

# FOCUS ON RIO

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## President's Message



**Dr. Arturo Reyes**

Over the last few months, I have gotten to know many of the talented and dedicated people who make up the Río Hondo College community. I also have met with many of our educational partners across the District.

It has been wonderful to discuss our shared mission to ensure all members of our community receive the opportunities available through higher education. These conversations have ranged from ways to provide college-focused enrichment events for elementary students to early registration for high school students to a tour we gave of our facilities for state Sen. Bob Archuleta, a graduate of our Police Academy.

In each of these gatherings, I have been warmly welcomed. I found my fellow educators to be a ready audience for my message about Río Hondo College and the work we are doing to create a nurturing and academically stimulating community that will ensure our students can pursue their dreams.

One of my ideas, which I shared with our counseling teams, is to champion 15-unit semester course loads that will keep students focused as they complete their associate degrees and prepare themselves for transfer. I encouraged our counselors to establish high expectations for our students because I know – despite the many barriers they may face – our students can accomplish great things with the strength of our Río Hondo College teams behind them.

As you will read in this newsletter, Río Hondo College includes brilliant scholar-athletes such as those honored on our women's soccer team, a dedicated Foundation that awards thousands of dollars to assist our students, forward-thinking administrators who are crafting new ways to offer career technical training and a compassionate community that supports our undocumented students in the face of some astounding challenges.

I will continue these meetings over the coming months as I get to know more and more about the extraordinary community of Río Hondo College.

## Mensaje del Presidente

Durante los últimos meses, he llegado a conocer muchas de las personas talentosas y dedicadas del Colegio de Río Hondo. También me he reunido con muchos de nuestros socios educativos en nuestro distrito.

Ha sido maravilloso conversar con nuestros socios educativos sobre nuestra misión en común. Esta misión compartida se enfoca en asegurar que todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad reciban las oportunidades que vienen a través de una educación superior. Hemos conversado sobre maneras de proveer eventos universitarios a estudiantes de primaria y registro temprano al Colegio de Río Hondo a estudiantes de secundaria. También platicué con el senador Bob Archuleta, un graduado de nuestra Academia de Policía, durante un amplio recorrido de nuestro edificio de administración de justicia.

En cada una de estas reuniones, he recibido una cálida bienvenida. Mis compañeros educadores han recibido mi mensaje sobre el Colegio de Río Hondo con entusiasmo. Están listos para crear un ambiente académico y acogedor que asegurará que nuestros estudiantes puedan perseguir sus sueños.

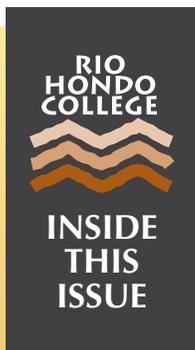
Unas de mis ideas, que compartí con nuestros equipos de consejería, es de

alentar a cada estudiante que tome 15 unidades de clases por semestre. Esto mantendrá a nuestros estudiantes enfocados para completar sus títulos y prepararse para la transferencia a la universidad de cuatro años.

Animé a nuestros consejeros que establezcan altas expectativas para nuestros estudiantes porque sé – a pesar de las muchas barreras que pueden enfrentar – que nuestros estudiantes pueden lograr grandes cosas con el apoyo de todos los que trabajamos en el Colegio de Río Hondo.

Como leerán en este boletín, el Colegio de Río Hondo incluye brillantes estudiantes/ atletas como los miembros de nuestro equipo de fútbol femenino; una Fundación dedicada a distribuir miles de dólares a través de becas para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes; administradores con una visión para elaborar nuevas formas de ofrecer capacitación técnica para diferentes carreras; y una comunidad compasiva que apoya a nuestros estudiantes indocumentados quienes enfrentan desafíos asombrosos.

Continuaré estas reuniones en los próximos meses para llegar a conocer más y más a la extraordinaria comunidad del Colegio de Río Hondo.



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# Board Report



Río Hondo College's Board of Trustees received updates on 2018-19 enrollment, bond financing and the fundraising efforts of the Río Hondo College Foundation during its Oct. 9 meeting.

In the enrollment update, the trustees learned the College enrolled 12,432 full-time equivalent students (FTES), a net enrollment representing 525 instructional

hours per person. The enrollment includes 571 students served at the College's three educational centers – two of which posted record numbers.

In addition, a record 1,972 students opted for distance education instruction and a record 433 students were in dual/concurrent enrollment programs. In all, nine school districts participate in dual-enrollment programs with Río Hondo College.

