

RÍO  
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COLLEGE



# RISING TOGETHER | 2020 FOR OUR STUDENTS





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# A COMMITMENT TO STUDENTS



**“THE RÍO HONDO COLLEGE COMMUNITY IS ABOUT CAMARADERIE – COMING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE OUR COMMUNITIES SO THAT LIFE IS BETTER FOR EVERYONE. WHETHER YOU’RE A STUDENT, FACULTY OR STAFF MEMBER, WE ALL COOPERATE AND ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER SO THAT WE CAN REACH OUR FULLEST POTENTIAL. THIS YEAR HAS SHOWN THAT THE RÍO HONDO COLLEGE COMMUNITY IS STRONG TOGETHER AND THAT NO PROBLEM IS INSURMOUNTABLE.”**

**– Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss**

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## Rising Together for Our Students

The year 2020 delivered many surprises that we never thought possible and caused disruption previously unheard of in modern times.

Despite these challenges, the Río Hondo College community persevered in many ways, including academic achievement, new and improved career programs, increased financial support, new emotional support and staff success.

This Annual Report focuses on how Río Hondo College rose to the occasion in 2020 and has become stronger than ever before – even in the face of uncertainty.

Over the last year, Río Hondo marked the expansion of services and support for our students, providing them with the highest

quality education that is not only inspiring academic success and preparing them for four-year universities and the workforce – but making them better people, as well.

Truly, this year has shown us that when catastrophe strikes at any time, the Río Hondo College community responds with energy, excellence and enthusiasm. We are always ready, committed and responsive to guiding our students to success in all of their academic pursuits.

This College report highlights our successes, but it offers just a glimpse of the success and achievement that Río Hondo College inspires on a regular basis.



# ADAPTING AND ENSURING THE SAFETY TO OUR COMMUNITY

## College Redoubled Commitment for Vulnerable Communities at Greater Risk during COVID-19 Pandemic

Río Hondo College's Board of Trustees on May 13, 2020 redoubled its commitment to vulnerable communities facing challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including undocumented residents, individuals of Asian/Pacific Islander heritage and those who struggle with food insecurity, housing and access to internet and mental health resources.

The first resolution supports Gov. Newsom's plan to offer relief funds to undocumented residents and opposes a lawsuit challenging the effort. The resolution notes the College's commitment to providing educational opportunities to students of all backgrounds, including those who are undocumented.

The second resolution denounces xenophobia, especially targeting people of Asian/Pacific Islander heritage who have faced

stigmatizing rhetoric since the outbreak of the viral illness. The resolution notes the high population of Asian/Pacific Islanders in the San Gabriel Valley as well as among Río Hondo College's student body.

The third resolution affirms Río Hondo's unwavering commitment to student success and equity, acknowledging the significant financial challenges caused by COVID-19 – especially for students already facing economic challenges. The resolution notes Río Hondo College's commitment to helping students with access to food, housing support, internet connectivity and access to computer resources, as well as access to mental health services.





## College Expands Services, Adds Online Channels to Ensure Student Success during Remote Instruction

Río Hondo College broadened its menu of online services to ensure students – especially those most vulnerable and marginalized – receive the support they need while completing spring classes via online instruction. Services include remote counseling, online tutoring, financial aid assistance, psychological services, food pantry distribution, Chromebook loans, access to free Office 365 and internet, guidance for undocumented students, and access to local, community-based support.

## \$830,400 in Grants for Students Whose Studies Were Disrupted by COVID-19

Río Hondo College awarded \$830,400 in grants to 2,120 students as part of a federal act designed to assist those whose studies were disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The grants, funded by the federal CARES Act, is divided between a Río Cares Student Relief Fund and an Emergency Grant program.

## College Welcomes Students for Fall 2020 with Remote Learning, Enhanced Support Services



Río Hondo College launched the fall 2020 semester on Aug. 17 with an enhanced distance learning model, centering the academic and personal needs of students and supporting educators throughout the school year. After intense planning over the summer, Río Hondo College developed a plan that focused on student feedback and supported learners through an increase in technology, pantry distribution, Chromebook loans, access to free Office 365 and internet, guidance for undocumented students, and access to local, community-based support.

