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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**

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“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

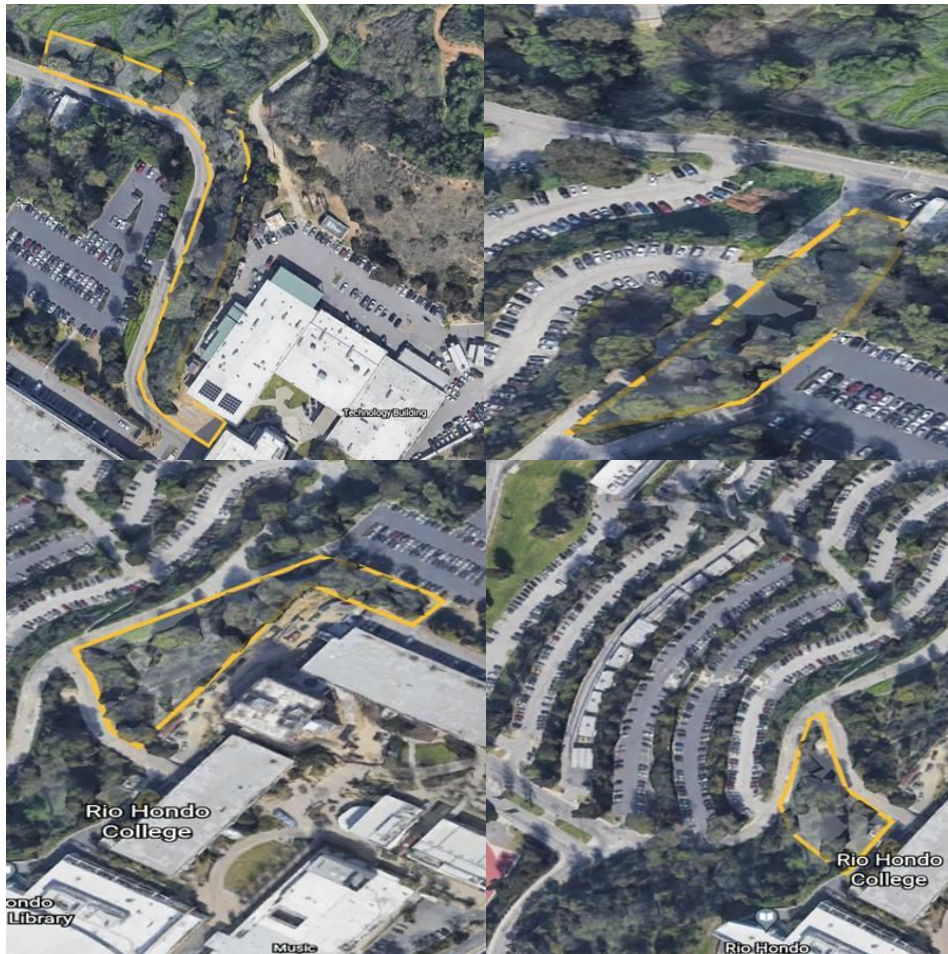
Deadline to apply is **May 14, 2021** — spots are limited. Details provided after applications are submitted. If you have any questions on this program, please contact: Ivan Leon, Instructor/Coordinator at 562.463.7359; ileon@riohondo.edu or Gita Runkle, Dean of Business at 562.463.4663; grunkle@riohondo.edu

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



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HUMAN RESOURCES - UPDATES

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- Face coverings/masks remain mandatory at Río Hondo College. For your safety and those around you, please keep your mask on when indoors and in the presence of others.
- Be considerate and keep your 6 feet social distance (about 2 arms lengths) from others.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Clean your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer after contact with frequently touched surfaces.

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

COVID-19 Employees/Contractors Cases:

On Tuesday, August 24, the College was notified that an employee tested positive for COVID-19 on August 23. The employee was last on campus on Wednesday, August 18. Based on the information gathered, the employee was not on campus during their infectious period; therefore, no one was at risk for exposure as a result of this case.

