

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

MAY 2019



President's Message



Teresa Dreyfuss

Nothing tops May at Rio Hondo College. It's a tremendous celebration of our strengths, a validation of the effort put forth by our students throughout the year, the dedication of our staff, faculty and administrators and of the support from our families.

This May was especially thrilling. Our 56th annual Commencement topped all previous events. It featured our first-ever awarding of Bachelor of Science degrees and more than 1,800 overall graduates. More than ever, Rio Hondo College is fulfilling its promise to the community to provide access

to education for all and support for students as they pursue their dreams.

The pages of this update are filled with stories about our students that underscore that promise – from our commencement keynote speaker – a

Rio Hondo College alumnus – to the many profiles of our graduates themselves.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the entire College community for making this event so incredibly special, because it will also be my last at the helm of this great institution.

If nothing else, the poise of our graduates, the excellence of our faculty, the commitment of our staff – all on display during this and our other celebratory events – reminds me that I leave Rio Hondo College in the best hands possible.

To our graduates, I say good luck in all that comes your way. With Rio as your foundation, you will climb to new heights – some not yet even envisioned.

To my colleagues in the community and at the College, I say thank you for allowing me to share in this amazing journey.

56th Commencement Ceremony Celebrates 1,828 Graduates

Rio Hondo College celebrated 1,828 graduates during its 56th annual Commencement ceremony on May 23, including 16 students who received the College's first-ever Bachelor of Science degrees.

Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss lauded both accomplishments.

"Our dedication to Rio Hondo students is seen in the increased number of graduates who receive associate degrees, the increased number of graduates who transfer to four-year universities and the increased number of graduates who enter into vocational and professional careers," Dreyfuss said.

"Today, we also celebrate our first-ever Bachelor of Science graduates in automotive technology," she said. "This marks a historic accomplishment in California's community college system, as we are one of only 15 community colleges in the entire state that offer four-year degrees."

Dreyfuss, who was presiding over her final graduation before retiring June 30, also recognized the 2019 recipient of the Distinguished Faculty Award, Professor John Frala. Frala has led efforts in the automotive technology major and helped the College secure a landmark partnership with Tesla to train auto technicians. This spring, the third cohort of students graduated, all finding immediate employment with Tesla.

The event featured a keynote by Rio Hondo College alumnus Dr. Luis S. Garcia, who advocates for marginalized communities as the director of programs and services at the Weingart Center in Downtown Los Angeles.

Garcia, who struggled in high school and earned his diploma while incarcerated, urged students to be lifelong learners who contribute to their community, focus on the positive and "walk into your loveliness."



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"As you leave here this evening ready to turn all your hard work and your dreams into reality, I hope you never lose the will to learn," he said. "Hold on to your imagination. You reached one goal here this evening when you earned your degree or certificate but remember this is an intermediate goal that has prepared you to take another step forward – whatever that may be."



Valedictorian Hanh "Jenny" Pham, who earned a 4.0 GPA, was honored with the Pellissier Family Award. As an immigrant from Hanoi, Vietnam, Pham arrived in the U.S. about four years ago. An early childhood education and accounting double major, she plans to pursue bachelor's and master's degrees at Cal State Fullerton.

Tiffany Nunez, who helped create and implement the College's food pantry, gave the student address. Nunez served as both secretary and vice president of the Associated Students of Rio Hondo College (ASRHC) as well as a member of the College's Presidential Search Committee.

Nunez, who will be transferring to UC Santa Barbara to study communications, said all of the graduates should be proud of their success.

"All the choices we make in life represent who we are. We made the choice to get out of bed every morning, to hike up that hill and get to class," she said. "We have the dedication to reach our goals and receive our degrees."

"As I look at all of you beautiful people, in your caps and gowns, I hope that each and every one of you are proud of yourselves, because this is a huge accomplishment. Class of 2019, we are finally getting this degree!" Nunez said.



Board Report



Professor John Frala was honored as the 2019 Distinguished Faculty Award recipient by the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees at its May meeting.

Frala, an automotive technology professor, is credited with helping to create Rio Hondo College's innovative alternative fuels technician programs as well as a groundbreaking training partnership with Tesla.

Frala, who holds Master of Arts degrees in adult education and distance learning, started at Rio Hondo College as an adjunct instructor in 1998. He has been a professor since 2008. His past honors include recognition as a visionary in clean air education and outreach by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, outstanding college instructor by the California Automotive Teachers Association.

