



College Recognized AGAIN for Degrees and Certificates Awarded in State and National Ranking Report

Each year, *Community College Week* releases a Special Report recognizing the Top 100 degree and certificate producing two-year institutions in the nation. The data is provided by the U.S. Department of Education. Again this year, Rio Hondo College is recognized for its rank on this important list.

The report also includes Top 50 lists for various degrees by disciplines and by populations served. Since 1988, *Community College Week* has been an independent source of in-depth information for and about two-year colleges.

The most recent report lists Rio Hondo College as 68th in the nation for awarding associate degrees to minority students in all disciplines (19th in the State); 98th in the nation for all degrees in all disciplines for Asian students (47th in the State); and 33rd in the nation for all degrees in all disciplines to Hispanic students (10th in the State). Additionally, Rio Hondo ranks 27th nationally for associate degrees in Criminal Justice and Corrections (fourth in the State); 15th nationally for associate degrees in Family & Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences (third in State); and 13th nationally for associate degrees in Homeland Security, Law Enforcement and Firefighting & Protective Services (second in State).

Rio Hondo College was also named a Top 50 Community College for Hispanics by *Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education*, a national trade magazine. Their most recent report shows Rio Hondo College is seventh in the nation for full-time enrollment among Hispanic students, and 27th in the nation for employing more than 500 staff members of Hispanic descent.

“Ensuring our students have the tools they need to succeed is our top priority,” said Rio Hondo College Superintendent/President, Ted Martinez, Jr. Ph.D.

“These results compare our College to other community colleges nationally and statewide. This information is one way we evaluate our progress in helping our students reach an important achievement milestone. We also know that students who complete an associate degree will earn \$400,000 in lifetime earnings MORE than a high school graduate.”



Rank for Associate Degrees Awarded

National Rank	Degrees Awarded	State Rank
68	All Disciplines, Minority Students	19
98	All Disciplines, Asian Students	47
33	All Disciplines, Hispanic Students	10
27	Criminal Justice and Corrections	4
15	Family and Consumer Science/Human Services	3
13	Homeland Security, Law Enforcement, Firefighting & Protective Services	2

Class of 2011 Celebrated 48th Annual Commencement

As the familiar sound of Elgar’s *Pomp and Circumstance* began, the graduates walked toward their seats, many smiling at the sound of cheers coming from the audience. Indeed, the Class of 2011 had arrived and everyone in attendance felt a sense of accomplishment at the nearly 1,000 students who were receiving associate degrees.

The May 26 event began with a welcome by Superintendent/President Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D., who recognized the hard work and sacrifice the students made in order to graduate. Board of Trustees President, Maria Elena Martinez acknowledged the support students had throughout their academic journeys and thanked the families and friends of graduates for helping students reach their educational goals.

Rio Hondo College Vice President of Student Services, Henry Gee, then asked everyone in attendance to

recognize four graduates, who stayed focused on their goals despite challenging obstacles during their college tenure. David Martinez, Elizabeth Cella, Oscar Guzman, Jr. and Michelle Yriarte were each asked to stand as information on their college experience was shared. (See story on page 2). Many others were recognized at commencement, including Elisa Maria Hernandez, who received the Marie I. Pellissier Award for being the Class of 2011’s valedictorian. Dr. Judy Henderson was named a Fellow of the College for her years of service at

Rio Hondo and within the community.

The commencement speaker was Alysha Del Valle, ABC7’s morning traffic reporter. (See story on page 2).



President's Message



Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D.
Superintendent/President

It will soon be my pleasure to welcome everyone to Rio Hondo College for the Fall semester, the beginning of our 49th academic year. We anticipate serving approximately 25,000 students again this semester, and are pleased to report that careful budgeting and being very cost-conscious enable us to continue offering a robust schedule of classes, even with the dismal state of the State budget.

Our focus is student success, as measured by completion of their academic programs and meeting their academic goals. We have been working to streamline the pipeline to make it possible for students to complete their programs more efficiently. Our Summer Bridge program is just one example of ways we are working with students to help them acclimate to a

college environment and to plan their academic schedules with care.

We encourage students to connect with the student services that will help them succeed, including the Counseling Center, the Transfer Center, and the Career Development Center. Because we know that students who are engaged with the campus are more likely to succeed, we also encourage them to take advantage of the many opportunities to participate in campus life. There are many interest-based clubs and student government activities.

All students will be interested in the new degree and certificate programs our faculty developed to provide even greater choice and wider opportunities. Many of the new degrees are transfer-specific, meeting requirements of most CSU campuses for direct transfer.

On the facilities front, we have made significant progress in the construction in central campus, as well as the installation of the solar-powered "Blue Light" emergency phone system throughout the campus. Later this semester, we will celebrate the grand openings of the Upper Quad, the new Student Services Building, and the new Student Union. Thanks to everyone for their patience as we have learned to accommodate construction noise, vehicles, and personnel in the heart of our campus. We also look forward to the beginning of construction of our new satellite educational center in El Monte.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I thank you for your continuing enthusiasm and support for our Rio Hondo College mission.

Take Charge of Your Future NOW – Enroll at Rio Hondo College

Enrolling at Rio Hondo College will bring you closer to reaching your academic goals. In today's economy, more and more students are taking community college courses to start on their next path. Classes are in high demand, so it is very important to start planning NOW to attend classes at Rio Hondo College.

