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SUBJECT: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2021

HUMAN RESOURCES

COVID-19 Vaccines

Given the current spike in COVID-19, cases, and to better protect our staff and the students we serve, Rio Hondo College has mandated vaccines for all employees. Campus notices were emailed to the campus community, which you could find on our COVID-19 webpage: <https://www.riohondo.edu/student-health-services/coronavirus/>

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), COVID 19-vaccines are effective. They can also help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19. Getting vaccinated may also protect people around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines, please click on the links below.

[Los Angeles County Department of Public Health – COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

[Find COVID-19 vaccine locations near you](#)

[Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine | CDC](#)

[Facts About COVID-19 Vaccines | CDC](#)

COVID- 19 Case – Contractor

On August 17, the College was notified that a contractor tested positive for COVID-19 on August 13. The contractor was last on campus on August 4. Based on the information gathered, the contractor was not on campus during their infectious period; therefore, no one was at risk for exposure as a result of this case.

Mask Wearing on Campus

Update from LA County Department of Public Health:

Due to increased transmission from Delta variant, on July 17th, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health issued a public health order requiring face masks be worn

by all persons, regardless of vaccination status, while indoors in all public settings and businesses.

Face coverings/masks remain mandatory at Rio Hondo College. For your safety and those around you, please keep your mask on when indoors and in the presence of others.

COVID-19 Safety Reminders:

- *Please stay home if you, or members of your household, are experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 and immediately seek medical advice. It's always safer to err on the side of caution to protect yourself, your loved one and your colleagues. For more information on symptoms associated with COVID-19, please visit: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/COVHomeCare.pdf>*
- *If you have been in close contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19, please visit the following website for information on quarantine instructions: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/docs/InformationForExposedPersonsCOVID19_Summary.pdf*

Please contact the Office of Human Resources if you have any questions.

Senate Bill 95 (Supplemental Paid Sick Leave):

Effective March 29, 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill 95 (SB 95) into law. This law mandates that employers provide employees with up to 80 hours of supplemental paid sick leave (SPSL) for various COVID-related absences. SB 95 takes effect 10 days following its enactment into law, on March 29, 2021, and will expire on September 30, 2021. Part-time and hourly employees will be entitled to a prorated amount of hours accordingly.

For complete details of SB95, please visit:

<https://www.dir.ca.gov/dlse/2021-COVID-19-Supplemental-Paid-Sick-Leave.pdf>

Mental Health Resources

Please remember there are support services and confidential resources available through our Employee Assistance Program (EAP). More information is found below.

To access EAP Resources please visit:

<https://riohondocommunitycollege.lifeworks.com/life/employee-assistance> using the following credentials: username: **rio**, password: **5292**, or you may contact them toll-free, 24/7, via phone at **(877) 234-5151**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has a webpage dedicated to Mental Health Resources and phone numbers for their help lines:

“If you are feeling emotionally distressed or overwhelmed due to COVID-19 news & developments, please call our 24/7 Help Line at (800) 854-7771 or the National Suicide

Prevention Lifeline at (800) 273-8255 for support.” <https://dmh.lacounty.gov/covid-19-information/>

For additional information and updates on COVID-19, please visit our RHC webpage: <https://www.riohondo.edu/student-health-services/coronavirus/>

NEWS COVERAGE

Whittier Daily News and San Gabriel Valley Tribune

Rio Hondo College requires mandatory coronavirus vaccinations for students, employees
<https://www.whittierdailynews.com/2021/08/20/rio-hondo-college-requires-mandatory-coronavirus-vaccinations-for-students-employees/>

<https://www.sgvtribune.com/2021/08/20/rio-hondo-college-requires-mandatory-coronavirus-vaccinations-for-students-employees/>

Downey Patriot

Live Theater and Music Return to Rio Hondo College

<https://www.thedowneypatriot.com/articles/live-theater-and-music-return-to-rio-hondo-college>

FACILITIES

Upper Quad Concrete Bench Removal

Upper Quad Concrete Bench Removal was completed on August 6, 2021.

Cooling Tower

The motor was installed on July 23, 2021.

College Drive/Lot 1-6 and Lot A

Met with winning bidder on August 23, 2021 to create schedule.