Trustees also received a sabbatical report from Spanish Professor Blanca de los Santos, who created a website to support her students. The site, blancadelossantos.com, includes educational media links, practice resources, self-directed quizzes, lessons to learn through songs and a guide to coding Spanish accents into computer documents.

Trustees also hired three new employees: Nicholas Nardi, a full-time temporary psychology instructor, Joanne Choe, a full-time music/voice instructor, and David Levy, interim director of financial aid, scholarships and veterans services.

At the same meeting, the board bid farewell to three retirees. William Harry Ashburn, a locksmith with facilities, served the College for 15 years. CAD/drafting Professor Gary Halvorsen of Career & Technical Education was hired in 2001 as a part-time instruction. He became full time after three years, serving the College for 18 years. Dr. Lynette Nyaggah, a communications professor who received the 2019 Hayward Award for excellence, was hired in 1987 and served the College for 32 years.



Trustees also reviewed College goals for student success by a 2020-21 target date. Goals include:

- ▶ Boost students who complete associate degrees by 28 percent
- ▶ Boost students who complete Chancellor's Office-approved certificates by 220 percent
- ▶ Increase students who complete Associate Degrees for Transfer by 35 percent
- ▶ Reduce units earned per completed associate degree by 3 percent
- ▶ Increase students working in their field of study by 5 percent
- ▶ Increase overall transfers to UC/CSU by 17 percent
- ▶ Increase disabled student transfers to UC/CSU by 64 percent
- ▶ Increase foster student transfers to UC/CSU to 15 students
- ▶ Reduce achievement gaps across all student groups

Trustees also received surveys for conducting a self-evaluation of their goals for 2018-19. The board will hold a reflection session during a summer meeting and set new priorities for 2019-20.

In addition, the trustees recognized the Rio Hondo College Leadership Academy Cohort 7 graduates and members of the 2019 Forensics and Debate Team for their national championship.



Foundation Awards \$113,000 in Scholarships

The Rio Hondo College Foundation hosted its Spring 2019 Scholarship Award Reception on May 17, awarding more than 173 scholarships worth a record-breaking \$113,000 during an event at the Campus Inn.

More than 150 students, and their family members, along with donors and other supporters attended the event.



College Honors Graduates for Overcoming Challenges

Rio Hondo College honored four outstanding graduates during its 56th annual Commencement for overcoming significant challenges in pursuit of their degrees: Eduardo Gonzalez, Kristian Lozano, Luisa Mesones and Kevin Skinner.



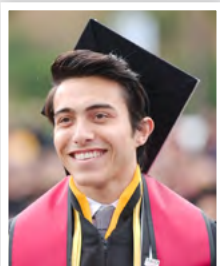
▲ Eduardo Gonzalez

After high school, Gonzalez worked two part-time jobs to support his family. A survivor of Hirschsprung's disease as a baby, he decided to seek a degree in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields, earning associate degrees in biology and chemistry. He is considering seeking a four-year degree in life science or biochemistry at a Cal State or UC campus.



▲ Luisa Mesones

Mesones, a grandmother, is a returning student who married young and raised a family as a single mother. After beating fibromyalgia and breast cancer, she reignited a childhood love of language and enrolled in a French class at Rio Hondo College. She will graduate with four degrees – communications studies, social behavior and self-development, art and human expression, and social studies. She will transfer to UC Berkeley.



▲ Kristian Lozano

Lozano, who is part of the College's Pathway to Law School program, was honored for his service to the College and dedication to his studies. Lozano earned a 4.0 in three consecutive semesters and served as vice president of the Pre-Law Society. He led planning of events such as a Pathway to Law School/Ferías Legales Mentorship Mixer. He has earned an Associate

Degree for Transfer in philosophy and will continue his studies at UC Berkeley as a philosophy major. He will receive priority admission review at eight partner law schools, including UCLA, Loyola Marymount, UC Davis, UC Berkeley and UC Irvine.



▲ Kevin Skinner

Skinner, a former Marine sergeant, maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout his Rio Hondo College career. He mentored fellow veterans at Rio Hondo College and served as president of the Veterans Club. He organized Veterans Week activities and spoke at community events, including the College's 9/11 Memorial. Skinner earned an Associate of Science in general studies with an emphasis in science and mathematics. He will study environmental science and engineering at Harvard University.

