GETTING STARTED WITH PASS

What is PASS?
PASS (Personal & Academic Support Services) is a federally-funded TRIO program. Our aim is to provide supplemental personalized academic services to eligible college students in order to assist them with retention, graduation, and transfer or transition goals. These services include educational advisement, individual and group tutoring, college success workshops, financial assistance, transfer assistance, priority registration, supplies, and use of our dedicated TRIO lab.

Am I eligible?
To be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:
- First generation and/or low income and/or disabled
- Enrolled in a minimum 12 units beginning Fall 2017
- U.S. Citizen or permanent resident
- Demonstrate need of additional academic support
To apply, stop by SS140 or submit an interest form on our website!

UPCOMING DATES
- August 15: Drop for nonpayment (B)
- August 19: Fall 2017 semester begins
- September 1: Last day to add classes or drop a class without a W
- September 13: Deadline for first semester contact
- September 15: Last day to drop without a W
Federal Financial Aid
The first step to receiving any state or federal financial aid to cover your educational expenses is to submit a FAFSA application. Even if the Fall semester is just a few days away, it is still recommended to complete an application to see if you can receive some of the remaining funds. You can begin your application at https://fafsa.ed.gov/. The application process is entirely free, so you don’t need to pay a third party to complete it for you.

Scholarship Resources
Beyond regular aid, there are also a number of opportunities to get FREE money to pay for school. Scholarships are money for school that do not need to be paid back. Rio Hondo College offers some resources you can use to begin your search, found here: http://www.riohondo.edu/scholarships/. Although there are scholarships specific to Rio Hondo, you should also explore the third party sources listed to increase your chances of getting the most money for your education.

Work Study Opportunities
For students who want to earn money towards school by working, the Federal Work Study program can help. These opportunities are extremely limited, so you will need to act fast.

To be awarded Federal Work Study, make sure your FAFSA application indicates your interest in participating. Additionally, you must be registered in at least 6 units each semester.

For more details, click here.

If you were awarded Federal Work Study for the 2017-2018 academic year, you should attend the job fair that Rio Hondo College will be hosting in the Board Room on August 15 from 10am-2pm.

Bring your resume!