During the bond financing presentation, trustees were informed of a shortfall in bond funds for completing desired projects. The College is currently completing phase 1 of its L Tower seismic retrofit, which will cost about \$14.9 million of the \$19.2 million remaining in Measure A bond funds.

The College will need an additional \$57.6 million to complete the second phase of the project, the Río Plaza transportation hub and projects to improve the Music building, Wray Theater, Río Hondo Educational Center at Pico Rivera, the Art building and the Business building.

Trustees also learned that the Río Hondo College Foundation, founded in 1992, awarded more than \$170,000 in scholarships in 2019, topping its 2018 gifts by \$70,000.

The group held six events during the 2018-19 academic year, including the Faculty and Staff Giving Campaign in October 2018, the Fall Scholarship Reception in January, Homecoming in January, its highly popular A Taste of Río in April, the Spring Scholarship Reception in May and the President's Circle and Friends Reception in June.

The group plans a similar round of events in 2019-20. Homecoming, which made a return to the campus in 2019 after 22 years, will be held Feb. 21, 2020 in conjunction with women's and men's basketball games and the second annual Police Academy reunion. A Taste of Río is set for April 17, 2020. In addition, the Foundation will add a golf tournament on June 19, 2020.

In other business, the trustees hired Judy Morales as a full-time counselor in Career and Technical Education, Joe Louis Hernandez as interim project manager for Rising Immigrant Scholars through Education (RISE), Theodoros Kidane as a full-time chemistry instructor and Chris Hawken as interim vice president of finance and business.

## College Hosts Innovation & Teaching Conference

More than 300 future teachers, faculty, teacher preparation advocates and staff from K-12, four-year universities and community partners attended the Innovation & Teaching in the 21st Century regional teacher conference at the Campus Inn on Sept. 27.

The event featured inspirational speakers, an insightful student panel and breakout sessions that included topics such as Innovative STEM Practices in the Classroom, Transitioning from Industry into the Classroom, CTE TEACH Resources, Technology in the Classroom, Supporting Children with Special Needs and many others.

Keynote speaker Roy Juarez, Jr. delivered a message of hope and triumph over adversities in life while inspiring current and future educators to be agents of change.

The conference was presented by the TEACH Los Angeles Regional Collaborative (TEACH LARC), one of the regional projects funded by the Strong



Workforce Program allocation funding in the Los Angeles region and powered by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.



# Week of Activities Supports Undocumented Students

Río Hondo College's second annual Undocumented Student Week of Action drew hundreds of students and supporters who shared stories, raised more than \$2,300 for students seeking to renew federal protections against deportation and added their voices to those advocating for permanent solutions.

**RIO IN THE NEWS:** Watch more about the Undocumented Student Week of Action at [Noticias 62](#) and [Univision](#).

The October week of events emphasized a combination of community building and community action. This year's theme was "Dream to Believe."

"Education is a path to more than personal success," Superintendent/President Dr. Arturo Reyes said. "It is a means for elevating our entire community. Our undocumented students, many of whom came to the U.S. as small children, are pursuing dreams that will provide significant benefits to us all. They deserve our unreserved support."

The program included two events focused on assisting students seeking protection under Deferred Action for Child Arrivals (DACA), a policy created by President Obama and being dismantled under the Trump Administration.

DACA shields undocumented individuals brought to the U.S. as children from deportation, allowing them to work and pursue an education. Currently, court actions require the federal government to allow individuals who had previously received DACA protections to apply for renewals.

On Oct. 14, the Student Success and Dream Center hosted a mixer with students, faculty and staff to raise scholarship funds for students seeking to renew their DACA protections. On Oct. 18, the inaugural UndocuRio Walk/Run raised funds for the same cause. Each event drew more than 80 people; the run raised \$2,324.

Art displays were the focus on Oct. 15 when, during an event titled "You're Not Alone," more than 200 students, family, staff, administrators and community members enjoyed a gallery of images about the experience of undocumented students.

Two more events focused on strengthening connections and understanding.

On Oct. 16, more than 105 people attended the UndocuFamily Night, which included workshops and a motivational speech. The following day, 40 people attended UndocuRio Talks, which featured talks from undocumented students and alumni on topics ranging from identity, social justice and activism to personal development and mental health.