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Commencement Speaker Alysha Del Valle Encourages Grads

Rio Hondo College alumna Alysha Del Valle was not always the best student, but look at her now! Offering this year's commencement address "Choose to Be Happy" Del Valle encouraged students to make positive choices. She is the weekday morning traffic reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News.

Born and raised in Southern California, she attended Rio Hondo College and then transferred to the University of Southern California, where she majored in communications and graduated with honors.

At this year's graduation, Del Valle thanked Rio Hondo College for its

strong and supportive community. "It nurtured my confidence," she said. "I felt good returning every semester and eager to participate and volunteer with many of the activities and programs on campus. I am proud to have earned my associate degree there.

"Rio helped expand my dreams and realize my goals, and I know it can do the same for others."

Del Valle began her broadcasting career on the Assignment Desk at UPN/Fox 11 News, as well as doing field reporting for local stories. Shortly

after, she reported on Southern California traffic for the "The George Lopez Morning Show" at Hot 92 Jamz. She then moved on to morning show positions at 102.7 KIIS FM (Los Angeles). As part of "Rick Dees in the Morning" and "On-Air with Ryan Seacrest," She reported on entertainment in her "Filmgirl" segment, as well as lifestyle and cultural news with her daily "On the Streets with Alysha Del Valle" segment. In her evenings, she hosted and produced several shows on the nationally viewed LATV Network, including "LATV LIVE," and then co-hosted on LATINO 96.3 FM.



College Experiences a Robust Summer Session

To help new students transition smoothly to campus life, the 2011 Summer Bridge Program was held in July and early this month, serving more than 200 students. The Program, which is held in four sessions, provided students with an academic review of English and math, campus tours, team building opportunities and

educational planning time with a Rio Hondo counselor.

The Summer Bridge Program is designed to help full-time, entering students, who are serious about their education at Rio Hondo, learn more about how the campus works as well as provide them with the support they need as they transition.

The Program is one of several student success projects implemented through the Office of Student Success and Retention, funded in part by the California Basic Skills Initiative and the Title V (IDEAS) grant. Additional information is available at the following link: http://www.riohondo.edu/Basic_Skills/projects.htm.

Student Success Stories 2011



DAVID MARTINEZ – David Martinez is the definition of perseverance. Despite learning how to adjust to being diagnosed as bi-polar and rebuilding his life after a divorce, David found his focus on the Rio Hondo College campus. His ability to remain strong and his hard work resulted in him earning straight A's since his first semester at Rio in Fall 2009. David graduated with a 3.8 G.P.A. and an associate degree in General Studies, Social Behavior and Self Development and plans to transfer to a four-year university. So far, he has been accepted at respected institutions of higher learning, including California State Universities at Long Beach, Fullerton and Los Angeles and Cal Poly Pomona. We wish David nothing but the best and believe in his ability to follow his dreams. Congratulations, David!



ELIZABETH CELLA – There is no better feeling than to give back to your community, and that is exactly what Elizabeth Cella has chosen to do. Years back, Elizabeth found herself facing some serious obstacles in her life and, at one point, she even had a problem with drugs. After graduating from a women's drug treatment center, she was encouraged to continue her education. Elizabeth has come full circle as she graduated with an associate degree in Drug Studies. In her future, she hopes to work with women who are undergoing the same challenges she did. We commend you, Elizabeth!



OSCAR GUZMAN, JR. – Oscar Guzman, Jr. is a man of courage. In 2004, he enlisted in the United States Army. During his tour of duty and while on a mission in Afghanistan, Oscar was hit by a roadside bomb and his entire life changed. He suffered from bodily injuries and head trauma. In 2009, he was honorably discharged, but he realized he had to decide what he wanted to do with the rest of his life. He found his answer at Rio Hondo College where he started studying to become a pre-school teacher. Staying focused and working hard, Oscar graduated with a 3.4 G.P.A. and an associate degree in Child Development. He made his family proud as he is the first person in his family to graduate from college. He hopes to transfer to a four-year university in the future. Thank you Oscar for serving our country and protecting the freedoms we all value and for your hard work. Congratulations to you!



MICHELLE YRIARTE – Being a parent is a lot of work. Balancing a job, school and home responsibilities is not easy, and Michelle Yriarte has not only been able to do it well, but she also has been able to accomplish it with grace. A single mother of two, Michelle started attending Rio Hondo College with one major goal in mind – she wanted to succeed to make her children and her parents proud. Currently, she works at Rio Hondo and is proud to serve in the President's Office. She achieved her goal without question – as she graduated with her associate degree in Liberal Arts. Michelle truly represents success and we commend her for her hard work. Congratulations, Michelle!

Rio Hondo College Students Transfer to:



- **University of California** Berkeley, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara
- **California State University** Chico, Dominguez Hills, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Sacramento, San Bernardino, Humboldt, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and Pomona
- **Azusa Pacific University**
- **Biola University**
- **DeVry University**
- **Hope International University**
- **Loma Linda University**
- **University of Hawaii at Manoa**
- **University of Southern California**
- **University of La Verne**
- **Whittier College**

Rio Hondo College can help you reach your academic goals – wherever they may be!