Support and Guidance Programs Celebrate Graduates, Transfers



Rio Hondo College held its 11th annual Student Success Celebration on May 17, honoring graduating and transferring students who have participated in College support or guidance programs.

Programs represented include: Adult Re-Entry Program, CalWORKs, Dreamers Center, DSP&S, EOP&S/CARE, Guardian Scholars, Honors Transfer Program, MESA/TRIO, Pathway to Law School, Puente

Project, Student Life & Leadership, TRIO SSS Program, Transfer Center and Veterans Service Center.

More than 130 students and their families attended the event. Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss gave opening remarks and Vice President of Student Services Henry Gee gave the event's concluding remarks. Several members of the Board of Trustees also attended.

Many of the graduating students gave brief speeches in which they thanked their family, children, counselors and campus support programs for helping them get to this moment. Many of these students have had to overcome additional life obstacles to get here.



Students Celebrate Transfer Plans

Rio Hondo College's transfer class of 2019 celebrated its first ever Decision Day on May 2, with more than 150 students filling the board room to celebrate and announce their intended plans to transfer to four-year universities in fall 2019. Representatives from the following universities were on hand to talk with students about their transfer transition and provided university swag:



- ▶ California State University, Los Angeles
- ▶ California State University, Long Beach
- ▶ California State University, Dominguez Hills
- ▶ California State University, Fullerton
- ▶ California State University, Pomona
- ▶ University of California, Irvine
- ▶ University of California, Los Angeles
- ▶ University of California, Riverside
- ▶ Whittier College
- ▶ University of La Verne



College Awards First-ever Bachelor of Science Degrees



Rio Hondo College honored its inaugural class of graduates to earn Bachelor of Science degrees in automotive technology – a historic first – at a special ceremony on May 17.

Rio Hondo College is one of just 15 community colleges authorized to grant a four-year degree as part of a state pilot program launched in 2015. Sixteen students earned the degree, which offers management and technical tracks.

"This historic degree, among the first of its kind in California, provides a transformative experience for our students as it combines career technical education with theoretical learning that many associate with only top-tier, four-year universities for a fraction of the cost," Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said.

Lee Esten, an associate at American Honda Co., shared his story about what the degree signifies.

Esten, who graduated from high school in 1997, returned to college in 2008 after finding advancement in retail jobs stymied for lack of a college education. He enjoyed automotive technology and pursued an Associate of Science in that field. He secured a job with Honda's call center and began advancing through the ranks until he hit a plateau: Honda managers must possess a bachelor's degree.

Esten was ready to enter Cal State Long Beach's business administration program when Rio Hondo College was chosen for the pilot program in spring 2015. The College chose automotive technology because of strong demand in the industry and its own strength in technical training. The first upper-division courses were offered in fall 2016.



"A lot of people have bachelor's degrees in business administration," Esten said. "I wanted something specialized in my field. It also saved me a lot of money to do it at Rio Hondo."

Esten said his instructors shaped the program to the needs and talents of students, deepening their knowledge of the auto industry via history courses, strengthening their understanding of its operations with classes in management, marketing and accounting, and bringing students to dealerships so they could see operations firsthand.

"My classmates and I met the actual people who did the accounting and we got to see firsthand how it really works," he said. "Because it was near the end of the class, we understood what everything meant – we spoke the language."

Esten said his teachers all brought something unique to the classes.

"All of our teachers are industry experts who have dealer experience and corporate experience and even technician experience," he said. "I felt that they had a good gauge of where we were all starting from, what our knowledge base was and how to build us up to where we needed to be."



GRADUATES

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|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| ▶ Jose Alvarez | ▶ Ruben De La Torre | ▶ Raymond Meza | ▶ Michael Serrano |
| ▶ Alex A. Berman | ▶ Lee Esten | ▶ Jonathan Polidano | ▶ Sergio Tamayo |
| ▶ Felix Carrillo | ▶ Patrick Garcia | ▶ Manuel Rios | ▶ Perla Velez |
| ▶ Dennis Jose Davila | ▶ Raymond Keays | ▶ Andre Acoba Rubi | ▶ Anthony Zuniga |

6 Women's Soccer Players Head to 4-year Universities

Six players on Rio Hondo College's 2017 and 2018 women's soccer teams are transferring to four-year colleges and universities to pursue their academic and athletic careers.