## College Recognized for COVID-19 Response, Collaboration

Río Hondo College was recognized by The RP Group Impact & Insights publication for responding in a time of crisis and expertly modeling collaboration that unites a large cross-section of educators. Led by Río Hondo's student success team, educators identified three main areas of support: academic, basic and community (the ABCs). The ABCs resource plan initiated an increase in technology resources, including an expanded capacity for Zoom and Canvas lectures.

## College Educators Emphasize Care, Compassion for Students

Río Hondo College leaders emphasized the need to show care and compassion to students struggling with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic while delivering online instruction in fall 2020-21. The message was the core focus of FLEX Day, an annual training program held the day before classes began for fall semester. Río Hondo College launched its expanded online instructional program on Saturday, Aug. 15. Faculty and staff leaders praised College employees for their swift and effective shift to distance instruction in spring 2020 but said the new year will require a redoubled focus on the needs of students.





# BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY

## NAEYC Accreditation Recognizes Río Hondo College Child Development Center Among Nation's Best

Río Hondo College Child Development Center has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest organization working on behalf of young children.

NAEYC accreditation is a rigorous and transformative system that uses 10 research-based standards to collaborate with early education programs to recognize and drive improvement in high-quality early learning environments.

Río Hondo College has provided childcare programs since the 1960s. The Center, which has four classrooms and three playgrounds, provides a state preschool at its Pre-School Laboratory that is free to qualifying families.

**"WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH A DIVERSE AND RESPONSIVE ENVIRONMENT. OUR PROGRAM PROVIDES AN ENGAGING, CHILD-CENTERED AND DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENT THAT FOSTERS PERSONAL GROWTH AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT."**

– Río Hondo College Child Development Center Director  
**Dr. Shireetha Gethers**

To earn NAEYC accreditation, Río Hondo College Child Development Center pursued an extensive self-study and quality-improvement process, followed by a site visit by NAEYC assessors to ensure the program met each of the 10 program standards and hundreds of individual criteria. Accreditations run for five years.

In the 30 years since NAEYC accreditation was established, it has become a widely recognized sign of high-quality early childhood education. More than 7,000 programs are accredited by NAEYC – less than 10 percent of all childcare centers, pre-schools and kindergartens nationally.

"Earning NAEYC accreditation makes Río Hondo College Child Development Center an exemplar of good practice for families and the entire community," said Kristen Johnson, senior director of Early Learning Program accreditation at NAEYC.





## High School Counselors Gather for Annual Breakfast

Nearly 150 counselors representing more than 50 high schools attended the Department of Outreach and Educational Partnership's annual Regional High School Counselor Breakfast. The 148 counselors in attendance learned about student programs and services, attended a resource fair representing 15 College departments and took part in breakout sessions on nursing, career technical education and Disabled Student Programs & Services.

## College Hosts Science Olympiad

Nearly 1,400 students from 50 high schools and 40 middle schools took part in the Los Angeles Regional Science Olympiad at Río Hondo College in February. Students competed in a variety of science and engineering events while their parents cheered them on. The effort to stage the event involved a collaboration among many members of the Río Hondo College staff and faculty.

## Single Mothers Receive Soroptimist Aid

Single mothers in Río Hondo College's Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) program received \$20,000 in aid from Soroptimist International of Whittier as part of the group's annual "Live Your Dream" awards. The club donated \$15,000 to students Jennifer Wirkus, Rose Rivas, Shavon Morishita, Vanessa Sandoval and Lenor Chavez, who faced greater struggles than usual with food security during the coronavirus crisis. An additional \$5,000 received from an anonymous donor was split among 10 additional Río Hondo College CARE students who had applied for the scholarships.

## CTE Open House Highlights Professional Pathways



More than 100 people gathered to learn about Río Hondo College's pathways to professional success during the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Division Open House and Family Day event, held in March. Attendees explored hands-on informational sessions on architecture, alternative energy, automotive technology, civil design technology, engineering design drafting, heavy equipment technology and hospitality management.

## Homecoming 2020 Features Reunions, Hoops, Free Food and Prizes

More than 500 students and alumni joined Río Hondo College to celebrate Homecoming 2020, an event that included reunions for the nursing program, former basketball players and the Police Academy. The event also provided commemorative T-shirts and rally towels, tacos, In-N-Out burgers, prizes and more.