On Monday, September 6, the College was informed that one (1) employee working in the LR101 area tested positive for COVID-19 on Sunday, September 5. The last time this employee was on campus in that area was Wednesday, September 1. Those who may have been in the area or had close contact with the infected employee have been notified.

On Monday, September 13, the College was notified that an employee tested positive for COVID-19 on September 11. The employee was last on campus on Monday, August 30. Based on the information gathered, the employee was not on campus during their infectious period; therefore, no one was at risk for exposure as a result of this case.

On Tuesday, September 14, the College received confirmation that one individual who was located at the Information Booth area tested positive for COVID-19 on Monday, September 13. The last time this individual was on campus, in that area, was Sunday, September 12. Based on the information we have received, there were no close contacts reported.

COVID-19 Student Cases:

From Monday, August 30 through Friday, September 3, the Office of Student Affairs received information on seven (7) confirmed COVID-19 cases from students attending in-person classes.

From Tuesday, September 7 through Friday, September 10, the Office of Student Affairs received information on five (5) confirmed COVID-19 case from students attending in-person classes.

From Monday, September 13 through Friday, September 17, the Office of Student Affairs received information on two (2) confirmed COVID-19 cases from students attending in-person classes. The first student was last on campus on Wednesday, September 8 and notified the campus on Monday, September 13. The second student was last on campus on Thursday, September 9 and notified the campus on Thursday, September 16.

From Monday, September 20 through Friday, September 24, the Office of Student Affairs received information on three (3) confirmed COVID-19 cases from students attending in-person classes. The first student was last on campus on Wednesday, September 15 and notified the campus on Monday, September 20. The second student was last on campus on Wednesday, September 15 and notified the campus on Monday, September 20. The third student was last on campus on Tuesday, September 14 and notified the campus on Tuesday, September 21.

On Friday, September 24, the Office of Student Affairs received two (2) more student positive cases of COVID-19. The first student was last on campus on Thursday,

September 23. The second student was last on campus on Wednesday, September 15 and notified the campus on Saturday, September 25.

From Monday, September 27 through Friday, October 1, the Office of Student Affairs received information about one (1) confirmed COVID-19 case from a student attending an in-person class. The student was last on campus on Thursday, September 23 and notified the campus on Wednesday, September 29.

Based on the information gathered, personnel and students who might have been exposed to COVID-19 were notified. Students with a confirmed COVID-19 test were instructed to quarantine based on LADPH guidelines, and instructors were notified by the Office of Student Affairs to also quarantine if they were in close contact while the students were infectious.

COVID-19 Vaccines

Given the current spike in COVID-19, cases, and to better protect our staff and the students we serve at Río Hondo College, the District's Board of Trustees unanimously voted to mandate COVID vaccines for all employees during a Special Board Meeting on August 18, 2021. 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.

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NEWS COVERAGE

Los Angeles County Assessor Monthly Newsletter

A New Jobs Partnership

<https://mailchi.mp/assessor/tax-breaks-went-into-effect-april-1-what-that-means-1284982?e=19e579c1f7>

Community College League of California

Support for the U.S. Citizenship Act of 2021

<https://ccleague.org/blog/support-us-citizenship-act-2021>

Diverse Issues in Higher Education

Study Reveals Transportation Assistance Helps Community College Students Succeed

On September 7, 2021, the coverage in *Diverse Education* was included in the Chancellor’s Office *Today’s News*.

CONTINUED ED

Launched the noncredit real estate appraiser assistant certificate courses (NBIZ 050 & NBIZ 020). Both courses are enhanced funding. This certificate is in partnership with the LA County Assessor’s Office, as covered in their September newsletter above.

Launched the noncredit computer skills for Business II courses (MS Outlook & PowerPoint, MS Access Essentials). Both courses are enhanced funding.