SFSFA Asphalt

13,624 square feet of asphalt was replaced on August 19 and 20, 2021. 6,700 square feet of Asphalt will be slurry, crack-filled and striped on August 26 and 27, 2021.

Circle Drive Underground Leak

Underground leak was repaired on August 18, 2021 and new asphalt was laid on August 20, 2021.

Preventive Maintenance

ALL Building Filtration have been upgraded to MERV-13.

School Re-opening- Update

Ionization has been installed in the following buildings:
New AJ, Science, and the Administration.

Hallway Painting Completed

Administration 2nd floor.

Power Washing Completed

Science and the Administration.

COVID-19 Safety Measures

Plexiglass, Hand Sanitizers, and Paper Towels have been installed in all the classrooms.

GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS (GCR)

CONGRESSWOMAN SANCHEZ VISIT TO CAMPUS

On August 12, Congresswoman Linda Sánchez visited Río Hondo College to participate in conditioning with the members of the Río Hondo Men's Baseball team. Board President Rosaelva Lomeli, Trustee Oscar Valladares, Student Trustee Kayla Cruz, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Don Miller, Acting Dean of KDA Yolanda Emerson, Men's Baseball Coach Mike Salazar, and Director of GCR Dr. Russell Castaneda Calleros were all present to welcome Congresswoman Sánchez. Congresswoman Sánchez was able to take batting practice with live pitching in the renovated batting cages. Also, Congresswoman Sánchez was able to play catch in the baseball field with the members of our Men's Baseball Team. In addition to posting on social media, Marketing and Communications created a Tik Tok video of Congresswoman Sánchez's visit to campus and baseball practice:

https://www.tiktok.com/@riohondo_college/video/6995996925128477957?is_copy_url=0&is_from_webapp=v1&sender_device=pc&sender_web_id=6972275909479417350

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

As was reported to the Board at the Special Board Meeting Study Session on August 18, 2021 the Office of GCR is partnering with the Office of Supervisor Solis, Active SGV, and Curative to host a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on campus on September 1 from noon to 4pm. The event will take place in Parking Lot C and will be co-located with the popular "Grab-and-Go" food distribution activity. Trustees are invited to post the attached event flyer on their social media to help promote this event in their social networks. We want to be sure to promote this event to the entire community since this event will be open to the entire public.

GO RIO BUS PASS PROGRAM

For the 16th consecutive academic year, the Office of GCR is partnering with the Office of Admissions and Records to implement the GO RIO program. GO RIO has connected students with a low-cost "U-Pass" that is honored by all six local and regional transit providers (Metro, Foothill, Norwalk Transit, Montebello Bus Lines, El Monte Transit, and LA County Sunshine Shuttle). Safety protocols have been put into place intended to help returning students to reactivate bus passes remotely. Furthermore, new students are encouraged to make appointments to visit the Photo ID window sporadically across the first few days and weeks of the semester. This semester only, bus passes are free and available to all enrolled students, regardless of the number of units. Replacement pass fees have been temporarily waived this semester. Also, for the first time, both credit and non-credit students enrolled in the Fall 2021 semester will be eligible for the

GO RIO. These changes to the GO RIO program are intended to extend eligibility to more students, eliminate transportation barriers, and expand student ridership.

BUSINESS DIVISION

Entrepreneur Camp Rio

July 26 — August 6, 2021

The Business Division at Río Hondo College is collaborating with (NFTE) the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship to offer a two-week Entrepreneur Camp for high school students during Summer 2021 virtually. Participating students will be paid a \$100 research stipend.

Curriculum

This project-based, experiential camp is taught by a NFTE-certified instructor who teaches students to identify business opportunities, construct a financial model, and create a marketing and sales strategy. This camp culminates with all students researching, developing and pitching an original business plan for competition prizes. The lessons learned throughout the camp tie back to core math and literacy skills.

