC is a two-story, 94,000 square-foot facility that houses new reference, resource and educational spaces, distance learning and other classroom space, as well as a multimedia resource center that can be used by all members of the Rio Hondo College community. The grand opening and ribbon-cutting event included a welcome by Superintendent/PRESIDENT/TED MARTINEZ, Jr., Ph.D., and remarks by others involved in the project, a student representative, musical entertainment as well as construction highlights for the $40.7 million project. Informal tours of the two-story building were held after the ceremony, so participants could get up-close and personal with the new facility and all it has to offer.

Part of Rio Hondo’s Building Access and Excellence building program, the LRC, which was approved for construction in 2004, is the program’s first major classroom building to be completed. The building access and Excellence program was designed to improve facilities and learning environment for Rio Hondo students.

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New Learning Resource Center Becomes the ‘Heart of the Campus’

The Learning Resource Center will be located on the Los Angeles County STAR’S Administration Facility Campus in South Whittier.

The new Rio Hondo College Learning Resource Center, one of the major buildings on the Rio Hondo campus, recently achieved a Silver LEED certification from the Green Building Certification Institute (GBCI). The College received official word of the certification, which is the result of an extensive review and analysis of the College’s design and construction practices, on May 6. The LEED rating system identifies performance standards that demonstrate leadership in the design, construction and continuous improvement of the College’s buildings. The LEED certification process is a thorough and strenuous one. To earn a Silver LEED certification a great achievement for any institution,” said Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent/PRESIDENT. “We are quite pleased to have earned the Silver LEED certification, and are especially pleased to boast such a beautiful and environmentally conscious building such as the Learning Resource Center. Not only does this new facility provide an enhanced learning environment for our students, it is environmentally responsible as well.”

The new Learning Resource Center, located on the Los Angeles County STAR’S Administration Facility Campus in South Whittier, will be the ‘Heart of the Campus,’ according to Superintendent/PRESIDENT/TED MARTINEZ, Jr., Ph.D. The 94,000-square-foot facility that is located at the intersection of Avery and Calle Victoria Streets in Whittier is expected to open in August of 2010. The Center is being dedicated to the enhancement of learning experiences for Rio Hondo College students. The Center’s grand opening and ribbon-cutting, which will take place on August 20, will feature remarks by the college’s Board of Trustees, the college’s administration, faculty, and students. The Center will also feature a plaque recognizing the accomplishment.

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The Learning Resource Center will be offered as an online course on Wednesday/Fridays.
I n early 2004 Rio Hondo College began a major modernization and facilities construction program aimed at improving the Rio Hondo campus, image and surrounding community. At the start of the program, the administration developed a master plan to define the goals, budget, quality and schedule of the improvements to be made. The community expressed its support for the improvement program later that year by voting in favor of Bond Measure A to provide $245 million in facilities funds – money that is separate from the general fund and can only be used on construction-related expenses. Since then much progress has been made. Projects such as the Pedestrian bridge, the Santa Fe Springs Regional Public Safety Training Center and the new Maintenance Building have been completed, while still more have passed the design phase and are currently under construction. It is an exciting time at Rio Hondo as the master plan for more than six years ago comes to fruition and the Bond funds voted on by the community have been put in place to make great strides toward making Rio Hondo a better place.

COMPLETED PROJECTS

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER: One of the focal points of the massive undertakings, the Learning Resource Center houses a modern library, training and meeting rooms, writing and reading labs and a media center. The completion of the project has provided students and faculty alike with new state-of-the-art facilities to teach, learn, and progress in.

APPLIED TECHNOLOGY BUILDING: Another project that has been completed is the modernization of the Applied Technology Center. The existing 40,000-square-foot facility has been renovated and expanded to meet the curriculum requirements for training tomorrow’s automobile technicians. New equipment, including dynamosimeters and vertical lifts, have been installed along with welding, painting and engine performance diagnostic units. The completed facility provides the ability to train students in alternative fuel technologies such as hybrids, electric and future hydrogen powered vehicles.

CENTRAL PLANT: A new facility sure to enhance the experience of the entire Rio Hondo community, the recently completed Central Plant provides new cooling towers, new chillers and new boilers to upgrade the campus HVAC system. The plant also allows for future expansion as Rio Hondo College continues to grow and flourish.

CAMPUS WIDE INFRASTRUCTURE: A campus-wide improvement, the infrastructure project included upgraded utilities throughout the campus and installed new electrical service and new feeds. It also provides chilled and hot water lines, installed new communications and fiber optics, as well as installed a new gas service.