## Senior Preview Days Host Local Students

Río Hondo College hosted 1,118 high school seniors from 31 schools for its annual Senior Preview Days, which offered an interactive preview of key programs, services and application steps. Students were bused in from schools in Whittier Union, El Rancho Unified and El Monte Union, as well as from San Gabriel Valley, Hacienda La Puente, Bell Gardens, Downey, Baldwin Park, Bassett and Montebello.

## Partnership Praised for Green Tech Promotion

A public-private partnership that includes Río Hondo College is being praised for its efforts to promote green technology as the winner of the 2020 Innovation Award by Breathe Southern California, a nonprofit that advocates for better air quality. The partnership, known as the Volvo Low Impact Green Heavy Transport Solutions (LIGHTS) project, aims to introduce electricity-driven trucks and equipment to the Southern California market. The partnership includes 15 public and private groups, including Río Hondo College, which is known for its automotive technology program's focus on alternative energy vehicles.

## Río Hondo College Trustees Swear in Two Members, Reorganizes

Re-elected Río Hondo College Trustee Vicky Santana and newly elected Trustee Kristal Orozco took the Oath of Office on Dec. 16 during a Zoom meeting in which the Board of Trustees also selected new officers for the coming year. Santana was sworn in by U.S. Rep. Linda Sanchez and Orozco was sworn in by newly elected California State Assemblymember Lisa Calderon. Shortly after, during a Special Board Meeting, Trustee Rosaelva Lomeli was selected as the new board president, Santana as vice president and Orozco as clerk.



# SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING OUR STUDENTS

## College Receives \$15,000 in Gifts for CARE Students



“THIS SHOW OF SUPPORT FROM OUR SOROPTIMIST SISTERS AND THE CREDIT UNION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS A TERRIFIC TESTIMONIAL TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS AND THE IMPACT OF RÍO HONDO COLLEGE IN HELPING RESIDENTS OVERCOME CHALLENGES TO PURSUE THEIR EDUCATIONAL DREAMS.”

– CARE Specialist **Laura Verdugo**

Verdugo is also a member of the Soroptimist International of Whittier, which also offers annual scholarships that benefit Río Hondo College students each year.

Río Hondo College received \$15,000 in gifts from community groups for its Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) Program, which helped provide educational support services and activities for academically under-prepared, welfare-dependent, single parents.

CARE students are part of EOP&S, which serves more than 1,600 students at Río Hondo College.

The gifts, presented May 22 to Río Hondo College, EOP&S/CARE Director Heba Griffiths, and CARE Specialist Laura Verdugo, include \$5,000 from Soroptimist International of Whittier and \$10,000 from Credit Union of Southern California.



## Scholars' Hub to Serve 'Most Vulnerable Students'

Río Hondo College hosted an open house for its new Scholars' Hub, a one-stop shop for specialized programs supporting students who are housing insecure, formerly incarcerated, LGBTQIA+ or former foster youths. The Hub includes on-site application assistance for Cal Fresh and Medi-Cal, support programs for California's most impoverished community members.

## Board of Trustees Resolution Affirms 'Passionate Support' for Racial Equality, Social Justice

Río Hondo College's Board of Trustees adopted a resolution affirming its "passionate support" for Black Lives Matter, racial equality, social justice and equity for all and "vigorously opposing" racism, white supremacy and colonialism. The resolution acknowledges that the College's student body is nearly 90 percent students of color who look to the Board of Trustees to "stand and kneel in solidarity with all whose lives are affected by the effects of racism."

## College Leaders Praise Supreme Court Ruling to Maintain Federal DACA Program

Río Hondo College leaders declared their support for a Supreme Court ruling that upheld former President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) executive order, which offers protections against deportation for children brought to America. Since 2017, former President Trump fought to end the program, which shields some 700,000 young immigrants known as "Dreamers" and allows them to work. More than 200,000 of those immigrants attend U.S. colleges and some 70,000 undocumented students attend the California Community Colleges system.

## \$2.8 Million Grant to Fund Intensified STEM Program, Student Research Opportunities

Río Hondo College will launch an intensive program to support science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) field studies for students, including scientific research experiences for Río Hondo students, thanks to a \$2.8 million, five-year Department of Education Title V grant. The Title V grant, announced Sept. 3, is the latest in a series of STEM-focused grants secured by the College to support its largely Hispanic student population. Other recent STEM-focused funding from the Department of Education includes a \$1.3 million TRIO-STEM grant and a \$1 million National Science Foundation S-STEM grant.