# Women's Soccer Wins 7th Team Academic Award

An impressive streak continues to grow for the Río Hondo College women's soccer team. More important than wins on the field, head coach Jennifer Tanaka-Hoshijo and her squad also produce victories off the field and in the classroom.

In October, Río Hondo was awarded the program's seventh consecutive Academic Team Award from United Soccer Coaches.

Río Hondo has earned the Team Academic Award every year since 2013 (2013-19). The seven-year streak is the second longest in the nation (Butler Community College, 12 years). No other California community college program has captured the award for more than four years.

United Soccer Coaches, the largest soccer coaches association in the world, annually celebrates the academic achievements of high school and college soccer teams whose student-athletes collectively demonstrate a commitment to excellence in their studies over the course of a full academic year.

College Team Academic Award recipients are active members of the United Soccer Coaches College Services Program with a composite GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale for all players on the roster.

"The student-athletes work hard to earn these national academic accolades from the United Soccer Coaches and we are very proud of this accomplishment," Tanaka-Hoshijo said. "Over 90% of our student-athletes have transferred to four-year universities and professional programs. We take enormous pride in being one of the top programs in the country in the classroom and on the field."

Six members of the 2018 women's soccer team transferred to four-year universities: Karina Banda (Cal State Dominguez Hills), Natalie Magana (Cal State Fullerton), Flor Suarez (Briar Cliff University), Viviana Ramirez (Kansas Wesleyan University), Marissa Morales (Kansas Wesleyan University), and Izella Delgado (University of La Verne).

The Roadrunners compiled a 12-4-5 overall record in 2018 and qualified for postseason play for the fifth consecutive season, reaching the second round of the Southern California Regional Playoffs.

This fall, Río Hondo is off to another great start. The Roadrunners are ranked among the Top 15 in the United Soccer Coaches National Poll and No. 7 in state power points.



# College Receives \$477,000 Grant to Expand Online Career Training Programs

Río Hondo College's Office of Online Education has received a \$477,000 grant as part of the California Virtual Campus Online Education Initiative to add or update 16 industry-valued online certificate programs in fields ranging from Wildland Fire Technology to Web Design.



The 16 programs were strategically chosen from a diversity of campus programs with the goal of transforming online education within each division. Río Hondo College anticipates the degree and certificate programs will be open to students in fall 2020.

"This grant is a strong endorsement of the strength of Río Hondo College's career instructional program," Superintendent/President Dr. Arturo Reyes said. "The funds will allow us to strengthen an already top-notch program to ensure our students receive the training necessary to enjoy amplified career opportunities that, in turn, will enrich our communities."

The 16 online Associate of Arts/Certificate programs include: Deaf Studies; Foundations of Interpreting; Wildland Fire Technology; Sports and Fitness Management; American Sign Language; Sports Coaching; Art Studio Entrepreneurship; Elementary Education; Online Digital Technology; Graphic Design; Packaging Design; Branding and Image Design; Advertising Design; Web Design; Health Information Technology; and Publications.

The certificates reflect the workforce need and employment landscape in key sectors regionally and across California. All of the courses and certificates will be designed to ensure Río Hondo College's online education promotes student engagement and provides learners with the tools they need to be successful.

"Río Hondo College is committed to extending educational opportunities to a diverse population of students with alternative methods and delivery formats," said Grant Linsell, dean of arts and cultural programs; distance education. "These approaches to instruction outside the traditional classroom setting provide an array of credit and non-credit courses, programs, training and associated services via technology."

In addition to enabling the College to expand online CTE programs, the grant will also jumpstart campus-wide investment in as well as student accessibility to online courses, certificates and degrees.

The overarching goal of Río's online education program is to increase accessibility and create visibility of online certificate programs that lead to entry-level job opportunities or opportunities for career advancement within a selected field. Additionally, certificate programs such as American Sign Language, Wildland Fire and Graphic Design feed into existing degree programs, strengthening these pathways to completion.

Río Hondo College's online program currently includes 11 local degrees, eight certificate options and three Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT), which guarantee admission to the California State University system.

In 2017-18, 22.3% of Río Hondo College students took online courses.

# Fire Technology Coordinator Who Helped Shape Fire Academy Programs to Retire



Chief Tracy E. Rickman, who has helped lead and expand Río Hondo College's nationally respected firefighter training academies and launch a cadet crew that annually battles California wildfires, will retire Dec. 11.

Rickman joined Río Hondo College 22 years ago and today serves as fire technology coordinator for the Río Hondo College Fire Academy, the Río Hondo College Wildland Fire Academy and EMT program.