Karina Banda, Cal State University, Dominguez Hills

Banda played in 32 games for the Roadrunners and earned nine points with two goals and three assists as a defender in 2017 and 2018. She was part of the defensive unit that went 8-0 in conference play and only allowed six goals in her freshman year. In 2018, Banda received recognition as a South Coast Conference Second Team selection and was voted Most Inspirational Player by her teammates. Banda also earned over a 3.0 GPA in fall 2017 and fall 2018. Banda is transferring to Cal State Dominguez Hills to play soccer and earn her bachelor's degree in sociology. Banda plans to become a social worker.

Flor Suarez, Briar Cliff University

Suarez played in 32 games and started in 22 games in her two years. She has a career total of 16 points with six goals and four assists playing in the midfield and forward positions. Suarez was also a two-year captain for the Roadrunners. In 2018, Suarez earned South Coast Conference First Team All-Conference honors, the teams' Titanium Roadrunner and Hat Trick Awards, as well as being selected for the CCCSCA State All-Star game. She earned a 3.68 GPA in fall 2017 and an overall GPA of 3.23. Suarez will be playing soccer and majoring in neuropsychology at Briar Cliff University. Her academic goal is to pursue a Ph.D. in neuropsychology.

Viviana Ramirez, Kansas Wesleyan University

Ramirez started in 37 games for the Roadrunners. She has scored two goals and earned four assists for nine points as a defender in 2017 and 2018. In 2017, Ramirez was named to the South Coast Conference Second Team and was also the Roadrunners Black and Gold Award winner. In 2018, Ramirez was named South Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year, voted Most Inspirational by her teammates and was selected to play in the CCCSCA State All-Star game. Ramirez also helped the Roadrunners earn an impressive 20 shutouts over the last two years. Ramirez will be transferring to Kansas Wesleyan University to play soccer and earn a bachelor's degree.

Marissa Morales, Kansas Wesleyan University

Morales started in 35 games as a center back or forward for the Roadrunners 2017 and 2018 squads. Morales was a 2017 South Coast Conference First Team All-Conference Selection and a 2018 Second Team-All Conference Selection. She is also a part of the defensive unit that has earned 20 shutouts in her two years. Morales earned a 3.6 GPA in the fall and was named to the Presidents' Honor Roll and has an overall 3.2 GPA. Morales will be transferring to Kansas Wesleyan University to play soccer, major in nursing to become a nurse practitioner.

Natalia Magana, Cal State University, Fullerton

Magana played in 33 games for the Roadrunner squad as a forward and a midfielder. Magana boasts a 3.5 overall GPA and earned a 3.8 GPA in fall 2017. She was named to the 2018 CCCAA State Scholar-Athlete Academic Team. Magana will be pursuing degrees in psychology and criminal justice at Cal State Fullerton in the fall. She would like to work for the FBI as a criminal profiler.

Izella Delgadillo, University of La Verne

Delgadillo started in goal for 37 games and earned 20 career shutouts in her two years. She was also named to the South Coast Conference second Team in 2017 as a freshman, First Team All-Conference as a sophomore and was the team's 2018 Black and Gold Award Winner. In 2018, Delgadillo's Goals Against Average was an impressive .48 and she was selected to participate in the CCCSCA State All-Star game. Delgadillo has an overall 3.2 GPA. She will be transferring to the University of La Verne to play soccer and earn a degree in social work and criminal justice. Her career goal is to become a juvenile probation officer.



Rio Plaza Transportation Center Breaks Ground

Rio Hondo College broke ground May 14 for a new transportation center that will provide an all-in-one transit hub for the campus community.

The Rio Plaza project, in planning for more than three years, will feature restrooms, vending machines, bike lockers and shade structures.

Student Diana Macias shared how she is the third in her family to rely on buses to pursue their education at Rio Hondo College.

"As students here at Rio Hondo College, it is so heartwarming and it is so encouraging to know we have an administration that cares," said Macias, a political science major and member of the College's award-winning debate team.

The event included a salute to partners in the effort, including Del Terra Group, Foothill Transit, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Agency, Norwalk Transit System, the Office of former Los Angeles County Fourth District Supervisor Don Knabe and Westberg + White Architects.

RIO IN THE NEWS: Read more about the groundbreaking in the *Whittier Daily News*.