## Río Hondo College Launches New Student Career Support Tools

Río Hondo College kicked off a Student Success Teams (SST) initiative to provide students with support as they pursue their academic goals, an element of a Guided Pathways framework that aims to boost student success. The initiative gives students access to online Career Coach and Programs of Study sites to guide them through their academic journeys. The Career Coach offers a self-paced personal survey to help students make choices about their academic and career choices that align with their strengths and interests. The Programs of Study site provides information about the array of certificates and degrees offered at Río Hondo.

## College Partners with Volvo on Auto Tech Program

Río Hondo College partnered with Volvo and San Bernardino Valley College to create electric vehicle repair and service technician programs for battery-electric freight trucks. The partnership, which builds on Río Hondo College's well-known alternative energy automotive program and its groundbreaking partnership with Tesla, will include a training program for fire departments in Inland Empire communities for handling collisions involving heavy-duty battery electric vehicles. As part of the rollout of the vehicles, Volvo Trucks North America deployed a pilot vehicle as part of a collaboration with the South Coast Air Quality Management District and other organizations.





# PREPARING FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

## College Roadrunner Crew Re-activated to Assist in Battling California Wildfires

Río Hondo College's Roadrunner Hand Crew 77 was activated twice during summer 2020 by the U.S. Forest Service, deployed first to fight the Texas Fire and then to assist efforts against the rapidly expanding Lake Fire, both in the Angeles National Forest.

The crew, created by the College's Wildland Fire Academy, is staffed by a team of graduates from recent cadet classes, including Victor Apodaca, Nicholas Casimiro, Nicolas Demonte, Evan Espinoza, Yulfiano Gerwynaldo, Daniel Ingelmo, Jesse Jimenez, Marcus Manty Ortiz, Ilunga Mulonga, Diego Rodriguez, Alan Perez, Eduardo Reyes, Hector Samayoa and Andrew Salinas.

A Type II hand crew, the team assists with all aspects of fire monitoring, suppression and control, including digging fire containment lines. In past years, the crew has been called up multiple times a year to assist with firefighting across California. The crew has battled fires in Yosemite National Park and helped fight the devastating Ferguson Fire.

Each crew member must meet or exceed U.S. Forest Service requirements for seasonal wildland firefighters. Students also must pass an arduous physical fitness regime. Río Hondo College, which has fielded the crew since 2002, is well-known for its Wildland Fire Academy, which typically places every graduate from every class.

**“DESPITE THE PANDEMIC, THE ROADRUNNERS OF CREW 77 CONTINUE TO AGGRESSIVELY MOVE FORWARD, PROTECTING THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE VALUABLE RESOURCES OF THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST.”**

– Fire Academy Director **Chief Andrew E. Grzywa**



## Roadrunners Hand Crew 77 Battle Bobcat Fire

Río Hondo College's Roadrunner Hand Crew 77 was activated to assist in fighting the Bobcat Fire, which scarred more than 113,000 acres since it sparked on Sept. 6 in the Angeles National Forest north of Arcadia, La Cañada Flintridge and Glendora. The crew was previously activated in June and August to assist the U.S. Forest Service during another record-breaking fire year in the state.

## Wildland Fire Alum Leads Bobcat Fight

Río Hondo College Wildland Fire Academy graduate Jerry Garcia was profiled by the *Los Angeles Times* for his commitment to his craft and his devotion to the mountains where he spends his time as an ultra-marathon (35 – 100 miles) runner. Garcia, a crew boss for the U.S. Forest Service, often competes in events along the trails in the Angeles National Forest. So, when his team – Crew 63 – was called up to fight the Bobcat Fire, the fight was personal.

## College Police Academy's 'Principled Policing' Approach Emphasizes Guardianship, Respect for Diversity

Río Hondo College Police Academy is a leader in progressive police training, following a teaching philosophy known as Principled Policing that encourages strong community relationships, respect for diversity and an understanding of constitutional rights. College leaders provided insights into the police training program in the aftermath of the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police officers and subsequent demonstrations over treatment of African Americans by law enforcement.

## Police Academy Celebrates 39 Graduates of Class 209

Río Hondo Police Academy applauded the graduation of 39 cadets from Class No. 209 who immediately entered service in 18 Southern California departments. The event, which took place in spring 2020, included 16 chiefs of local departments, featured addresses by state Sen. Bob Archuleta -- an academy alum and former Montebello police officer.