CURRENT CONSTRUCTION

THE CAMPUS QUAD RENOVATION: A central location on the Rio Hondo Campus, the Campus Quad is currently being constructed to improve paths for pedestrians and serve as an easy connection between campus elevations. The Quad will include native and drought tolerant plants and stairs and ramps that will improve the experience of walking on the Rio Hondo Campus.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE BUILDING: A ‘gateway’ project for Rio Hondo, the three-story Administration of Justice Building will provide distinct functions on each floor to serve both cadet and non-cadet students as well as house the appropriate faculty offices to serve the needs of students. In addition, the building will include a weight training and shower/locker facility and an assembly area, which will be used for formation of drills and outdoor training.

STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING: One of the largest undertakings at Rio Hondo, coupled with the Campus Quad and Student Union Building projects, the Student Services Building is being constructed in the upper campus and will house the offices of service programs for Rio Hondo. The building will also house the offices of such departments as Financial Aid and Counseling.

STUDENT UNION BUILDING: Located in the upper quad area, the Student Union Building will house the Student Union offices, the Activities Center, the new Campus Dining Commons and an outdoor space for dining. Along with the Campus Quad and Student Services Building, the Student Union Building is sure to enhance the experience of students and faculty alike at Rio Hondo.

IN DESIGN

PHYSICAL EDUCATION COMPLEX: Sure to enhance Rio Hondo’s physical education curriculum, the new Physical Education Complex will include a 41,000-square-foot space that will include an area for weight training, a new competitive swimming pool and an adjacent instructional pool, team rooms, a new locker facility and staff offices. In the tradition of Rio Hondo’s green building, the facility will also seek Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification upon its completion.

“BLUE EIGHT” EMERGENCY PHONES: In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of Rio Hondo students, employees and visitors, plans are underway to install emergency phones in various locations around the campus to provide a means of communications directly to the campus security force in case of an emergency. After study and review sessions involving civil engineers, faculty members and students, approximately 27 locations have been chosen around the campus to install the state-of-the-art phone systems.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

THE SOUTH WHITTIER EDUCATIONAL CENTER: One of the many ways Rio Hondo works to aid and support its communities, the South Whittier Educational Center will offer a new satellite center for Rio Hondo College classrooms to South Whittier. Located on the LA County Sheriff’s Department STARS Academy campus, the Center will be used to offer a variety of teaching programs to the community and will offer classrooms and a courtyard for student and staff use. The site is located at 14307 Telegraph Road in Whittier.

EL MONTE EDUCATIONAL CENTER: With a concept and design similar to that of the South Whittier Educational Center, the El Monte Educational Center project aims to construct a new building structure with four Rio Hondo Classrooms, a courtyard, two offices and restrooms. The site of the new classroom facility is on Tyler Avenue in El Monte.

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Rio Hondo College Measure “A” Capital Improvements Program Schedule
Three New Building Program Projects Create A New Campus Hub

Quad Plaza Project Reworks Landscape, Includes Student Services Complex Buildings

Once the infrastructure projects and Learning Resource Center building were complete, the campus was prepped for the next phase in the building project. Tons of earth was removed in December and January, literally laying the groundwork for the beginning of construction of the long-awaited Student Services Building and the Student Union Building, as well as the renovation of the College’s Central Quad Plaza.

During this phase of construction, pedestrians are using detour routes through Campus. Demolition of the old pedestrian ramp and the lower quad is nearly complete.

The Student Services Building, which will house the offices of student service programs, will consist of three floors each having a distinct function with departments such as Student Financial Aid, Counseling, Admission and Records, Veterans and several federal, state, and local programs and more. The $5.000-square foot project is expected to be completed in June 2011 and has a projected cost of $12.5 million.

An adjacent companion building is the new Student Union Building, which will also be located in the quad area, and will house the Student Union Offices, the Activities Center, a new Campus Dining Commons and an outdoor space for dining. The 12,000-square foot project is expected to be completed in October 2011 and has a projected cost of $7 million.

The former student union facility, known as The Putnam Center, was demolished to make way for the new Learning Resource Center.

The renovation of the Central Quad Plaza will provide expanded opportunities for student and faculty interaction, new areas for outdoor dining and additional space for organized functions. The 170,000-square foot project is expected to be completed in Fall 2011 and has a projected cost of $3.75 million.

These three projects are all part of Rio Hondo’s Building Access and Excellence building program. Completed projects include the Learning Resource Center, the pedestrian bridge, Campus infrastructure, central plant, and construction of the Santa Fe Springs Regional Public Safety Training Center. The Building Access and Excellence program was designed to improve facilities and learning environment for Rio Hondo students.

Rio Hondo College Foundation Past President Sylvia Southerland Receives Prestigious Award

Sylvia Southerland received the Distinguished Service Award from the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees in recognition for her outstanding contributions to the community. Southerland formerly served as President of the Rio Hondo College Foundation and currently serves as Immediate Past-President on the Foundation’s Executive Board. She has served on the Board for approximately 13 years.