College Community Serves Students Hot Meals During Finals

More than 65 Rio Hondo College faculty, staff and administrators volunteered to serve hot meals to students during finals, providing more than 4,226 meals from May 20-22. The effort is part of a long-term program launched in fall 2016 to ensure students receive timely nutrition, especially during finals weeks in fall and spring semesters.

The program included breakfast burritos, pizza, coffee, hot cocoa, water and fruit. This spring, meals were served at the main campus, the Fire Academy and the three regional educational centers.

Donations for the effort were provided by the Rio Hondo College community, including Juan Great Fiesta, El Monte Pizza Co. and Campus Food Services.



College Painting Students Display Artwork

Dozens of students enrolled in Rio Hondo College's Painting for Older Adults classes displayed their work at Liberty Community Plaza this spring for the program's first art exposition.

The event, a collaboration between Rio Hondo College Continuing Education and Liberty Community Plaza, drew more than 110 participants, including students and community members.



Community Rallies Behind Blanket Effort for Homeless



Homeless residents of Los Angeles received more than 500 distinctive purple blankets this spring after a push by Rio Hondo College Learning Disabilities Specialist Jose Arroyo galvanized the College community to action.

Arroyo, who had led a drive during Christmas to provide homeless community members with blankets and personal grooming kits, was inspired to continue serving the community. He connected with New York-based [Blankets of Hope](#), which provides blankets to the homeless with personal messages of hope.

He became the group's Los Angeles ambassador, tasked with helping the group meet its goal of providing 10,000 blankets for the many individuals and families who live on the streets.

He started with 150 blankets.

"The response was immediate and everyone wanted to participate. I wrote back and asked for more blankets to be delivered," Arroyo said.

Faculty members incorporated the idea into lesson plans and other groups, including CalWORKS and Student Life and Leadership, helped to write notes. Tutors in the Learning Assistance Center attached the notes and prepared blankets for distribution. Some administrators even recruited their families into the effort.



"Rio Hondo College put together 500 blankets that were handed out to the homeless in Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles and was instrumental in assisting Blankets of Hope reach its 10,000 blankets goal," Arroyo said.

"We touched so many grateful souls that were so appreciative to receive the blankets with the inspirational notes. They loved hearing it was written by students," he added.

Community Lauds Outgoing President Teresa Dreyfuss



More than 300 members of the Rio Hondo College community joined together on May 9 to celebrate Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss, who retired June 30 after more than 32 years of dedicated service.

The retirement celebration, held at the Doubletree Hotel in Uptown Whittier, featured lauds for Dreyfuss from local officials, state legislators and national officials for her many contributions to the College, including its

two-year guarantee of free tuition for first-time, full-time students, a four-year Bachelor of Science degree and creation of a strong fiscal foundation. The event was also attended by members of Dreyfuss' family, area K-12 school district superintendents and presidents of other California community college campuses.

Dreyfuss, the ninth superintendent/president of Rio Hondo College, is an immigrant from Taiwan who started at the College as a part-time faculty member. She worked her way into the presidency, serving as a senior accountant, business manager, controller/business manager, chief financial officer and vice president of finance and business.

"I started at the very bottom with many obstacles to overcome," Dreyfuss told the assembled guests. "I moved up to my leadership position with a lot of hard work and persistence, step by step, always striving to do my best in every position I had, including when I was a part-time faculty member."

Dreyfuss thanked members of the community, including faculty, staff, administrators and the Rio Hondo College Board of Trustees.



"I appreciate both the good and the bad times while working at Rio Hondo College, in different roles and capacities, as this path granted me with the opportunity to learn and grow," she said. "I am grateful to Rio Hondo College for making my American Dream come true as an immigrant and as a professional in higher education."

Dreyfuss was presented with proclamations, certificates and resolutions from representatives of U.S. Reps. Linda Sanchez and Grace Napolitano, Assembly Majority Leader Ian Calderon, Assemblymember Cristina Garcia, Los Angeles County supervisors Hilda Solis and Janice Hahn, and State Sen. Bob Archuleta, as well as from officials on the El Monte, Industry, Norwalk, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs, South El Monte and Whittier city councils.