## College Celebrates Class 94 Fire Academy Graduation

Río Hondo Fire Academy celebrated a pandemic-modeled graduation ceremony on July 9, recognizing 36 cadets in Class 94, which adopted the motto, "The First



of its Kind" in recognition of the special, pandemic-focused training members received. The ceremony was held at the College's Santa Fe Springs academy training grounds with Dean of Public Safety Mark Yokoyama and Fire Academy Director Andrew E. Grzywa joined by six instructors, staff and the cadets, who wore masks and practiced physical distancing during the event.

## Tesla Technician Program Celebrates 6 New Graduates

Río Hondo College celebrated the graduation of six students from its Summer 2020 COVID-19 Class of Tesla START technicians. Even with the COVID-19 impact, students completed 12 weeks of training with a modified schedule. The technician training program – the first of its kind in California and the second in the U.S. – was launched in 2018 and has graduated more than 60 technicians, who are guaranteed employment by the globally recognized, innovative electric car company.

## College Nursing Students Volunteer at El Monte City COVID-19 Testing Station



Throughout the spring, 16 students in their first year of Río Hondo College's Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) program volunteered at the El Monte City Drive-through COVID-19 testing station, helping to combat the health crisis that immobilized much of the world. Río Hondo College's two-year ADN program, which prepares students for employment as registered nurses, is approved by the California State Board of Registered Nursing. Graduates receive an Associate of Science Degree in nursing and are qualified to take the examination leading to licensure as a Registered Nurse. In addition to the ADN program, the College offers a transitional pathway for licensed vocational nurses to receive their ADNs.

## Graduation of 49 Cadets in Police Academy Class No. 210

Río Hondo Police Academy praised the graduation of 49 cadets in Class No. 210 during a special drive-through ceremony held Nov. 5 at the College's Whittier campus that followed COVID-19 physical distancing guidelines. The event featured the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipe and Drums Corps, a presentation of colors by the Pasadena Police Department Honor Guard and an invocation by Covina Police Chaplain Ron Butler.





# ONWARD, TOWARD NEW HEIGHTS

## College Celebrates 2020 Grads with Drive-through Care Package Pickup, Webpage

Río Hondo College celebrated its 2020 graduating class on May 26 and 27 with a drive-through distribution of “Grad Care Packages” that included traditional graduation gear along with some surprises.

The events were held in lieu of the College’s traditional ceremonies because of COVID-19 concerns and followed the same safety guidelines used for the College’s drive-through food pantry. This marked Río Hondo College’s 57th annual Commencement.

The route students took to get their packages was festooned with balloons, signs and posters; students were also invited to submit their photos, major information and a quote for a celebratory slideshow on a special Commencement Celebration Page on the College website.

In addition, a virtual commencement address was delivered to students from Associated Students of Río Hondo College President Christina Almanza, a Chicana, first-generation college student and a founding member of the College’s Queer Initiative Program. She earned her Associate Degree for Transfer in psychology and enrolled in UC Berkeley in spring 2021.

In 2020, 1,918 students earned Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees, many of which will guarantee admission to the California State University system. In addition, the College graduated 10 students as part of its second cohort of recipients of a Bachelor of Science degree in automotive technology. Río Hondo is one of a few California community colleges to offer a bachelor’s degree as part of a historic state program.

## Río Hondo College’s Class of 2020 is led by two valedictorians



Zachary Alexander Alvidrez



Carolina “Lina” Campillo

Zachary Alexander Alvidrez, an engineering major and member of the Math, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA) program; and Carolina “Lina” Campillo, a political science major, student trustee, member of the Pathway to Law School and gold medal recipient for Forensics Speech & Debate.

Alvidrez was born and raised in Whittier. After graduating from Whittier High School in 2013, he joined the Marines, where he served as an infantryman. After his military service, Alvidrez enrolled at Río Hondo College where he found the MESA center. In an effort to excel, Alvidrez spent a great deal of time in the MESA center and attended Academic Excellence Workshops (AEWs), where he formed many friendships with his peers and facilitators.

Eventually, in participation with MESA, Alvidrez began tutoring and facilitating weekly AEWs for physics. He has been part of RHC for three years, earning Associate of Science degrees in chemistry, physics, math, and general studies math and science. He enrolled at UC Berkeley as a chemistry major in fall 2020.

