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President's Message



Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr.

As I reported in my April Budget Message, our goal continues to be to maintain class offerings at the present level as long as possible. Given the continuing gravity of the State's economy, it is imperative that we continue to be cost-conscious and diligent in order to preserve employment and our academic programs. The Board of Trustees and I appreciate everyone's contribution to institutional frugality in these challenging times.

The Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees approved a tentative budget for 2011-2012 on June 8, 2011. The law requires that we have a tentative budget in place by June 30. We will have a final adopted budget in September.

The State Legislature has not yet agreed on a budget for the coming fiscal year, although the law requires that it do so by June 15. However, in several recent years, they have not reached accord by the legally-mandated date.

Teresa Dreyfuss, Vice President – Finance and Business, reported on the projections inherent in the college's tentative budget for 2011:

- Rio Hondo College will maintain a stable FTES of approximately 14,000 (both credit and non-credit FTES), which closely reflects our base.
- Community College apportionment statewide will decrease by approximately 9.4 percent.
- Rio Hondo College State General apportionment will decrease by approximately \$6 million.
- Rio Hondo College will not reduce class offerings in 2011-2012 unless the budget ultimately passed by the State Legislature imposes deeper cuts on the community colleges.

We are indeed fortunate to be able to offer a comparatively robust summer session again in 2011, providing as many opportunities as possible for our students to make forward progress toward their educational goals. We will be serving more than 12,000 students this summer. Current registration shows headcount is up 10 percent, total units up by 4 percent.

My thanks to everyone for your continued patience with our parking challenges during the most active phase of our building program. For the summer months only, parking in lots B and C will be reduced by a net 82 spaces to accommodate construction vehicles and materials needed for the completion of the Upper Quad and the Student Services buildings, including a pedestrian drop off area. We will all welcome the completion of these important projects.

Rio Hondo College Fire Truck "Rescues" Baseball's Super Regional Tournament

Realizing that a temporary water shut-down would impact the Super Regional Baseball playoffs scheduled for the Rio Hondo College baseball field one weekend at the end of the season, Rio Hondo College staff called for assistance from the Fire Academy and its truck. Fire Academy Coordinator Tracy Rickman and Part-Time Fire Staff Member James Brakebill came to the rescue with the Fire Academy's truck and its water supply, volunteering their assistance for both days of the tournament. Fortunately, they were able to park the truck at the curb on Workman Mill Road and pull the hose onto the field.



Board Meeting

The Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees held its regular monthly meeting June 8 on the College campus.

- Board of Trustees President, Maria Elena Martinez administrated the Oath of Office to Student Trustee, Julianna Ojeda. She will serve as the Student Trustee in 2011-12.



- The Board of Trustees also recognized retirees: Daniel Rubalcava (Dean, Student Affairs), Patricia Viramontes (Human Resources, Benefits Specialist), Jon McCaig (Facilities), Gina Saenz (Admissions & Records) and Dale Harvey (Arts & Cultural Programs).
- The Board of Trustees recognized former Student Trustee, Iliana Garcia for her year of service to the College during the 2010-2011 year.



- Vice President of Finance and Business, Teresa Dreyfuss, reviewed the tentative budget the 2011-12 year. She highlighted that the Board of Trustees must adopt a budget for the College by June 30, regardless of whether a State budget is in place or approved. She noted that 9.4 percent (\$6 million) is expected to be reduced from Rio Hondo's budget due to State budget cuts, stating that "we do need to be conservative in our spending in order to best plan ahead."

Family Nights are July 7, 12, 19 and 26!



Rio Hondo College Expands El Monte Pledge Compact to Include Cal State Los Angeles

Building upon established educational partnerships such as GEAR UP, officials of Rio Hondo College and the El Monte Union High School District continue their collaborative efforts to provide even more incentive for local youth to pursue higher education. The "El Monte Union Pledge Compact," now also includes California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) as a partner in the development of a seamless pipeline from high school to college and university. Currently, such a partnership already exists with the high school district, Rio Hondo College and the University of California, Irvine.

The "El Monte Union Pledge Compact" partnership provides official guarantees for eligible EMUHS students to gain one-time priority registration at Rio Hondo College and/or admission to and/or guaranteed transfer to Cal State LA after high school.

Officials of the three educational partner entities participated in a formal signing ceremony to inaugurate the compact that promises to put as many students as possible on the path to higher learning. The signing ceremony took place on June 16.



Rio Hondo College Under Construction!



It is clear to anyone on campus that Rio Hondo College is experiencing the busiest phase of Measure A construction. In addition to the complete renovation of the Upper Quad, and construction continues of the new Student Services and Student Union Buildings. The new Lower Quad was opened earlier this spring.

A facilities alert was recently distributed regarding the impacts of construction-related space needs in parking Lots B and C. Beginning June 13, the intersection of Central-South Road and portions of Lot B and C were closed for the summer, to allow construction of grading, paving and crosswalk improvements for the new Student Services and Student Union Buildings, including a pedestrian drop-off. Approximately 82 parking spaces were taken out of service in Lots B and C.