FACILITIES

College Drive/Lot 1-6 and Lot A

Completed on September 17, 2021

SFSFA Asphalt

Completed on August 20, 2021

Preventive Maintenance

MERV-13 air filters have been installed in all buildings.

Ionization Update

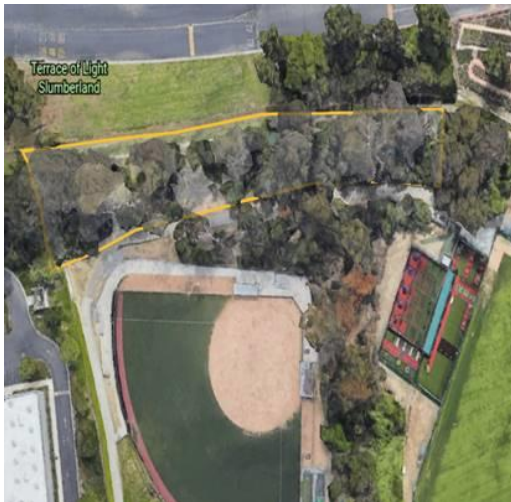
Ionization was completed in the following buildings: Administration, Science, CDC, Technology, and AJ.

GRANTS

FIRE FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT

The following is the campus wide progress report from August 13, 2021 to September 16, 2021. The Los Angeles Conservation Corps crew serviced the campus areas within the yellow highlighted perimeter (see maps below).

Total workdays:	28
Average crew size per day:	8.5
Total number of youth hours:	1,666
Total square feet of area serviced:	563,000
40-yard waste containers filled:	9
Total acres serviced:	12.92
Total number of dead trees removed:	227
Total number of trees pruned:	18
Total square feet of wood chips spread:	32,500



GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS (GCR)

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Río Hondo College held two free, walk-up COVID-19 vaccination clinics to maintain the safety of our campus and public health of our community. The clinics, which were held in collaboration with Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda Solis, offered attendees the FDA-approved Pfizer vaccine. Sixty-five (65) doses were administered at the September 1 event and 100 doses were administered at the September 29 event. Both vaccine clinics were held in Parking Lot C. GCR partnered with the President's Office, Student Life and Leadership, Marketing and Communications, Audio-Visual, and Facilities to promote and organize these events.

Vote Center

From September 11 through September 14, Río Hondo College served as a Los Angeles County Vote Center. The Office of Government Community Relations spearheaded a collaboration between the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office and several on campus departments. The Learning Resource Center's 2nd floor multi-media room served as the space for the Vote Center. This Vote Center was part of the Voting Solutions for All Peoples (VSAP) Program which is intended to maximize access to polling places in over 200 locations and facilitates early voting before Election Day. More than 500 people visited our Vote Center to cast their votes and more than 170 hand-delivered their votes to the Vote Center team. In addition, a VSAP mailbox was placed in Lot 2 to accommodate voters to drop off their ballots from Thursday Aug. 12 to Tues. Sept. 14 and 234 dropped off ballots in Lot 2.

MESA Presentation

On September 9, the Director of GCR gave a brief presentation to MESA students on how students can get involved in the participatory governance process and how they can engage in advocacy in local, state, and federal government. Invited by the MESA Program, the Director provided examples of previous student advocacy at various levels of government. The students enjoyed hearing about current and former student leaders who took courageous stands for or against specific bills or initiatives that were poised to have an enormous impact on the student body. The students expressed gratitude to be represented by board members, state legislators, and congressmembers who care about them and remain eager to receive student input in policy matters.

STUDENT SERVICES

ADMISSIONS

In Fall 2021, Admissions began serving students by issuing student IDs and GoRIO bus passes. Close to 200 students came to the window to receive one or both items. Admissions will continue to serve students by having the ID and GoRio window open on Wednesday and Thursdays 9:00am – 5:00 through the month of October. The first week of the 2nd half semester will also be opened Monday, October 18 and Tuesday, October 19.