Campillo started at Río Hondo College at age 16 after graduating high school as a sophomore, anxious and afraid. Because of her supportive parents and her dream of one day attending law school, she propelled forward. Along the way, she says she met the most kindhearted professors, faculty and staff as a member of the Pathway to Law School program, PUENTE and captain of the Forensics Speech & Debate team. In her last year at Río Hondo, Lina served as the student trustee, bringing students’ voices to the board.

Lina is continuing the next chapter of her life at UCLA, pursuing a degree in philosophy.





# BOND FINANCIAL REPORT

The facilities projects carried out under the \$245 million general obligation bond passed by our District voters in 2004 are astounding. Over the last 16 years, a collection of campus projects has transformed our College and changed the lives of the students in the communities we serve.

District voters gave their support to Río Hondo College in 2004, along with state bond funds, to create a campus that would provide students with the best possible facilities to realize their goals. Today, as we near completion of the projects envisioned in that plan, we have much to celebrate:

- Newly built or remodeled facilities for police, fire, and nursing training
- New Student Union and Student Services buildings
- New Learning Resource Center and remodeled Applied Technology buildings
- New Educational Centers in Pico Rivera, El Monte, and South Whittier
- Campus-wide Information Technology upgrades
- Expanded bookstore and print shop
- A campus quad, landscape, and veteran's memorial
- Improved roads
- New pedestrian bridge, walkways, safety systems, and building repairs
- New physical education complex with improved athletic facilities
- New central plant and underground piping.

State fund projects in progress or planned include a major seismic upgrade for our landmark L Tower building – the tallest structure on campus; renovation of the Wray Theater and Music Building.

Despite tremendous support for Measure A, numerous district needs remain to be addressed. We continue to be challenged with limited parking for our students, the need for safe walkways for our students, remodeled science and business buildings, critical classroom upgrades, modernization of instructional equipment, state mandated energy saving measures, and mitigating emergency and safety concerns.

For the fiscal year 2019-20, the Measure A bond received an unqualified audit opinion from our external Auditors Cossolias, Wilson, Dominguez, and Leavitt, LLP.

The objectives of the audit were to examine the expenditures to Measure A General Obligation Bonds that were approved under Proposition 39: determine whether expenditures for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 and charged to the General Obligation Bond Fund were made in accordance with project budgets and guidelines. Based upon the procedures performed by our external auditors, they noted that, for the items tested, the Río Hondo Community College District had properly accounted for the expenditures of the Measure A General Obligation Bonds. Further, it was noted that the funds were not used for salaries of school administrators or other operating expenditures. Total Measure A bond expenditures for the fiscal year 2019-20 amounted to \$2,884,553.

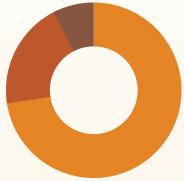


Citizens Oversight Committee members, seated from left to right: Margie Rodriguez, Dr. Monica Sanchez, Josefina Canchola, Student Representative Diana Macias DeGante. Standing from left to right: Alicia Marie Lopez, Jaime Lopez, MPA, Leonel Barrera, Jr., Carolina Jaurequi, and Leticia Alvidrez.



# DONORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Río Hondo College Foundation has continued to make a difference for students even during a pandemic. Due to their generous donors, the Foundation was able to award more than \$165,000 in scholarships during 2020.



85 Cash Awards **\$120,440**  
 46 Book Awards **\$32,900**  
 10 Transfer Awards **\$12,550**  
**TOTAL \$165,890**

Additionally, the Foundation launched a Río Cares Student Relief Fund in spring 2020 and was able to raise an additional \$35,630, of which \$30,250 was disbursed in June 2020 and the remaining \$5,000 is pending disbursement.

We are all hopeful that we can bring back our “A Taste of Río” event in spring 2022 to once again gather our community to raise additional support for our students while celebrating the wonderful contributions from our donors and friends.