Camp Details

Dates: Mon - Fri, July 26 - August 6, 2021

Times: 9am - 2pm

Location: Zoom - provided by Rio Hondo College

Grades: 9th - 12th grade students

Cost: Free! (*Powered by the Strong Workforce Program & NFTE*)

Research Stipend for Students: \$100

Competition Prizes:

\$250 - First Place

\$175 - Second Place

\$100 - Third Place

Apply Online: www.riohondo.edu/bizcamp

Additional Information

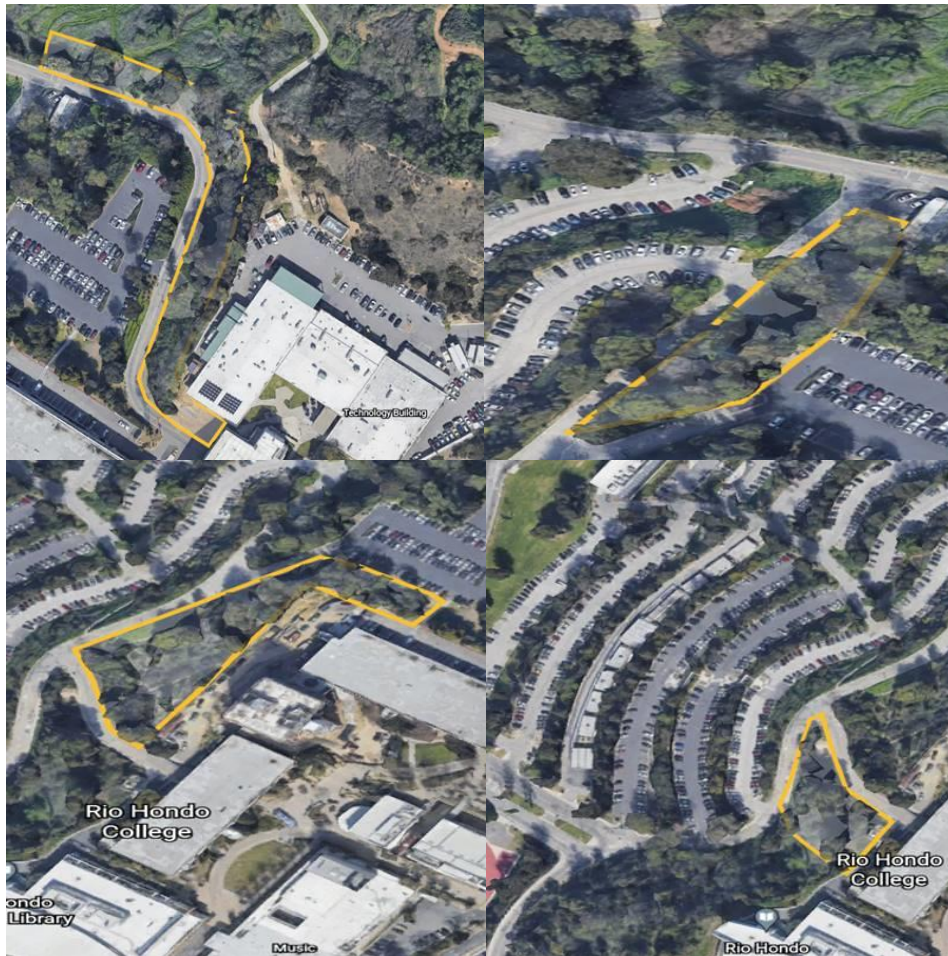
Deadline to apply is **May 14, 2021** — spots are limited. Details provided after applications are submitted. If you have any questions on this program, please contact: Ivan Leon, Instructor/Coordinator at 562.463.7359; ileon@riohondo.edu or Gita Runkle, Dean of Business at 562.463.4663; grunkle@riohondo.edu

GRANTS

Fuel Reduction Project: Campus-wide

The following is the progress report covering 7/20/21 through 8/10/21 for the work performed by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps on Río Hondo's campus. Funding provided by CRSSA and the River and Mountain Conservatory. The crew serviced the areas within the yellow highlighted perimeter (see maps below).

Total work days: 15
Average crew size per day: 7.13
Total number of youth hours: 546
Total square feet of area serviced: 217,000
40-yard waste containers filled: 6
Total acres serviced: 4.98
Total number of dead trees removed: 47
Total number of trees pruned: 10



STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP

DSPS

DSPS is open and serving students and their families in person.