In addition, Dreyfuss received presentations from El Monte Union High School District, El Rancho Unified School District, Hacienda La Puente Unified School District, Little Lake City School District, Mountain View School District, South Whittier School District, Valle Lindo School District and Whittier Union High School District and Mt. San Antonio College. The Whittier Chamber of Commerce also provided a commendation for Dreyfuss.



Women in CTE Event Showcases Programs for El Monte Union Students

Rio Hondo's Career & Technical Education Division held its first-ever Women in CTE event on May 3, immersing 50 female students from the El Monte Union High School District in hands-on demonstrations in career field instruction offered at the College.

Programs included Administration of Justice, Automotive Technology, Engineering Design & Drafting and Fire Technology. All sessions were presented by professional female role models who shared their pathways and school journey leading into their chosen careers. Students were exposed to inspirational stories from women who have traveled through the pipeline and achieved their dreams.

The event was funded in part by an Edison grant.

Presenters included Jahna Rinaldi (Administration of Justice), Wendy Lucko (Automotive Technology), Farrah Nakatani (Engineering Design & Drafting), Katherine "Katie" Martin, Elizabeth "Beth" DiRocco, and Kiara Diaz (Fire Technology). The event was also supported by Rio Hondo College Career & Technical Education/Instructional Operations Dean Mike Slavich, Operations and Maintenance Manager George Lopez, Fire Academy Chief Tracy Rickman, Police Academy Director Walter Allen, security and CTE staff.



Dreyfuss Commended by County Supervisor, Whittier City Council

Rio Hondo College Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss was honored for her 32 years of service to the College by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as well as the Whittier City Council.

Supervisor Hilda Solis, a former Rio Hondo College trustee, presented Dreyfuss with a commendation on May 28. The event followed just weeks after a similar commendation was given by Whittier City Council on May 14.

Dreyfuss, who retired on June 30, has been credited with ensuring the College's fiscal stability throughout the Great Recession, expanding academic offerings, overseeing a major renovation of campus facilities and expansion to three regional centers.



Dreyfuss thanked Solis and the Board of Supervisors for their support of Rio Hondo College over the years.

"I'm thankful for our long partnership with the County of Los Angeles, which has helped both our organizations over the years," Dreyfuss said. "I anticipate this partnership only growing stronger in the years to come."

Dreyfuss also said the College and Whittier have helped to strengthen their shared community.

"The City of Whittier has been a strong partner with Rio Hondo College," Dreyfuss said. "We have worked so closely together throughout the years. To the entire Whittier City Council, thank you for always making me feel so welcomed."

Dreyfuss thanked several council members and Mayor Joe Vinatieri individually for their support of the College, as well as Police Chief Jeff Piper, who serves as the chair of the Rio Hondo College Police Academy Advisory Board.



College Prepares 300 Tax Returns for Community

Rio Hondo College's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program helped to prepare 300 returns and process more than \$300,000 in tax refunds during its annual effort to assist low-income community members.

In addition, the team of two faculty members and 23 students processed \$90,000 in Earned Income Tax Credit and \$34,000 in Education Credits on 2018 tax returns.

The annual household incomes of the taxpayers assisted was \$19,000. With the average tax preparation fee in 2019 at \$176, Rio Hondo College saved community members almost \$53,000 in tax preparation fees.



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 - West Whittier*
 - City of Industry
 - Avocado Heights*
 - Los Nietos*

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Mission Statement

Rio Hondo College is committed to the success of its diverse students and communities by providing dynamic educational opportunities and resources that lead to degrees, certificates, transfer, career and technical pathways, basic skills proficiency, and lifelong learning.

Save the Date



Thursday, July 4:
College closed for holiday

6 p.m. Wednesday, July 10:
Board of Trustees meeting, Rio Hondo College

12:45 to 5 p.m. Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 25:
Camp Rio for Boys & Girls Club of Whittier, Rio Hondo College

6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 25:
First Year Family Night, Campus Inn and Wray Theater

8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2:
Freshman Welcome Days, Campus Inn

8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9:
Freshman Welcome Days, Campus Inn

6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14:
Board of Trustees meeting, Rio Hondo College

Rotary Club Donates to Foundation

Rio Hondo College Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss on May 17 accepted a \$1,000 donation from the Rotary Club of Whittier for the Rio Hondo Foundation. She was accompanied by Foundation Board President Dr. Carmella Franco and Vice President of Student Services and Interim Executive Director of the Rio Hondo College Foundation Henry Gee.