For more information, contact the Rio Hondo College Transfer Center via email Transfercenter@riohondo.edu or by phone at (562) 463-4619 or by visiting www.riohondo.edu/students/transfercenter.

NEW! Degree and Certificate Offerings at Rio Hondo College Provide Students with a Variety of Study Options

At Rio Hondo College, faculty keep the curriculum fresh and updated, developing new approaches and timely subjects. With nearly 50 associate degree programs and more than 50 certificate program options for students to choose from, Rio Hondo College has something for everyone. Here's a list of **NEW** associate degree and certificate programs.

Associate Degree Programs:

- Alternative Fuels and Advanced Transportation Technology
- Associate in Arts Communication Studies for Transfer
- Associate in Arts in Psychology for Transfer
- Associate in Arts in Sociology for Transfer
- Biology
- English & Literature
- Environmental Science

- Heavy Equipment Maintenance Specialist
- Honda Professional Career Training Program Specialization (PACT)
- Mathematics

Certificate Programs:

- Alternative Energy Technology
- Alternative Fuels and Advanced Transportation Technology
- Heavy Equipment Maintenance Specialist

Fire Academy Receives Full Re-Accreditation by State Fire Marshall



The Rio Hondo College Fire Academy recently received a visit from the California State Fire Marshall's Office for a site re-accreditation inspection. The review, which takes place every five years, resulted in both the Fire Academy and Fire Technology Program receiving full accreditation with zero issues or concerns.

"We've earned a reputation as one of the elite fire academies in the nation and this re-accreditation affirms that," said Fire Academy Coordinator Tracy Rickman.

A representative from the California State Fire Marshall visited the academy, which is located in Santa Fe Springs, in April to review information about the programs and courses offered, tour the fire academy grounds, inspect records and meet with local-area fire chiefs. After that process, the representative informed Rio Hondo College Superintendent/President Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D. of the recommendation for re-accreditation for both the technology program and academy.

"It was a grueling and extensive process," said Rickman, who has been coordinator for 15 years, "but we were ready for it."

South Whittier Educational Center Sets Fall Class Schedule



So. Whittier Education Center
14307 Telegraph Rd.
Whittier, CA

FALL SCHEDULE 2011 COURSES August 21 – December 11, 2011

- **Introduction to Accounting** (ACCT 90) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:05 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- **Introduction to Administration of Justice** (AJ 101) on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 10:10 p.m.
- **Child Growth and Development** (CD106) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:05 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- **Early Childhood Education Curriculum** (CD111) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:40 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
- **Introduction to Computer Information Technology** (CIT 101) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:40 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
- **Career Exploration and Life Planning** (COUN 151) on Mondays from 3:55 p.m. to 6:55 p.m.
- **Intermediate Composition for Developing Writers** (ENGL 035) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:20 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. with lab on Tuesdays from 5:05 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- **College Composition and Research** (ENGL 101) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:15 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. with lab on Wednesdays from 12:50 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.
- **Basic Mathematics** (MATH 20) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:20 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.
- **Intermediate Algebra** (MATH 70) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
- **Introduction to Business** (MGMT 101) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:05 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- **Public Speaking** (SPCH 101) on Mondays and Wednesdays from 12:50 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
- **Political Science** (POLYS 110) on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 10:10 p.m.
- **Psychology** (PSY 101) on Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 10:10 p.m.

For more information on these courses, contact Jennifer Lee at (562) 463-4606.

MESA Students Use 100 New Laptop Computers to Share Their Skills

A total of 100 Mathematics, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) students were awarded laptops as part of a statewide program designed to increase digital literacy rates among underserved communities in California. The laptops, which were also distributed to students at 32 other community colleges throughout the state, came fully equipped with state-of-the-art technology provided by many of today's top communications and technology companies, including Hewlett Packard, Microsoft, AT&T and Insight Technology Solutions.

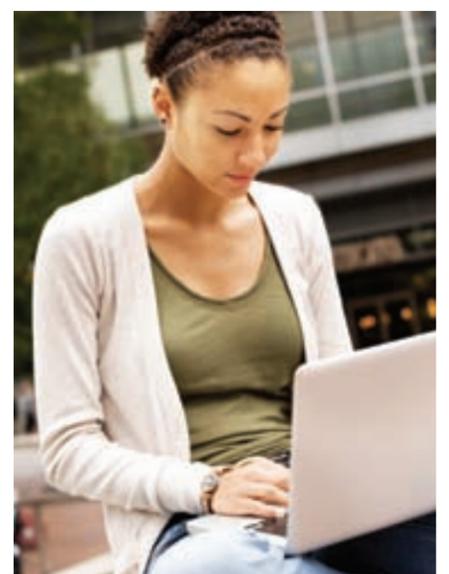
The laptops were available thanks to California Connects, a federally-

funded statewide program designed to increase digital literacy and broadband access among underserved communities. Approximately 3,000 students at community colleges throughout the state earned the laptop computers by agreeing to train others. Ultimately this effort will increase the number of broadband internet users in California by more than 61,000 individuals by 2013.

Rio Hondo College's 100 MESA students were provided hands-on training through the Microsoft IT Academy Program, which enabled them to educate others on how to gain access to and navigate the internet, utilize it for essential tasks such as securing gainful employment, exploring higher

education opportunities, accessing health and finance resources, engaging with social networks and advancing their general quality of life.