This work is scheduled to be completed just before the beginning of the fall semester.

Conference Highlights Benefits of Mentor Coaching for Early Learning Teachers

At the end of the spring semester, five Rio Hondo College Early Learning Mentor Coaches from the Adjunct Faculty of the Child Development Department joined 13 of their Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) Head Start Mentees for a conference hosted by the Pre-School Laboratory. The purpose of the conference was to celebrate the professional development opportunities that mentor coaching provides early learning teachers and the newly-formed partnership between LACOE and Rio Hondo College.



CSEA "Decade" Dinner Honors Years of Service

Members of the RHC CSEA, Chapter 477 recently held its annual Decade Dinner at the Crystal Marquis Ballroom in Uptown Whittier. The event honored employees with 10 and 30 years of service to the College. There are no 20-year recipients in 2011.

Honorees

30 Year

Nancy Galban



10 Year

Elda Aguilar
Ruben Agus
Melissa Alvarez
Julie Breihan
Maria Carmona-Herrera
Arley Coggins
Arnold Cota
Janet Duncan
Maria Fraga
Monica Francis

Helia Gomez
Wendy Gonzalez
Candy Lam
Jennifer Lee
Lisa Lozano
Patricia Malave
Genaro Mendez
Teresa Perez
Gloria Reyes-Luera
Dawn Smith

Rich Casford Receives Prestigious College Award

Rich Casford received the Distinguished Service Award from the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the community. Casford is currently serving as Past President of the Rio Hondo College Foundation.

Described as an "excellent fundraiser who inspires generosity to the Foundation by his stellar example" by those who work with him, Casford is also an alumnus of Rio Hondo College.

In addition to his dedication to the Foundation, Casford is also the President and CEO of Whittier Mailing Service and Whittier Mailing Products. Raised in Whittier, Casford has an outstanding record of service and philanthropy. He is an adult mentor for California High School in Whittier. He also serves on the Board of the Southern California Postal Customer Council.



GREEN Program Holds Awards Ceremony

After providing workshops, "train-the-trainer" sessions and more to over 90 local businesses, the Rio Hondo College GREEN (Giving Rio Hondo Environmental Education to our Neighbors) Program held an awards ceremony on June 17 to recognize its supporters.

The GREEN Program was organized by Rio Hondo College professors, students and graduates of the Environmental Science Program, and designed to offer free educational workshops, seminars, "train the trainer" sessions, certifications and evaluations to local businesses. The program began in March, 2010.

The awards ceremony recognized business and student participants in attendance. It also recognized the support generated by Congresswoman Linda Sanchez through an appropriations grant from the Small Business Administration.

Businesses attending the closing ceremony were awarded Certificates of Participation from the college, as well as Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition by Congresswoman Linda Sanchez. The following is a list of local companies/businesses who participated in the GREEN program:



Company	City
3M Unitek	San Gabriel
A1 Metals Recycling	Sun Valley
Advanced Maintenance Concepts	Brea
Associated Construction Services	Whittier
Bob Hope Airport	Burbank
Buisness Training	Whittier
California Conservation Corps	Norwalk
Century 21 Community	Cudahy
Christopher Elliot DDS	Whittier
Class One Safety	Stockton
Concorde Battery	West Covina
Crockett Container	Santa Fe Springs
Custom Building Products	Bell
Custom Building Products	Santa Fe Springs
Custom Environmental Services	Santa Barbara
DCOR LLC	Ventura
Diaz Trucking	
Eckles Auto Body	Whittier
Environmental Systems Management	Anaheim
ETTS	La Mirada
Full River Battery	Camarillo
Hacienda La Puente Unified School District	Industry
Harvey Mudd College	Claremont
Heraeus Metal Processing	Santa Fe Springs
Hickory Springs of California	Commerce
Hickory Springs of California	Los Angeles
Hacienda La Puente Unified School District	City of Industry
HTS Environmental	Santa Fe Springs
I-maintenance	West Covina
Independent Contractor	Whittier
J&J Environmental Group	Anaheim
Jarrow Formulas Inc	Santa Fe Springs
Jean W. Bardenhrire Mo	Azusa
JESK Environmental	West Covina
Kids Gone Green	
Kinsbursky Brothers, Inc.	Anaheim
Kinsbursky Brothers, Inc.	Anaheim
Kinsbursky Brothers, Inc.	Anaheim
Los Angeles County Sanitation District	Whittier
Los Angeles County Sanitation District	Cerritos
Los Angeles County Department of Water and Power	Los Angeles
Long Beach Unified School District	Long Beach
Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse	Santa Fe Springs
Manalese Dental Corporation	Covina