## Gifts \$25,000+

Anthony Pritzker Family Foundation Foster Care Initiative  
 Edison International  
 Foundation for California Community Colleges/Osher

## Gifts \$10,000+

Albert and Bettie Sacchi Foundation  
 Assistance League of Whittier  
 Credit Union of Southern California  
 Greater L.A. New Car Dealership

## Gifts \$5,000+

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 Soroptimist International of Whittier  
 University of California San Diego CA  
 Space Grant Consortium

## Gifts \$2,500+

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# CAMPUS PROFILE

## GENDER

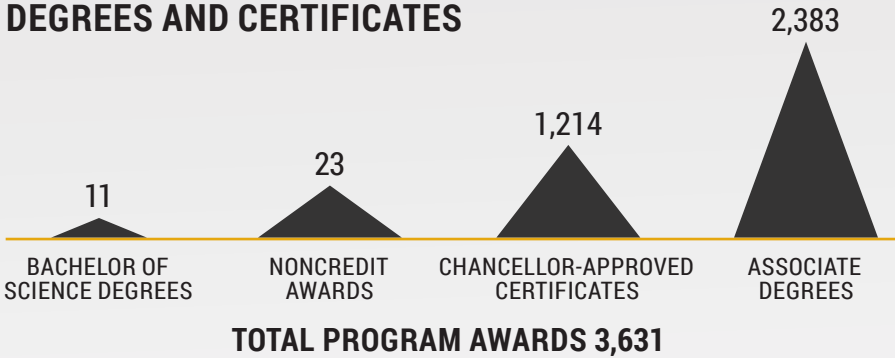
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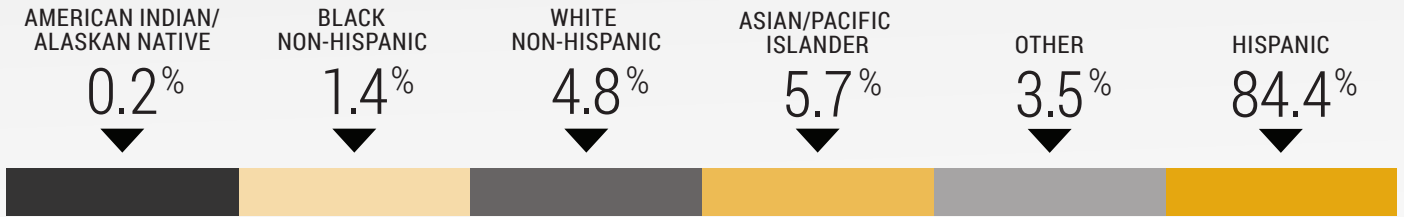
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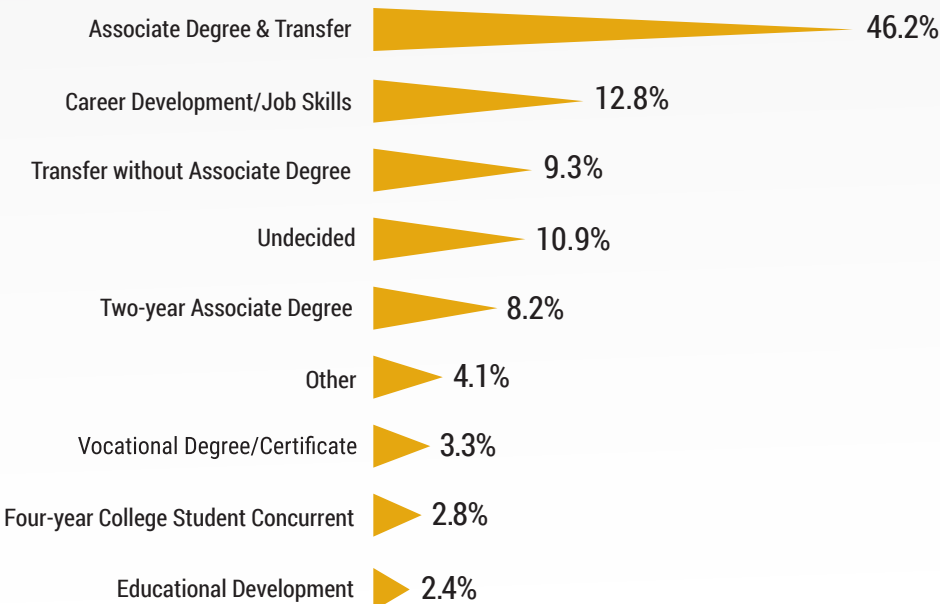
## ENROLLMENT STATUS

PART-TIME	10,869
FULL-TIME	4,461
NONCREDIT	362
<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</b>	<b>15,692</b>

## ETHNICITY



## EDUCATIONAL GOALS



## STUDENTS RECEIVING AID

12,251

\$34.2M

AID AMOUNT





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