"California Connects is committed to increasing digital literacy among a variety of populations," said Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D., Rio Hondo College Superintendent/President. "The fact that our MESA students are involved in this ingenious project that enables them to leverage their skills while assisting others truly makes this a win-win situation for everyone involved. My thanks to our MESA program staff for their work to create this great new partnership."



Campus Signage Points to the Right Direction



Facilities Update

Anyone familiar with the Rio Hondo College campus knows that construction projects are improving and enhancing the campus learning environment to benefit student, staff and community.

Since 2004 and the community's passage of Bond Measure "A", major modernization and facilities construction program planning and development have changed the campus landscape. Using \$245 million in bond funds, along with approximately \$100,000 in state facilities bond proceeds, many projects moved from vision to reality on campus. Another project, the South Whittier Educational Center, is beginning its second year of operation. The development and completion of these important projects has been both challenging and transformative, resulting in a campus that reflects a contemporary educational environment.

RECENTLY-COMPLETED PROJECTS

South Whittier Educational Center

The South Whittier Education Center currently serves as a satellite center classroom building, bringing Rio Hondo College classrooms to South Whittier. The 3,200-square foot building offers a variety of classes for community members, computer labs, assessment testing, counseling services and more. Located at the "STARS" Administration Facility Site, the Center's address is 14307 Telegraph Road in Whittier. For more information about classes or to enroll, please call (562) 941-2356.

IN 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 completed 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 Administration of Justice degree-seeking students as well as Police Academy cadets. In addition, the building will include faculty offices, 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 Students Union Building projects, the Student Services Building is taking form in the central campus and will house the offices of service programs, such as Financial Aid and Counseling.

Student Union Building



Located adjacent to the Student Services Building, the Student Union Building will house the Student Union offices, the Student Activities Center, the new Campus Cafeteria and Dining Hall and an outdoor space.

Physical Education Complex



Promising 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 is seeking Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification upon its completion.