EOP&S

EOP&S hosted their Annual Back to School Drive Thru Event on August 19. Students were greeted by program staff, were able to pick up their school supplies, check out laptops and enjoy an In-n-Out lunch. More than 200 students attended the event. CARE held a Fall 2021 Welcome Back Orientation on September 10, featuring CARE alumni (USC grad) Fabiola Quianjo.

On September 30, CARE students were invited to a Drive-Thru event on campus to pick up their very own laptop. The laptops were purchased by generous donations from the Soroptimist International of Whittier along with the Credit Union of Southern California. This is the third donation received by the program to address the academic needs of CARE students during the remote learning environment. CARE students have faced many challenges as single parents during the pandemic as they continue in their educational goals while supporting their children.

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS

Fall 2021 Kick-Off Events

Guardian Scholars (GS) welcomed students to the Fall 2021 semester via Zoom on August 17, 2021, with New Student Orientation and on August 18, 2021, for returning and continuing students. Guardian Scholars currently has 140 students registered for the Fall 2021 semester.

On August 19, GS held a Tacos & supplies Drive-Thru on-campus where students were able to pick up a scientific calculator or Chromebook for loan as well as essential school supplies for the semester. GS Canvas bag included notebooks, binder with dividers, planner, pencil pouch with highlighters, pens, pencils, correction tape, mini stapler, hand sanitizer, cell phone stand/ring; post it cube with pencil holder, power bank, face mask, earplugs, and a whiteboard calendar. Students also received a taco meal to go. Students who were unable to attend the drive-thru continue to pick up supplies from GS office during open hours.

GS Textbook Funding/Emergency Funding/Food Insecurity Resources

More than 50 Fall 2021 textbook awards have been granted totaling over \$7,000. This funding allows students to purchase their required books/supplies for classes through the Rio Hondo Bookstore. Twenty (20) student Emergency Funding Referrals were made to our off-campus partner Together We Rise for additional COVID-19 emergency funding for housing costs, grocery support, utilities & personal expenses, or other educational expenses. Twenty (20) new students applied to another community partner organization, Meal Nation, in which students subscribe for 1 FREE meal per day for 30 days.

California College Pathways Fund Grant (CCPF) Renewal

The California College Pathways Funders Alliance has awarded the GS program a renewed two-year grant totaling \$100,000. Funding will support the Student Success Team approach to improve retention, persistence, and degree attainment among current and former foster youth.

NON-CREDIT

Adult Educational Counselors have started to provide in person counseling services at the consortium adult schools (twice a week)
Counselors participated in the “Meet and Greet” event at El Monte Rosemead Adult School (50 students were served)

RISE

Rise Scholars hosted an Open House on Friday, September 17th for local government agencies and nonprofits that serve formerly incarcerated community members. The goal of the open house was to increase awareness of our Rio Hondo College educational opportunities and services.

STUDENT EQUITY

Student Equity hosted the first part of the “Lecture Series: All Power to the People” on Monday, September 13. Faculty, staff, and students joined to hear Dr. Paul Ortiz author of [An African American and Latinx History of the United States \(REVISIONING HISTORY Book 4\)](#). Dr. Ortiz walked us through the experiences of African American, Latinx and Indigenous voices in U.S. history.

STUDENT LIFE & LEADERSHIP

Student Life is working to on-board the new board of ASRHC. Club Chartering was due on September 24. Student Life & Leadership was awarded a \$5,000 grant from Supervisor Solis’ office to host the Covid-19 vaccination clinic in conjunction with Grab & Go Groceries, and worked in collaboration with GCR. The College continues to coordinate food access, CalFresh, and supportive housing services.

STUDENT SUCCESS AND DREAM CENTER (SSDC)

On September 2, the SSDC accepted 80 Rio students into our UndocuScholars Program. This is our largest student cohort since our program launched in Fall 2018, a 42.5% increase in student participation from last fall.