He oversaw the refurbishment of the Fire Academy and the design and construction of the College's Regional Homeland Security Training Center, for which he also assisted in securing federal appropriations.

In 2001, he helped create Roadrunners Fire Crew 77, which is called up multiple times a year to aid the U.S. Forest Service fight wildfires.

"It has been a pleasure and privilege to work alongside such a talented and committed administrator, firefighter educator and friend," Professor Scott Jaeggi said. "Tracy epitomizes what we teach our students - that commitment on one level is synonymous with commitment on all levels. He is the hero we all strive to be."

Rickman served in the Air Force from 1982 to 1990, earning the rank of fire captain and being certified as a crash rescue firefighter. While on duty, he earned an associate degree from the Community College of the Air Force and a bachelor's degree in marketing management from Park College.

After leaving the service, Rickman became a training officer for Northrop Grumman's B-2 Division Fire Department and then became assistant chief of operations in training in 1995. He joined the South Pasadena Fire Department in 1996 and Río Hondo College in 1997.

Rickman co-authored a book on fire behavior and has written several articles

on emergency management and public administration. He earned a master's degree from University of La Verne and is working on his doctorate.

## RIO IN THE NEWS:

Read more about Chief Rickman in the [Greenleaf Guardian](#).

In addition to his work at Río Hondo College, he serves as an outreach instructor in hazardous materials response at the California Specialized Training Institute and is a certified instructor with the California State Fire Marshal's office. Rickman has taught courses at Cal State Long Beach and at Cal State LA, including a fire research course in the undergraduate degree program.

He also teaches ethics, public administration and public personnel management at California Baptist University in Riverside.

Rickman has seven children, including a son who served as a Navy Corpsman in Iraq and a daughter who served as a captain in the United States Marine Corps. He also has eight grandchildren.

"It's been a truly wonderful experience working with Río Hondo College, helping to map out the future of our firefighting program," Rickman said. "My colleagues are the best in the industry and, together, we have created a program that is the envy of our peers across the nation. This is why I'm comfortable stepping back to spend more time with my family."

Under Rickman's watch, Río Hondo College has enjoyed a surge in cadet placements, with 100% of wildland cadets finding employment and a high percent of urban firefighters doing the same. He also runs an annual truck academy for mid-career firefighters that draws participation from across the country.

"Chief Rickman has left an indelible mark on both Río Hondo College and a generation of firefighters, who owe their expertise to his instruction," Superintendent/President Dr. Arturo Reyes said. "His efforts have shaped a program that is second to none. We wish him all the best in his retirement, secure in the knowledge that the team he established will carry on the mission."

## Students Take Top Prizes in Rose Hills Shirt Contest



Río Hondo College students earned top prizes in the Rose Hills 2019 Classic Car & Truck Show Shirt Contest, held Sept. 15 as part of a celebration of veterans. Winners: first, Xavier Ordaz; second, Dulce Gonzalez; third, Marianna Espinoza; and honorable mention, Alondra Dimas.

## College Hosts 500 Future Healthcare Professionals

More than 500 future healthcare professionals from middle and high schools across the region attended the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) Regional Leadership Conference at Río Hondo College on Oct. 12. The grant-funded program included inspirational speakers, breakout sessions and a career fair. Río Hondo College nursing students volunteered during the program.



# SUR:biennial Show to Expand after Successful 2019 Program

Río Hondo College Art Gallery staged *Cuentista* in September and October as part of the fifth SUR:biennial, a regional art project that explores complex notions of globalization and exchange.

Founded in 2011, SUR:biennial aims to illuminate geographical, cultural and artistic borderlands. This year, seven independently curated shows were staged at regional galleries to showcase works by local and international artists influenced by the cultures and artistic traditions of Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean.

Robert Miller, who co-curated the *Cuentista* show, said the regional program is expected to expand to 10 spaces for the next show, including spaces in San Diego. A complementary effort will take the show to Finland in 2020.



# Observatory to Hold Fall Star-gazing Nights

Río Hondo College will hold free [star and planet gazing](#) on Friday nights this fall at the Gordon D. Crowell Astrophysical Observatory, which houses one of the largest telescopes available to the public through Southern California.

Events will be held at 5 p.m. Nov. 15 and Dec. 20.

The observatory, which was partly funded by the National Science Foundation, opened in 1972. Its current telescope is a Meade LX200GPS, 16-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope.