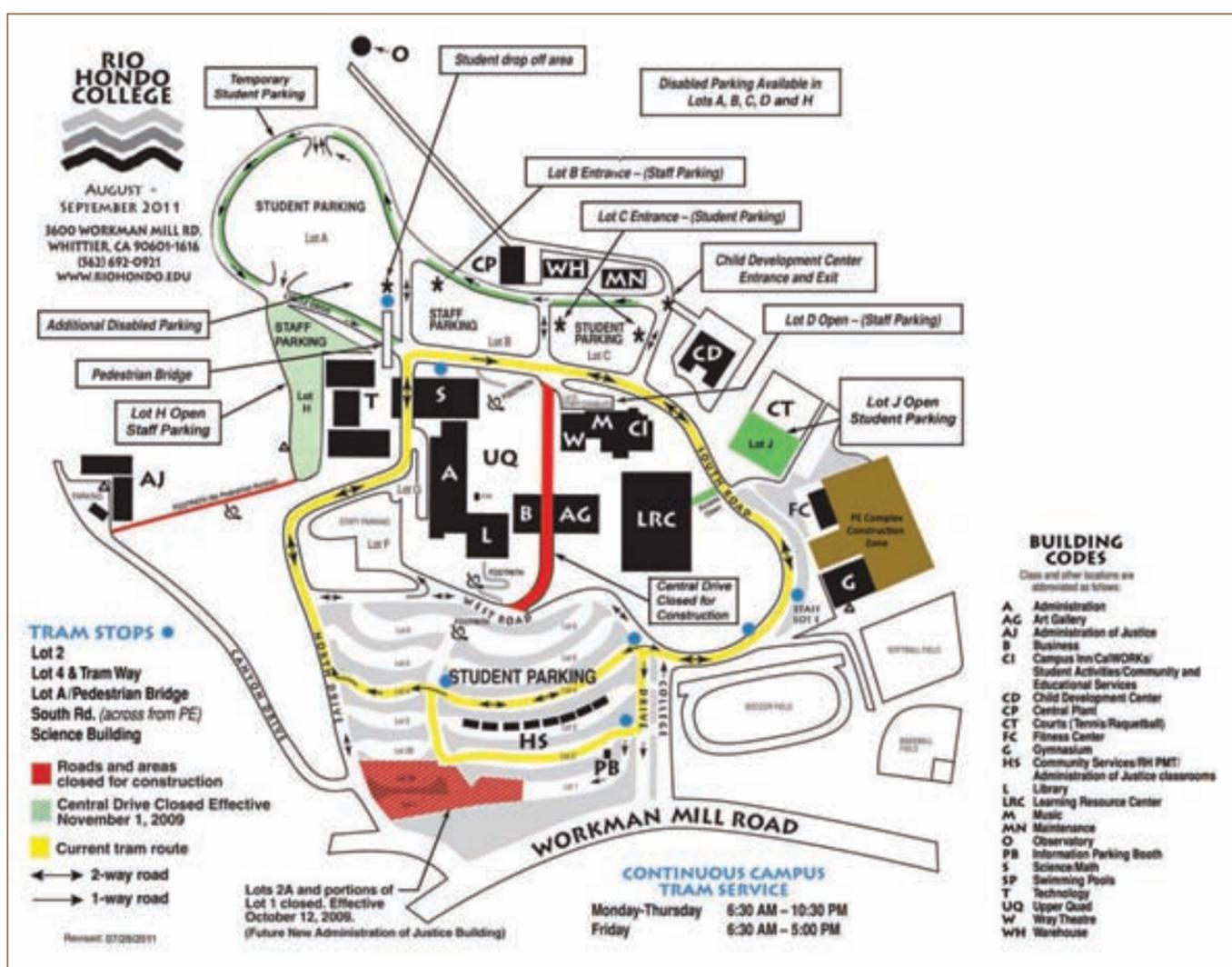
IN DESIGN

El Monte Educational Center

The El Monte Educational Center will have four Rio Hondo College classrooms, a computer study room with four computer stations, a courtyard and more for El Monte community members to utilize. The site, which sits on one acre of land, will be approximately 4,352 square feet. A total of 192 students will be able to be seated in the four classrooms at one time. A general educational curriculum will be offered, similar to the South Whittier Educational Center. The El Monte Educational Center will be located at 3017 Tyler Avenue in El Monte.

"Blue Light" Emergency Phones

In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of Rio Hondo students, faculty and visitors, the installation of 30 Blue Light Phone towers and three in-building units began in January. The towers are located in campus parking lots while the new in-building units will be in areas such as the new Student Services, Student Union and Physical Education buildings, which are currently under construction. The new system is operable 24-hours-a-day and is solar-powered, making it a fiscally- and environmentally-responsible addition to the campus.



Rich Casford Receives Prestigious College Honor

Rich Casford recently received the Distinguished Service Award from the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the community. Casford is the past president of the Rio Hondo College Foundation.

Described as an “excellent fundraiser who inspires generosity to the Foundation by his passion and stellar example” by those who have worked with him, Casford is an alumnus of Rio Hondo College. In addition to his dedication to the Foundation, Casford is also the President and CEO of Whittier Mailing Service and Whittier Mailing Products. Raised in Whittier, Casford has a track record of service and philanthropy. He is an adult mentor for California High School in Whittier. He also serves on the Board of the Southern California Postal Customer Council.

“Rio Hondo College is filled with exceptional people like Rich, who prove that hard work does make a difference,” said Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D., Rio Hondo College Superintendent/President. “Rich works tirelessly to raise scholarship money for students and program support, enabling as many as possible have the opportunity to achieve their academic goals. His dedication to the College is certainly exemplary, and illustrates distinguished service at its best.”



Creating the Path to College El Monte Pledge Compact Now Includes Cal State LA

Building upon the established El Monte Pledge Compact, officials at Rio Hondo College and the El Monte Union High School District (EMUHSD) initiated a new collaboration to provide even more incentive for local youth to pursue higher education. The pledge compact now includes California State

University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) as a partner in the development of a seamless pipeline from high school to college and university. Currently, such a partnership exists within the high-school district, Rio Hondo College and University of California, Irvine.

The El Monte Union Pledge Compact is a partnership that provides

official guarantees for eligible EMUHSD students to gain one-time priority registration at Rio Hondo College and/or admission to and/or guaranteed transfer to Cal State LA after high school.

Officials of the three educational partner entities participated in a formal signing ceremony in June to inaugurate the compact that promises

to put as many students as possible on the path to higher learning. The goal of the El Monte Union Pledges is to offer students as many opportunities as possible to pursue and obtain a four-year university education.

Rio Hondo College Joins Forces with HUD Fair Housing Education Partnership

Rio Hondo College recently joined forces with the U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to be a part of the HUD National Fair Housing Collegiate Partnership.

This new partnership was initiated in February and is designed to educate students about fair housing laws and equip them with skills for public service and civil rights careers. It is also the first partnership of its kind between HUD and a community college in the nation. Currently, HUD has similar partnerships with Tennessee State University, Clark Atlanta University and Kentucky State University.

HUD Assistant Secretary John Traviña was joined by the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing Director, Phyllis Cheng and Rio Hondo College Superintendent/President, Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D. to kick off the new education program, which included a housing resource fair and a proclamation signing.

“Community colleges are a key partner as we reach out to new entrants into the rental and future homeowner communities, particularly in communities protected by the Fair Housing Act,” said John Traviña, HUD’s Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. “Our partnership



with Rio Hondo College benefits students, the community and their futures.”

The partnership is designed to promote fair housing and educate students about their rights under the federal Fair Housing Act and California’s Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), which prohibit discrimination in housing based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, families with children, or disability.

Student Profile: Chris Murphy Earns JPLUS Honor, Headed Toward Cal Poly Pomona



Chris Murphy, a computer science major at Rio Hondo College, was recently named a Jet Propulsion Laboratory Undergraduate Scholar (JPLUS). This honor is bestowed upon students who have attained stellar academic achievement and have demonstrated the capacity to make original contributions to their field of study.

Murphy, who was nominated for the award by Rio Hondo Physics Professor Vann Priest, Ph.D., is now eligible to take part in a unique training program that will prepare him to apply for a summer research fellowship at either Caltech or the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena.