TRANSFER CENTER

Virtual Transfer Fair

On Tuesday, September 21, from 10am-1pm, the Transfer Center hosted a Virtual University Transfer Fair for students to meet with Cal State, UC, and Private representatives via zoom to discuss admission requirements, academic support programs, financial aid, and more. More than 30 university representatives attended.

Transfer Application Season

Application Season is in full force as seen below:

- The UC TAG application filing period was from September 1-30.
- The CSU Fall 2022 application filing period is from October 1-November 30.
- The UC Fall 2022 application filing period is from November 1-November 30.
- If students need assistance with anything transfer related, we encourage them to visit our Transfer Center Support Zoom Room. We are available Monday-Thursday from 8am-5pm and Fridays from 8am-2pm.

Other Upcoming Events

The Transfer Center is continually adding workshops, other campus tours, meetings with university representatives, important deadlines and more. To stay up to date,

please visit our new and updated Transfer Center Calendar at:
<https://www.riohondo.edu/transfer-center/events/>.

TRIO

TRIO SSS Transfer Workshop for Class of 2022

Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021

TRIO Counselor and Project Director facilitated a workshop to inform students of the transfer timeline for the upcoming transfer application cycle. We had 26 participants registered and 18 TRIO participants attended.

TRIO SSS Fall 2021 Welcome Orientation

Friday, Aug. 27, 2021

The orientation session welcome students back to the TRIO SSS Program. TRIO staff reviewed COVID-19 protocol on campus, as well as addressed how the TRIO SSS Office would be functioning within the context of campus protocol. Staff also reviewed TRIO requirements for the 2021-2022 academic year. We had 72 participants registered for the workshop and 51 TRIO participants attended.

TRIO SSS Academic Success Workshop: How to Sharpen Your Study Skills

Friday, Sept. 10, 2021

The TRIO SSS Program asked four of our top-performing students to be part of a study skills panel. These four student presenters shared how they stay focused, organized, study on-the-go, set priorities, utilize campus resources and how they have created a virtual community of support. The workshop ended with a Q&A session. Student presenters also shared links to sites that provide free e-textbooks, apps for staying organized, and Cliff's Notes for science courses (specifically for nursing students). Based on student requests in the chat, we have decided that our nursing student presenter will facilitate a study skills zoom workshop for TRIO participants who are nursing majors. We had 46 students in attendance.

EL PAISANO

El Paisano students will be covering the SHINE Gala: Moonlight Oasis at the Annandale Golf Club on October 16, 2021 as press. This is big news, as community college students rarely get invited to cover galas as journalists. This is their second one, the first was for La Casa de San Gabriel.

FORENSICS SPEECH AND DEBATE

The Río Hondo Forensics Speech and Debate team competed at the first two competitions of the year back-to-back: 2021 PSCFA Warm-Up Online Tournament and 2021 Norene Hokett Invitational, October 2-3, 2021. With 23 colleges and universities present, Río Hondo is off to a great start. This was a great season opener for Río Hondo Speech and Debate. Please join us in congratulating the following students in their achievements:

PSCFA Warm UP and Norene Hokett

TOP SPEAKERS

7th Speaker Dulce Santana

Open IPDA

4th Seed Adan Obregan

Excellent in Open Drama

2st Place Christina Pena

Excellence in Open Prose/Poetry

3nd Place Dulce Santana

Excellence in Novice Extemp

3th Place Ethan Sepulveda

Special Thanks to Coaches:

Patricia Hughes and Edward Minasyan.

Next in team's view is Travel Tournament to San Diego October 22-24, 2021.

POLICE ACADEMY

Fox News featured an LAPD officer who is one of our adjunct faculty and police academy instructors: <https://www.foxnews.com/media/laura-ingraham-lapd-unit-impact-gang-violence-crime>