- With the support of IT, all DSPS staff now have cameras and headsets to serve students remotely if necessary while they are on campus.
- Our Zoom room went live allowing staff working remotely to care for students virtually.
- Brooklyn Hunter a recent graduate from Pioneer High School who completed college course work as a high school student through Río Hondo's Dual Enrollment Program, was part of the inaugural cohort of DSPS Summer Bridge students and she was the recipient of the Outstanding Student Award presented

by Summer Bridge. DSPS is very proud of her and the outstanding work by DSPS Professors Rose Gaw and Bonnilee Kaufman.

EOP&S

EOP&S hosted a Fall 2021 Back-to-School Drive Thru event on August 19, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. primarily in Lot C. Students received backpacks and school supplies, picked up their books, checked out laptops and scientific calculators, and get their IN-N-Out Lunch. In addition to posting on social media, Marketing and Communications created a Tik Tok video of this festive event:

https://www.tiktok.com/@riohondo_college/video/6998241869004066054?is_copy_url=0&is_from_webapp=v1&sender_device=pc&sender_web_id=6972275909479417350

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS

Guardian Scholars conducted online orientations for both new and returning students. Guardian Scholars participants came to campus on August 19, 2021 for a school supply grab and go.

RISE

RISE's workshop proposal for the NASPA Western Regional Conference was accepted. The workshop is titled "Still We Rose: The Development of Programs to Serve Formerly Incarcerated Students and the Student Experience." The NASPA Conference will take place in San Francisco from November 8 – 13, 2021.

SCHOLARS' HUB

Scholars' Hub opened in-person for on-boarding of new students and is preparing to open regular hours for in-person support in addition to comprehensive online and remote services. Hope Scholars conducted three (3) new student orientations via Zoom.

STUDENT LIFE & LEADERSHIP

Student Life & Leadership has been working with ASRHC to recruit and on-board new members. Student Life will host an information booth for Welcome Week on the SU Terrace the first week of school to provide resources, support, and guidance to new and returning students. The Student Union will be open for limited services starting the first week of school.

STUDENT SUCCESS & DREAM CENTER (SSDC)

The SSDC Team organized 10 Roadrunner Welcome Week Virtual Information Sessions during August 9 – 13, 2021. There were 625 students that joined us over Zoom to learn about financial aid programs and procedures, how to use Canvas and Access Rio, and tips on how to balance school and mental wellness. Students had the following to say on our post-event survey:

"Thank you! I was really scared of doing something wrong or missing the first step, but because I attended this meeting I realized that I'm not alone, there are things offered at this school, I can get help, advice, entertained. I definitely feel more confident completing college smoothly."

"I enjoyed the presentation how to navigate canvas, access rio and felt better at the end that I am not alone and others have similar situations as me transitioning to college."

“Thank you for the virtual welcome week, I wouldn't know what to do at this school if we didn't have the meeting.”

“This meeting was to inform and I am well informed I feel the objective was sought through and I am extremely grateful to be informed.”

We opened for in-person services on August 17, but we continue to get the majority of students contacting us via phone for assistance with registration.

TRIO STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

July-August—Started meeting with students to get their required TRIO appointments completed for Fall 2021 such as Personal Success Plans (Educational Advisement) and Educational Counseling.

Aug. 17, 2021—TRIO Transfer Class of 2022 Workshop. This workshop was specifically for students who were identified as being “transfer ready” to apply this Fall 2021 for Fall 2022 admissions. Eighteen (18) students in attendance, and 44 were identified as being eligible to apply for this upcoming transfer cycle. Students were taken through the transfer process for the 2021-22 academic year. The workshop was conducted via Zoom.

Aug. 27, 2021—TRIO Welcome Orientation Workshop. The TRIO SSS Team will review the expectations for the 2021-22 academic year with all TRIO participants. Will be done via Zoom.

September—Continue to meet with students to get their required TRIO educational advisement and counseling appointments completed for Fall 2021. Referrals to academic tutoring.

Coordinating appointments to disseminate student supplies.

September 10, 2021—Sharpen Your Study Skills Workshop

September 24, 2021—Dinero Basics: Improve Your Budgeting Skills Workshop