President’s Welcome

Congratulations on making one of the most important decisions of your life by choosing to attend college. On behalf of the Rio Hondo College community, it is a pleasure to welcome you to our hilltop campus and educational sites with state-of-the-art facilities and a student-centered approach. Rio Hondo College offers a modernized, technologically advanced learning environment with instructional and student services facilities, including the Learning Resource Center, one-stop Student Services building, First-Year Success Center, El Monte Educational Center and South Whittier Educational Center. As part of our Student Success Initiative and Student Equity Plan, our faculty members, counselors, staff, and administrators are committed to helping every student reach their educational goals.

One of the tools we encourage students to frequently use is the 2015-2016 Catalog, as an educational guidepost. By becoming familiar with this Catalog early on, you will learn about the associate degrees leading to successful transfer, general education requirements and programs, career certificates and courses.

In addition, Rio Hondo College continues to lead the state and the nation in many high-demand career and technical programs such as automotive technology, environmental technology, geographic information systems (GIS), nursing, public safety, and fire technology.

Another tool for success is AccessRIO, our student information and registration system that provides efficient online access to email, grades, financial aid information, library systems and many other College resources.

We urge you to take advantage of the Student Success services and programs offered through the Counseling Center, Career Development Center, First-Year Success Center and Transfer Center. Students who meet with a counselor on a frequent basis, update their Educational Plan and use support services are more likely to graduate and transfer to four-year universities. Our Rio Hondo College counselors are here to support your journey to achieve Student Success!

Our student-centered campus also offers student support services to first-generation students, economically and educationally disadvantaged students, students with disabilities and veterans.

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As a student, you also have access to one of the largest and best-equipped community college fitness centers in the country. The College’s 48,000 square-foot Physical Education Complex offers a new NCAA-sized pool, renovated fields and tennis courts.

As Superintendent/President, I welcome opportunities to engage our students. I look forward to personally greeting you on our Rio Hondo College campus.

Congratulations once again, and best wishes to you and your continued success.

Teresa Dreyfuss
Superintendent/President

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