

Congratulations!

**RIO
HONDO
COLLEGE**



Graduate COMMENCEMENT 2015



52ND Commencement Ceremony

Thursday, May 28, 2015

Dear Candidates and Graduates,
Congratulations on the momentous honor of being a Summer / Fall 2014 graduate or Spring / Summer 2015 degree candidate of Rio Hondo College!

As a graduate or degree candidate you are invited to participate in the biggest event on campus to celebrate all of your hard work and success, the Rio Hondo College Commencement Ceremony. This year we will be hosting our 52nd Commencement Ceremony on **Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.** Due to the renovation of the soccer field, the 2015 ceremony will be held on campus in Student Parking Lot A. On behalf of the Commencement Committee, we hope that you participate as well as invite your friends and family to share in this momentous occasion for you and our college.

Please note that Commencement Rehearsal is on **Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.** in Student Parking Lot A. It is important that you attend the rehearsal so that you can receive important information as well as ask any clarifying questions. You do not need to wear your graduation attire to rehearsal, but we do ask that you wear comfortable shoes for both the rehearsal and commencement ceremony.

Please ensure that you read through the Commencement Letter in its entirety. You will find important information on purchasing your cap and gown, parking information for the rehearsal and ceremony, and many other very important details that will help to make this event an enjoyable experience.

Again, congratulations and I wish you continued success in your future endeavors.

Jasmine Mageno López
Interim Director of TRiO Programs
Student Support Services
Chair, Commencement Committee

New!

The new location for this year's commencement ceremony is Student Parking Lot A.

Graduates and Candidates: ARRIVE EARLY for Commencement; plan to arrive by 5 p.m. You may park in any parking lot except Lots A, F and G. Report to the Career Technology Quad. From the main campus; take the Science Building stairs to the 2nd floor, walk north to the Career Technology Quad. From Lots C or B; take the Science Building elevator to the 2nd floor, walk north to the Career Technology Quad.

Commencement Breakfast



Esteemed Rio Hondo College Graduates,
The Associated Students of Rio Hondo College (ASRHC) cordially invites you to the 19th Annual Commencement Breakfast. This is a time to celebrate your accomplishments at Rio Hondo College with those who have supported you throughout your educational journey.

Please take this opportunity to appreciate the efforts and sacrifices that have guided you to your goal, and enjoy this time with fellow students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Each student is welcomed to invite two individuals whom you feel have been a part of your educational journey to the Commencement Breakfast. Due to limited capacity we are requiring tickets to participate in this year's event; please pick up a **maximum of 3 tickets (graduate + 2)** from the Student Life & Leadership Department located in the Student Lounge.

I am hopeful you will join us in this celebration! This year's Commencement Breakfast will be held on **Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rio Café.**

Respectfully,
Alejandro Ramirez Jr.
ASRHC President



UPCOMING EVENTS

GRAD FAIR	THURSDAY, MAY 7 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Mid Quad
REHEARSAL	TUESDAY, MAY 26 5:30 p.m., Lot A
BREAKFAST	THURSDAY, MAY 28 9 a.m., Rio Café
COMMENCEMENT	THURSDAY, MAY 28 6 p.m., Lot A



IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

Please read carefully!

- It is important that you do not forget your cap and gown – ONLY those wearing the appropriate CAP and GOWN will be allowed to participate. You may purchase your cap and gown at the Rio Hondo College Bookstore for \$45.78 through May 28, 2015.
- Only students on the official graduation list may order a cap and gown. Nobody is permitted to purchase one on your behalf unless you are present.
- In order for our guests to enjoy the event, NO BALLOONS, UMBRELLAS, or BLOWHORNS will be permitted. You will be asked to leave these items in your car.
- NOTE: The tassel on the cap goes on the right hand side.
- Please do not leave any valuable items in the Grad Check-in area or parking lot.
- Pick up your NAME CARD in the registration area, in the Technology Quad, prior to getting in line. You will be given further instructions at that time. Be sure to get a copy of the program. Please note that inappropriate nicknames written on your name card will not be honored, and may result in your name not being called during the commencement ceremony.
- The procession will be led to the graduation area in Student Lot A by Ms. Teresa Dreyfuss, Superintendent/President of Rio Hondo College. Dr. Kenn Pierson, Vice President of Academic Affairs, will lead the faculty and Mr. Henry Gee, Vice President of Student Services, will lead the students to the graduation area. When you reach your chair, remain standing in front of it. Keep your hands to your sides. You will be standing during the flag salute (gentlemen: please remove your caps). Graduates are to be seated at the same time as those on the stage.
- Follow the order of events in the program. You will be directed from the stage when to stand and when to be seated. Ushers will also be helping during the Commencement ceremony.
- At the appropriate point in the program, Dr. Pierson, will present the graduates to the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees. President Dreyfuss will then receive the graduates and make a few comments on behalf of the Board. When directed to do so, you will proceed to the stage area and give your name card to the announcer at the lectern. The announcer will READ ONLY YOUR NAME. When your name is called, you will proceed across the stage to receive your diploma case from a member of the Board of Trustees with your left hand and shake hands with your right hand. REMEMBER, RIGHT HAND OVER LEFT HAND. Then proceed off the stage and back to your seat.
- When the ceremony is over, you will be directed to stand. You will then follow the faculty to the reception area south of the ceremony seating. Please meet members of your family and friends in the reception area on the south side of the ceremony seating.
- If you have any questions, they will be answered on the night of the rehearsal.

Visitor Parking Instructions

GENERAL:

- Students and guests can park in all Lots, except for Lots A, F and G.
- Security guards will assist pedestrians walking to Parking Lot A, Security guards will provide traffic control, it is important that you comply with the security guards instructions for your safety.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES:

- Parking for persons with physical disabilities is available in all parking lots. However, special arrangements for drop off and parking for persons with disabilities is provided in parking Lot A, north of the ceremony area. Follow signs and security guards instructions for the drop off areas, parking, and access to the ceremony seating area.



Check Your Name

It is important that you make note of how your name is spelled on the label of this envelope containing your grad letter. This is how it will appear in the printed program at Commencement and on your diploma. If there is a mistake please contact Veronica Vallarta in the Admissions and Records office immediately at (562) 463-7647 or email: vvallarta@riohondo.edu

Graduation Photography

All students participating in the Rio Hondo College Commencement ceremony are advised that this is a public event. Professional photographers will be present: there is a commercial photographer who will take each student's photograph as they receive their diploma case; there will be news photographers present; there will also be photographs taken on behalf of the College for use in future College publications.