Murphy has been attending Rio Hondo College since he graduated from Monrovia High School. “I knew I did not want to go directly to a four-year university after high school,” he said, “because they are terribly expensive. My brother went to Rio and he was able to get the classes he needed, so I decided to come here. I really like the campus. You are in the middle of a

city, but you’re learning on what feels like a mountain in the forest.”

Started in May 1997 with funds provided by Caltech, which had received an award bonus from NASA for JPL’s superior performance, the JPLUS Program was developed to recognize achievement and high potential in students attending the 30 closest community colleges to JPL and Pasadena, majoring in engineering, mathematics, computer sciences or the physical sciences. Approximately 25 to 30 students are awarded the JPLUS honor each year.

Murphy received his JPLUS award on May 27, officially making him a JPL Undergraduate Scholar. He will now be given the opportunity to visit both JPL and Caltech and apply to different internships at each location. He is planning to attend Cal Poly Pomona in the fall as a computer science major. He will be transferring as a junior. Murphy says he hopes to pursue his interest in video game programming in the future.

Academic Schedule



Apply and register early to get the classes you want

Fall Classes begin week of August 20.

- Module A - Aug. 20-Oct. 14
- Module B - Oct. 15-Dec. 10

Degree and Certificate Programs

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Check out Virtual College classes for online options!

New Health Science & Nursing Simulation Center Opens

The nursing student approaches her patient and asks him how he is feeling. She checks his vital signs and gives him medicine and watches him for a response. Her Rio Hondo College instructor, nearby and on a computer, pushes a few keys on his keyboard and the patient – really a life-like computer-simulator – comes to life.

Since March, nursing students have had the opportunity to train in such a state-of-the-art environment with the College's new Simulation Center, which offers them hands-on, interaction with these computer-driven human patient simulators.

This type of technology makes it so the Simulation Center allows for nursing students to not only provide

“treatment” to their patients, but also see what happens to the patient when they do so. The simulators are so advanced that they can identify and let students know if they are handling the situation properly – down to the very dosage they administer.

The new Center houses two adult human patient simulators, one pediatric simulator and one infant simulator. One of the adult simulators is considered “high fidelity”, which means its eyes can blink and dilate, its chest rises and falls to demonstrate normal/abnormal breathing sounds, it allows for pulse readings and much more. The other simulators are considered “low fidelity,” which allows students to review their vital signs, such as listening to heart and lung sounds.

A relatively new teaching strategy, human patient simulation allows learners to develop, refine and apply knowledge and skills in realistic clinical environments – participating in interactive care-giving scenarios in a safe and supervised setting, without posing risk to patient lives.

Much of the equipment in the Center, including hospital beds and lifts, has been contributed through the Rio Hondo College Foundation by Rio Hondo College partners in health education. Major donors include Kaiser Permanente Tri Central Area, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital (PIH), and Downey Regional Medical Center. Recently, PIH approved \$100,000



to support the Simulation Center from October 2011 to September 2012.

Additionally, PIH has further partnered with Rio Hondo College by providing financial support for the Center's coordinator position. PIH recognizes the importance of simulation technology as an important teaching methodology, not only for college nursing students but for training PIH staff and residents in managing high-risk situations and for other hospital staff learning needs.

Athletics Report

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING RIO HONDO COLLEGE ATHLETES:

- DeWayne O'Neal - M. Basketball - All Conference 1st
- Amber Ojeda, W. Polo - All Conference 1st
- Daisy Gonzalez, W. Polo - All Conference 2nd
- Samantha Maldonado, W. Polo - All Conference 1st
- Willie Lopez, M. Soccer - Conference MVP
- Alexandra Marin, W. Soccer - Conference MVP



TWO COACHES HONORED WITH 'COACH OF THE YEAR' AWARDS

Congratulations to Women's Tennis Coach Karen Unger and Baseball Coach Mike Salazar, who were each recently named “Coach of the Year” for 2011 for their respective sports. After winning seasons, both coaches were honored by the California Community College Athletic Association's Foothill Athletic Conference. This is Coach Unger's fifth time being honored by the association.

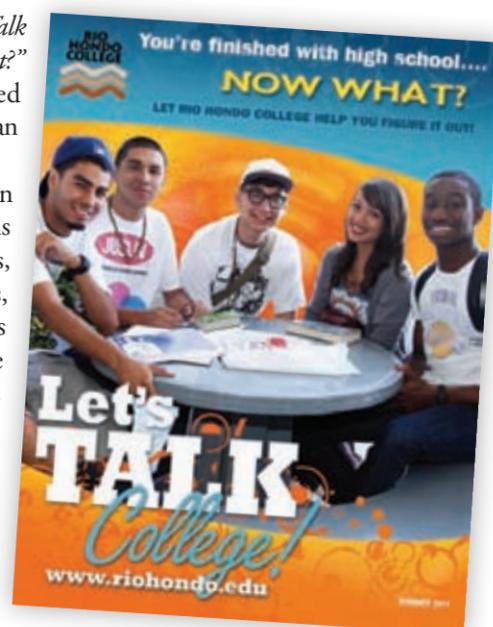


Let's Talk College Encourages High School Students To Try Rio Hondo!

The latest edition of *Let's Talk College*, entitled “Now What?” was recently distributed throughout the service area to more than 6,000 high school graduates.