A 30-year employee with Southern California Edison, Southerland is currently the Regional Public Affairs Manager for the communities of Downey, La Habra Heights, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, Norwalk and La Mirada. Her responsibilities include the management of all phases of company/customer business as well as political and civic activities that establish and maintain positive relationships with civic, community, business and government leaders.

As a member of the Rio Hondo College Foundation, Southerland has supported the College and its students by advocating for Rio Hondo College both at Southern California Edison and throughout the community. In her time with the Foundation, Edison has provided $100,000 for scholarships for green jobs, which was matched by the Osher Foundation, creating a $150,000 endowment for Rio Hondo College Student Scholarships. Edison has also supported all three of the President’s Galas and is a major sponsor of the Foundation’s Annual Golf Tournament.

“Rio Hondo could not be the exemplary institution it is without the generosity and support from our communities,” said Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D., Superintendent/President. “Sylvia has and continues to play an integral part in developing such important support, and we take pride in acknowledging her dedication to the College and to the communities we serve.”

Arts and Culture Performances Spotlight Student Talent

Over the 2009-10 year the College’s Division of Arts & Cultural Programs showcased a multitude of talent in the areas of art, lecture, music, theatre, dance and family events. All performances and events were free and open to the public.

Highlights from the year include:
• Doppelganger, Art Exhibit
• Under the Stars, Art Exhibit
• Gregorio Luke, Lecture Series
• Michael Duncan, Lecture Series
• The Halloween Magic Lantern Show, Theatre
• The Diviners, Theatre (pictured)
• Evening of Dance, Dance
• The Understudies - Ten West, Family Event
• The Story of the Frog Belly Rat Bone, Family Event

For more information on the 2010-11 calendar of events, please call the Cultural Events hotline at (562) 908-3492.
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n the spring, Rio Hondo College launched its AccessRIO Student Information Program, thereby eliminating waiting in lines or using touchtone phones to register for classes. With the new program, everything may be accomplished from any location.

Moving thousands of student information paper files to the electronic system was accomplished over a three-year period and now provides students with faster access to their educational information and resources.

The transition to utilize the new AccessRIO program has been relatively smooth. As with any massive data transformation and shift to a new system, users had questions and some preferred assistance as they learned the new ropes. Rio Hondo College President and administrative team staffed “Registration Help Centers” to provide help adding classes, finding open classes, and completing the registration process for the new semester.

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New online services at Rio Hondo College this year include:

- CCC APPLY - From a direct link on the www.riohondo.edu website, prospective students are able to apply to Rio Hondo College online, virtually eliminating the need to wait in line or deal with paper applications. Used by many California Community Colleges, CCC APPLY helps make the application process easier for new and current students who are returning after an absence.
- ACCESSRIO STUDENT INFO PROGRAM - This offers online resources to students and staff in the areas of admission, registration and student records.
- AccessRIO allows students to accomplish their educational objectives online, when their schedule allows. Available 24 hours/day a week, this gives students the opportunity to search for open classes, add or drop classes, view wait lists for full classes, check their student email accounts and much more.
- ENROLLMENT AND DEGREE VERIFICATION - Provides students with an efficient way to verify their enrollment and degree accomplishments. Designed to provide faster and more secure service when students need to provide evidence of enrollment and degrees awarded, the system is managed by the National Student Clearinghouse while also maintaining the confidentiality and privacy of student records.

What’s Next?
Rio Hondo College will soon add an internal intranet portal (AccessRIO Portal) for students and employees to use to communicate. Another online service to be offered soon is DegreeWorks, a way for students and their counselors to better chart and assess their degree paths and progress.
Interim Athletics Dean Selected

Steve Hebert was recently selected to serve as Interim Dean of Physical Education for Rio Hondo College. He will be replacing Rory Natvidia, who accepted a position at El Camino College in Torrance.

Hebert has served as the Head Coach for the Men’s Basketball team since 2001. In that time, he has also served as a full-time professor teaching classes such as Personal Health and Contemporary Issues in Sports and Athletics. He has also participated in several committees (Curriculum, Academic Senate, Academic Services Subcommittee, Football Conference Voting Rep) while working at the College and currently is President Elect (2011-2013) of the Executive Board for the California Community College Men’s Basketball Coaches Association.

Prior to working at Rio Hondo College, Hebert served as the Athletic Director for Don Lugo High School in Chino. He has worked in the California public education system since 1985.

Applying for financial aid is a separate process and financial aid is not automatically awarded for the Fall 2013 term.

For more information about the fall term, please visit the riohondo.edu website.