President’s Welcome

Congratulations on making one of the most important decisions in life by choosing to attend Rio Hondo College. On behalf of the Rio Hondo Community College District, it is a pleasure to welcome you to our hilltop campus where our faculty members, counselors, staff, and administrators are committed to helping you reach your educational and career goals.

Did you know Rio Hondo College is one of the top community colleges in the state for underrepresented minorities who transfer to University of California campuses? Designated a Hispanic-Serving Institution? We were also named among the top 25 community colleges for Hispanic students nationwide. Our campus enrolls approximately 18,000 students each semester, offering 24 associate degrees for transfer that guarantee admission to California State Universities, a four-year bachelor’s degree in automotive technology, 51 associate degrees, and 60 certificates. We are also noted for our pathway to Law School Program, state-of-the-art career and technical training programs, and for our student-centered services for veterans, first-generation students, single parents, foster youth, students with disabilities, and more.

One of the tools we encourage you to use, as an educational guide, is the 2017-18 College Catalog. By becoming familiar with this Catalog as a new student, you will learn about the associate degrees leading to successful transfer, general education requirements and programs, and career certificates and courses. Another tool for success is AccessRIO, our student information and registration system that provides efficient online access to grades, financial aid information, library systems and many other College resources. In addition, the College offers scholarships, student health services, as well as free tutoring.

We urge you to take advantage of the Student Success services and programs offered through the Counseling Center, Center for Career and Re-Entry Services, 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!

We invite you to make the most of your time at Rio Hondo College by participating in co-curricular activities and in student life. The College fields 14 intercollegiate athletic teams, offers opportunities in dance, theater, music, visual arts performances, and debate competitions. Rio Hondo College is also home to an active student government that sponsors an array of clubs, interest groups and cultural events.

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 NCAA-sized pool, renovated fields and tennis courts. The College also has a world-class soccer field and a six-lane synthetic track.

As Superintendent/President, I look forward to welcoming you to 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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