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President's Message



Teresa Dreyfuss

While the weather gets warmer and many are taking a much-needed break, Rio Hondo College is still busy this summer as we offer summer session classes and gear up for the fall semester.

Summer classes kicked off June by offering five different sessions: two five-weeks, one six-week, one eight-week and one 10-week. The last summer session ends Aug. 15. There are nearly 500 courses from which to choose this summer, including Counseling 105: Orientation and Education, which is designed to assist students in creating their own educational goals, which is perfect for first-time college students.

Another exciting summertime development at Rio Hondo College is the launch of the College's new website. Designed to be aesthetically pleasing and more organized, the user-friendly site allows visitors to easily navigate classes, calendars, financial aid information, announcements and more.

Officials at the College have also been hard at work outlining the College's goals and open-access to those in the College district, which includes: nine cities, in whole or part, four distinct unincorporated communities, and a portion of one other unincorporated community of Los Angeles County.

The cities include El Monte, South El Monte, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, and Whittier. The District also encompasses portions of Norwalk, Downey, La Mirada, and City of Industry. The unincorporated communities within our District include Los Nietos, East Whittier, South Whittier, West Whittier, and a portion of Avocado Heights. The College is a Hispanic Serving Institution with over 70 percent of students identified as Hispanic/Latino/a, and a total ethnic minority student population nearing 90 percent.

To learn more about the College's greatest successes thus far, please feel free to pick up a copy of the recent Annual Report to the Community, which can be found outside the Board Room, or [read online here](#).

New Website Launches

The new and improved Rio Hondo College website launched June 1, providing an easier path for web navigation for all students, faculty and staff.

The College began the process of creating a new website in 2013, which involved a wide range of students, faculty and staff committed to providing better organization of the information that matters to Rio Hondo's community.

The goals of the new website are to improve the presentation of information and update the look and feel of Rio Hondo's web presence.

The homepage features a series of buttons that take users directly to financial aid information, class schedules, a campus calendar, tips on getting started, academics and a guide for students.

Users will also have one-click access to campus events, news and announcements.

"The new Rio Hondo website is not only designed to be aesthetically pleasing, but it is organized in a way that will help users find what they are looking for with quickness and ease," said Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss. "I want to thank all those who made this a reality, especially our Information Technology Director Gary Van Voorhis and his team for the time and effort they put into this project to make it a success."



Board Update



Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca was on hand at the Rio Hondo Community College District Board of Trustees meeting on June 11 to receive the Distinguished Service Award.

Reflecting on his own community college career, the East Los Angeles College alumnus said community college students have traditionally proved to have a strong work ethic due to the fact that many juggle the demands of school, work and family.

During the meeting, the Board welcomed a few new faces. Jaime “JJ” Magallón was sworn in as the new student member of the Board of Trustees, Physics Professor Dr. Vann Priest attended his first meeting as Academic Senate president and Alejandro “Alex” Ramirez was welcomed as the new president of the Associated Students of Rio Hondo College.

Associate Professor of Art Ada Brown also gave her Sabbatical Report, which was focused on digital painting. In today’s world, she said, it is imperative that students who seek a career in the arts must be able to translate their work digitally. Her focus was to take traditional art media – such as painting – and teach students to use tablets and computers for that purpose.

Learning how to draw and paint on a tablet herself, she passed along the knowledge to her students, as well as hosted workshops featuring digital art experts who gave real-time demonstrations on digital art.

Later, Facilities Services Director James Poper outlined Rio Hondo College’s five-year capital construction plan, which includes the renovation of the Wray Theater, Business building and soccer field; new construction on a fine arts center, Rio Plaza, Pico Rivera Educational Center; seismic and code upgrades on the L Tower; and the bookstore and print shop relocation.

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Nursing Students Volunteer at Health Screening

Nearly 30 students from the Division of Health Science and Nursing’s Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) and Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) programs volunteered at a community health screening in the city of Glendora.

All volunteers were nursing students taking time during their summer to assist more than 60 boys and girls who attended the screening. The children of the Glendora community were relaxed and seen quickly. The nursing students are headed in the right direction of health care with the great enthusiasm to give back to our communities.



Online, Evening Classes Offered During Summer Session



The needs of today’s students are constantly changing and in response, Rio Hondo College is leading the charge by finding new and innovative ways to provide more opportunities to students who are interested in furthering their education.

Nearly 500 sections of classes are being offered during five different summer sessions, ranging from alternative energy technology to basic skill courses such as English, math and reading for students pursuing their General Education requirements.

The next summer session runs from July 14 to August 15.

“Classes being offered are in special subjects ranging from wildland fire behavior to philosophy,” said Rio Hondo College Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Kenn Pierson. “The classes, which include day, evening and online courses, reflect the spectrum of subjects and curricula at Rio Hondo.”

Accounting and theater arts classes both hold places in Rio Hondo’s summer class schedule adjacent to technology-driven courses such as automotive and welding. So whether a student is seeking to transfer to a four-year university or obtain vocational training, Rio Hondo College accommodates their academic and lifelong learning needs.

This year, for the first time, Counseling 105: Orientation and Education Plan is being offered. This new nine-hour course assists students with their educational planning and helping first-time college students achieve success.

“Students benefit in many ways by taking summer classes at Rio Hondo College,” said Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss. “Students who have just graduated from high school can get an early start on college classes. Students enrolled at four-year colleges and universities benefit financially by taking a class or two that they need for their degree, but at a lower tuition cost and with more one-on-one interaction with faculty and campus staff.”

Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss also gave a presentation on the District's 2014-15 Tentative Budget and plans for a marketing campaign to bolster enrollment.

With the Accreditation Review on the horizon, Dr. Kenn Pierson gave the board an update on its progress. With many meetings and revisions on the way, Pierson said the Accreditation Committee's goal is to have a completed report by the end of July.

Before voting on agenda items, which included a unanimous vote on a resolution to call on the state legislature to close the loophole in Proposition 13, Del Terra Assistant Program Manager Jerome Quemada gave an update on the building program. Quemada said retaining walls will be replaced at the PE Complex and softball field; guard rails were added to the softball field; and there will be a mechanical upgrade at the fitness center. He also said the soccer field renovation, bookstore and print shop relocation, and the Veterans Memorial and Rio Plaza were in various stages of progress.

Students Stand Out at Soroptimist Awards



Five E.O.P&S./CARE students won the Women's Opportunity Award, presented by the Soroptimist's Signature Service Project. The awards are designed to give women the opportunity to

achieve their goals. These awards are not scholarships, but cash awards.

The program began at the club level with winners Arlene Lopez and Nicole Reyes from the Alhambra/San Marino club; Norma Osorio-Rodriguez from the Bellflower club; Caroline Carroll from the South El Monte club; and Leanna Sanchez from the Norwalk club.

The local winners were eligible to receive regional awards, which went to Osorio-Rodriguez and Lopez. The regional winners are now eligible to receive one of three \$10,000 awards.

The Women's Opportunity Awards are funded by Soroptimist International of the Americas, which provides more than \$350,000 for this signature program.

CTE Hosts Common Core Workshop

The Division of Career and Technical Education (CTE) on June 9-10 hosted the California Common Core State Standards (CCSS) – CTE Instructional Alignment Workshop, focusing on implementing CCSS for math and science through the integration of real world or CTE scenarios.

This two-day workshop gave secondary and post-secondary math, science and CTE teachers in targeted industries (transportation, engineering design/architecture design, energy efficiency and health sectors) an opportunity to collaborate and develop lesson plans that they could readily implement in their classrooms. The event was also attended by the College's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) students who have aspirations of becoming future teachers.

Presented by Contextual Learning Concepts, this successful and timely event was sponsored by CTE-Teacher Preparation Pipeline, Workforce Innovation Partnerships and Deputy Sector Navigator – Energy Efficiency and Utilities (Los Angeles Region) grant programs awarded by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. The CTE-TEACH and CTE Transitions programs coordinated the event.



Alumni Profile: Tampa Bay Rays' Evan Longoria



Former Rio Hondo College shortstop Evan Longoria has had quite a career since his days as a Roadrunner.

Longoria played for Rio Hondo College as a freshman in 2004, where he earned first-team All-State honors in his first season and was offered a scholarship to play at Long Beach State.

He transferred to Long Beach State in his sophomore year where he batted a .320 and eventually won the title of Big West Conference Player of the Year his junior year.

Longoria was drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays as the third overall pick in 2006 and was the highest draft selection in Long Beach State history. After playing in the minor leagues, Longoria made his Major League Baseball debut in 2008 when he hit his first career home run against the New York Yankees and earned the American League's coveted Rookie of the Year award.

Currently, Longoria is known as one of the league's best active third basemen in batting, evidenced by his Silver Slugger Award in 2009; and one of the sport's best defensive players, having earned the Golden Glove Award in 2009 and 2010.

In 2012, Longoria signed a 10-year contract with the Rays that adds six guaranteed seasons and \$100 million.

While he is known throughout the baseball world as one of the best third basemen to play the game, he will always be known at Rio Hondo College as an all-star shortstop.

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In Midst of World Cup Fever, College Remembers Soccer Standouts

It seems that every, pub, restaurant and household in the United States has fully embraced World Cup fever; but did you know that Rio Hondo College has been a launching ground for some of the sport's professional athletes?

The Rio Hondo Men's Soccer program is one of the best in the Foothill Conference and Southern California. Coach Orlando Brenes has helped the Roadrunners win the conference title from 2002 to 2009 consecutively. Many of Rio Hondo's players have gone on to collegiate and professional careers, including:



Marvin Quijano,
Los Angeles Galaxy

Marvin Quijano led the Rio Hondo Soccer Team to many victories while securing a slew of top honors, including All-Time Conference Most Valuable Player. He caught the attention of professional soccer recruiters and in 1999 Quijano found himself starting for the L.A. Galaxy. Quijano played for the Galaxy until 2002 when he began his tenure with the Colorado Rapids, where he finished his professional soccer career.



Luis Aguilar,
Montreal Thunder A League

Luis Aguilar played on the Rio Hondo College Men's Soccer Team in 2002 and 2003. In 2004, he transferred to the University of San Francisco where he completed his collegiate career in 2005 after winning back-to-back West Coast Conference (WCC) Division I titles with Second and First Team All-WCC awards. He has played with the Ajax Orlando Prospects of the United Soccer Leagues (USL) Premier Development League, the California Cougars of Major Indoor Soccer League and San Francisco Seals. In 2007, he signed with the USL First Division expansion team California Victory and later the Montreal Impact where he made the starting squad for the playoffs.

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