Company	City
Meridian Property Solutions	Bell
MMP and Associates	Whittier
ORMCO	Orange
ORMCO	Glendora
OSTS	Chino
P.S. Environmental	La Mirada
Precision Paint and Body	Whittier
Pro-Engineering & Mfg. Co., Inc.	Santa Fe Springs
Rahn Industries	Whittier
Revco Industries	Santa Fe Springs
SA Recycling A-1 Metals	Sun Valley
SA Recycling	Santa Ana
SA Recycling	Chino
SA Recycling	Wilmington
SA Recycling	Sun Valley
SA Recycling	Sun Valley
SA Recycling	Sun Valley
SA Recycling	North Hollywood
SA Recycling	Irwindale
SA Recycling	Sun Valley
SA Recycling	Fontana
SA Recycling	Irwindale
SA Recycling	Sun Valley
SA Recycling	Irwindale
SA Recycling	Sun Valley
SA Recycling	Sun Valley
SA Recycling	Fontana
SA Recycling SHEC Office	Orange
SA Recycling Downtown Metal Center	Los Angeles
Salon Cheval	Whittier
San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps	El Monte
Santa Fe Springs CUPA	Santa Fe Springs
Shaw Industries	Santa Fe Springs
Sigma Plating	La Mirada
SRF Machine Engineering	Santa Fe Springs
Stormwater Online	Norwalk
Stormwater Online	Anaheim
Stress Less Environmental	Los Angeles
TEG/LVI Environmental Services	Santa Fe Springs
The Green Craftsman	Santa Fe Springs
Trojan Battery Company	West Covina
Trojan Battery Company	Santa Fe Springs
Uptown Wellness Center	Whittier
Whittier City School District	Whittier
Whittier Collision Center	Whittier
X Label	Whittier

Sports Highlights – Unger and Salazar Receive Coaching Honors



Congratulations to Women's Tennis Coach, Karen Unger and Baseball Coach Mike Salazar, who were each recently named "Coach of the Year" for 2011 for their respective sports.

After winning seasons, both coaches were honored by the California Community College Athletic Association's Foothill Athletic Conference. This is Coach Unger's fifth time being honored by the association.

The Foothill Conference, as it is known today, was formed in 1988. However, the roots of the conference can be traced to 1981 when the football-only Foothill Conference was formed. The Foothill Conference was an offshoot of the Southern California Conference, which included many of the Los Angeles based community colleges. Founding members of the Foothill Conference were Antelope Valley, Citrus, Chaffey, Desert, East Los Angeles, Mt. San Jacinto, Rio Hondo, San Bernardino Valley and Victor Valley colleges.

Solar Thermal Professional Development Workshop Held for Community College CTE Faculty

A "train-the-trainer" course was offered on campus to provide technical training to community college and other public school faculty on solar thermal technology, design and installation.

Approximately 25 people attended, which covered the theory and application of solar thermal systems. Instruction was accompanied in a hands-on lab where faculty were able to learn how to build and install solar thermal systems.

The course was offered at no cost to attendees, and was sponsored by a Department of Energy grant in cooperation with the Center for Sustainable Energy and California Community Colleges. As seminar host, Rio Hondo College CTE Division retains the equipment and materials used in the lab.

Rio Hondo College Professor Elected to Serve as President for ASCCC

Professor of Psychology, Michelle Pilati, Ph.D., was recently elected to serve as president of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. Her position will be effective on July 1. Michelle has been affiliated with the ASCCC since 2005. She has served as a South Representative, Treasurer and is recently finished her term as Vice President.

The organization, which was formed in 1963, is designed to foster the effective participation by community college faculty in all statewide and local academic and professional matters to develop, promote, and act upon policies responding to statewide concerns; as well as serves as the official voice of the faculty of California Community Colleges in academic and professional matters.

About the honor, she said, "While this is a challenging time to take on the role of President of the ASCCC, it is also time when it is critical that local senates take the lead with respect to finding solutions. Faculty need to work together to find ways to serve students more effectively while maintaining the quality of all that we do. While it is a daunting task, I look forward to working with my faculty colleagues to continue to identify and make changes as needed."

Fire Academy Receives Full Re-Accreditation by State Fire Marshall

The Rio Hondo College Fire Academy recently received a site visit from the California State Fire Marshall's Office for a re-accreditation inspection. The review, which takes place every five years, resulted in both the Fire Academy and Fire Technology Program receiving full accreditation with zero issues or concerns.

A representative from the California State Fire Marshall visited the academy, which is located in Santa Fe Springs, in April to review information about the programs and courses offered, tour the fire academy grounds, inspect records and meet with local-area fire chiefs. After that process, the representative informed Rio Hondo College Superintendent/President Ted Martinez, Jr., Ph.D. of the recommendation for re-accreditation for both the technology program and academy.

"We commend the Rio Hondo College Fire Technology Program/Fire Academy for its excellent work and service to our community and region," said Dr. Martinez. "I would also like to acknowledge the leadership of Tracy Rickman, our program coordinator. The accreditation process is a comprehensive and extensive effort. Our programs are top-notch and to receive re-accreditation without any issues/concerns is outstanding."