The piece includes information on associate degrees, career programs and transfer paths offered to students, highlights student support programs, comparative tuition costs, campus life information and intercollegiate athletic programs, and provides comparative college costs.

To view a copy of the summer publication, please visit http://www.riohondo.edu/president/about_rio.htm.



GREEN Program Recognizes Local Participants

After providing workshops, “train-the-trainer” sessions and more to over 90 local businesses, the Rio Hondo College GREEN (Giving Rio Hondo Environmental Education to our Neighbors) Program held an awards ceremony in June to recognize its supporters.

The GREEN Program was organized by Rio Hondo College professors, students and graduates of the Environmental Science Program, and designed to offer free educational workshops, seminars, “train the trainer” sessions, certifications and evaluations to local businesses. The program began in March 2010.

The awards ceremony recognized business and student participants in attendance. It also recognized the support generated by Congresswoman Linda Sanchez through an appropriations grant from the Small Business Administration.

Businesses attending the closing ceremony were awarded Certificates of

Participation from the College, as well as Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition by Congresswoman Linda Sanchez. The following is a list of local companies/businesses that participated in the GREEN program:

Company	City
3M Unitek	San Gabriel
A1 Metals Recycling	Sun Valley
Advanced Maintenance Concepts	Brea
Associated Construction Services	Whittier
Bob Hope Airport	Burbank
Buisness Training	Whittier
California Conservation Corps	Norwalk
Century 21 Community	Cudahy
Christopher Elliot DDS	Whittier
Class One Safety	Stockton
Concorde Battery	West Covina
Crockett Container	Santa Fe Springs
Custom Building Products	Bell
Custom Building Products	Santa Fe Springs
Custom Environmental Services	Santa Barbara
DCOR LLC	Ventura
Diaz Trucking	
Eckles Auto Body	Whittier
Environmental Systems Management	Anaheim
ETTS	La Mirada
Full River Battery	Camarillo
Hacienda La Puente Unified School District	Industry

Company	City
Harvey Mudd College	Claremont
Heraeus Metal Processing	Santa Fe Springs
Hickory Springs of California	Commerce
Hickory Springs of California	Los Angeles
Hacienda La Puente Unified School District	City of Industry
HTS Environmental	Santa Fe Springs
I-maintenance	West Covina
Independent Contractor	Whittier
J&J Environmental Group	Anaheim
Jarrow Formulas Inc	Santa Fe Springs
Jean W. Bardenhrere Mo	Azusa
JESK Environmental	West Covina
Kids Gone Green	
Kinsbursky Brothers, Inc.	Anaheim
Kinsbursky Brothers, Inc.	Anaheim
Kinsbursky Brothers, Inc.	Anaheim
Los Angeles County Sanitation District	Whittier
Los Angeles County Sanitation District	Cerritos
Los Angeles County Department of Water and Power	Los Angeles
Long Beach Unified School District	Long Beach
Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse	Santa Fe Springs

Company	City
Manalese Dental Corporation	Covina
Meridian Property Solutions	Bell
MMP and Associates	Whittier
ORMCO	Orange
ORMCO	Glendora
OSTS	Chino
P.S. Environmental	La Mirada
Precision Paint and Body	Whittier
Pro-Engineering & Mfg. Co., Inc.	Santa Fe Springs
Rahn Industries	Whittier
Revco Industries	Santa Fe Springs
SA Recycling A-1 Metals	Sun Valley
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Whittier City School District	Whittier
Whittier Collision Center	Whittier
X Label	Whittier

Faculty Profiles

Here's a brief introduction to a few Rio Hondo College faculty members.

MARGARET GRIFFITH has taught at Rio Hondo College as a Painting and Drawing Instructor for four years and actively exhibits her artwork throughout the United States. She earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts in Painting from the Maryland Institute College of Art and a master's of fine arts degree in Sculpture from the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Prior to teaching at Rio Hondo College, Margaret worked as an Adjunct Art Instructor at East Los Angeles College, Cypress College, Citrus College, Moorpark College, Art Center College of Design and California State University, Los Angeles.

Margaret said that it is her students that make her job wonderful. She also said she finds it fascinating how "art never ceases to be challenging regardless of age or experience."

SHARON BELL

Sharon Bell has worked at as a Reading Instructor at Rio Hondo College for more than five years. She said she believes that working at Rio Hondo College has helped her grow as an educator. "When I first came to Rio, everyone was friendly and helpful and willingly answered my many questions," she said.

Sharon earned a bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College, a master's degree from Hunter College and a doctorate degree from Fordham University – all in New York.

In addition to working at Rio Hondo College, Sharon also has worked as an instructor at Queens College and York College in New York as well as at Downey Adult School in Downey. She also worked as a teacher at Stephen Foster Elementary School in Compton.

Sharon said that she believes reading truly opens a window to all other disciplines. "As the student develops reading skills, the window begins to open, and the student has access to a wealth of information. In the reading classes, we may talk about a psychological theory today and a political issue tomorrow. That's what makes what I do so interesting."



Margaret Griffith



Sharon Bell



Kevin Smith



Alyson Cartagena



Lisette Acevedo



Patricia Luna

KEVIN SMITH

Kevin Smith just finished his fourth year working as a full-time instructor at Rio Hondo College, where he teaches psychology. During his years at Rio Hondo College, he has taught Introductory Psychology, Biological Psychology, Introduction to the Physiological Effects of Drugs of Abuse, Positive Psychology and will be teaching statistics for the Behavioral Sciences this fall. In addition, Kevin is also excited to be teaching Psychology 190 - Statistics for Behavioral Sciences, a new class this fall semester. The 4-unit course will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:05 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Kevin did both his undergraduate and graduate education at University of California, Irvine. He has a bachelor's of science degree in neurobiology and a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. His master's degree is in social sciences. He also has a doctorate degree in psychology.

Prior to his time at Rio Hondo College, Kevin worked as a part-time lecturer at Orange Coast College, Saddleback College and at UC Irvine. He said the best thing about his job at Rio Hondo College is getting to work with his students. "No two classes are the same," he said. He also finds what he teaches fascinating. "The degrees I have earned all focus on the brain, so I love to spark a student's interest in the brain and what it does," he said.

Kevin said he feels fortunate to work at Rio Hondo College doing what he loves, teaching. "When I completed graduate school," he said, "I contemplated continuing to conduct research, but found my passion is in the classroom. I feel very lucky to have found a career that centers around my passion."

ALYSON CARTAGENA

Alyson Cartagena tells her students to call her whatever they feel comfortable calling her – as long as it is nice. Sometimes, the Director of Dance and dance instructor is called "Alyson" or

"Ms. Cartagena" and sometimes, she is even called, "Dancing Goddess."

Alyson has taught at Rio Hondo College for four years. She has taught Dance History, Dance Appreciation, Choreography, Conditioning and Alignment for Dance, Ballet I & II, Pilates, Yoga and Dance Rehearsal and Performance. She also directs the Rio Hondo College Dance Collective.

She earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in dance from Florida State and a master's degree in fine arts in dance with an emphasis in choreography from the University of California, Irvine. Alyson is also a certified Laban Analyst through the Integrated Movement Studies Program.

Prior to working at Rio Hondo College, Alyson worked at UCI, Soka University, Texas Christian University, Cerritos College, Santa Ana College, Cypress College and Fullerton College.

She said the best part about her job is working with her students. "I enjoy assisting my students at pivotal points in their lives, right before big breakthroughs" she said. "I love the contagious feeling of improvement, advancement and success here at Rio, which keeps me motivated to support the students and build the Dance Program to its potential."

LISETTE RHI ACEVEDO

Lisette Rhi Acevedo began working at Rio Hondo College part-time in the fall of 2004. She started working full-time in Fall 2007 and has taught speech courses that include: Public Speaking and Fundamentals of Oral Communication, Argumentation and Debate, Interpersonal Communication and Forensics labs.

She attended Pasadena City College and East Los Angeles College for general education requirements and then transferred to the University of Southern California, where she earned a bachelor's degree in communication studies. She earned a master's degree in communication studies from California State University, Northridge (Cal State Northridge).

In addition to teaching at Rio Hondo College, Lisette has also taught at Cal State Northridge, Loyola Marymount University, Glendale City College and Woodbury University.

"I am very grateful to have a job that I love," she said. "I enjoy working with the diverse student population at Rio Hondo College, and it's great to witness the art of communication applied to the workforce, in academic settings and within personal relationships. It's great to see how communication serves to connect people locally and in the global world."

PATRICIA LUNA

Patricia Luna has worked full-time at Rio Hondo College for four years. She is a nursing instructor who teaches students courses such as Pre-Certified Nurse Assistant, Acute Care CNA, Home Health Aide, VN Oncology and ADN Clinical.

Patricia attended the University of San Diego's satellite program for Levels 1-3 of her Designated Teaching Credential. She also attended California State University, Dominguez Hills for a bachelor's degree in nursing as well as its Public Health Nursing Program. She also earned a master's degree in nursing there.

Before joining Rio Hondo, Patricia worked for nine years at Tri Cities ROP; six years as nurse instructor for the California HS Health Academy, two years as an Introduction to Medical Careers Instructor and for one year as the Health Careers Coordinator. Patricia recently retired from "bedside nursing" after working as an Oncology Nurse for 30 years at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital.

She said she enjoys "sharing my passion and experience for nursing with future nurses and healthcare workers. Patricia's family has a history at Rio Hondo – her mother, husband, herself and daughter are alumni and her mother is also former instructor.

"The best thing about what I do is teach with different learning styles so all types of students have a chance to not only learn, but gain employment," she said.

Arts & Culture Events Make Rio Hondo College An Exciting Learning Environment

At Rio Hondo College, students are shown that arts and culture are not only valued, but encouraged throughout the campus. The Division of Arts & Cultural Programs offers students the opportunity to explore the arts, music, lecture series, theatre and dance as well as family events.

Here are some highlights from the 2010-11 Cultural Events Calendar:

- Ten theatrical productions were held in the Black Box or Wray Theatre in 2010-11.
- Nearly a dozen music concerts were performed in 2010-11 by Rio Hondo College faculty, the Vocal Arts Ensembles, the Workman

Mill Industrial Orchestra and other performing groups.

- More than 35 artistic events took place at Rio Hondo College in 2010-11 in the areas of art, music, lecture, theatre, dance and family events.
- For more information about cultural events at Rio Hondo College, please call (562) 908-3492.

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