Guests should arrive 15 to 20 minutes early and park in Lot C in front of the Child Development Center.

The walk to the observatory is about half a mile uphill. Flashlights are not required. Viewing is contingent on clear weather. For information, call 562-692-0921, ext. 3742.

# Student Dancers Present Works in Progress Concert

The Río Hondo College Dance Program presented its annual Works in Progress (WIP) concert on Oct. 10, showing student dancers from the Río Hondo Dance Collective, the Dance Rehearsal and Performance class, and the Hip-Hop class.



Dancers said the concert, which served as their midterm exam, promoted teamwork and a connection to the College as well as to other students.

"I felt a really strong sense of camaraderie. It was a challenging yet liberating experience," dancer Reyes Garcia said.

One of the WIP production goals is to prepare students for transfer by presenting their audition solos on stage.

Kayla Perez choreographed both a solo and a group work.

"I am always grateful to be able to dance on stage, but I was really excited to present my solo so that I am more prepared to transfer," Perez said.

The Dance Program has worked diligently to increase the number of dance transfers, evident in the seven dancers who transferred in 2018-19 as well as the number of transfer solos presented in the WIP show.

"Almost half of the concert included transfer solos," said Dr. Alyson Cartagena, who directs the dance program. "This enables the students to get feedback from the audience and dancers and also provides mentorship in their performance and choreographic skills from the faculty."

In addition to Dr. Cartagena, dance instructors Rachel Lopez and Carol McDowell work with each student to provide individualized support throughout the process.

"The results have been impressive," Dr. Cartagena said.

The dancers are now preparing for the program's annual production of "The Nutcracker," which will be staged in association with local schools at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 in the Wray Theater.



# Forensics Speech Team Off to Strong Start

The Río Hondo Forensics Speech and Debate team posted strong results from the Crossman Invitational on Oct. 19-20, with two students earning bronze awards, two teams making the finals, two making the quarterfinals and one achieving the octofinals.

Twenty-three teams competed in the event.

Students achieved the following honors: Bronze in IPDA debate: Carolina "Lina" Campillo, Sergio Villa; finals in persuasive, James Kemp; finals in duo, Kimberly Soto and Layla Gonzalez; quarterfinalist in parliamentary debate team, Edward Minasyan and Erika Sigala, Carolina "Lina" Campillo and Diana Laureano; octofinalist in parliamentary debate team, Zoe Villalpando and Sergio Villa.

Three students were also recognized as top speakers at the tournament: David Bermejo, third, junior division; Carolina "Lina" Campillo, sixth, open division; Zoe Villalpando, sixth, novice division.



# Reception Welcomes New College President



More than 280 guests attended the President's Welcome Reception in late September, a chance to meet new Superintendent/President Dr. Arturo Reyes and learn about his commitment to student success.

Reyes said the focus of the evening was Río Hondo College and the students it serves.

"Río Hondo College is a source of pride for me and many of you in the audience. These students entrust us with their futures, and it is our responsibility to deliver on that trust. I keep this in mind every day and I consider myself blessed to work in this system," he said.

"We are in the dream-making business and we pride ourselves in the success of our students. Many of our students are first generation, others are Dreamers. Others may not have a place they call home and are food insecure. Yet, our students flourish at our College. They are resilient."

Reyes pledged himself to serving Río Hondo College's students.

"You have my pledge that I will devote 100% of my efforts to our shared success and that you will find me accessible, attentive and responsive to the needs of this great institution and community. I am here to serve you," he said.

Reyes also thanked the guests for their support, including colleagues over the years and his family.



**RIO IN THE NEWS:** [Read about the President's Welcome Reception](#) in the *Whittier Daily News*.

## Chamber Singers Perform at USC

The Chamber Singers participated in Community College International Festival Program at USC Alfred Newman Recital Hall on Oct. 26. Arts and Cultural Programs Music Instructor Joanne Choe conducted the singers.



## Theatre Program Performs for Fundraiser

Seventeen students from Río Hondo College's Theatre Program performed the opening act for the Hispanic Outreach Taskforce scholarship fundraiser at Whittier High School in honor of Mexican Independence Day.

This celebration honored *El Grito*, the cry that inspired Mexico to fight and gain its independence from Spain. The students presented an original play that dramatized the events of *El Grito de Dolores* (The Cry of Dolores) mixed with comic relief.

Their play was followed by mariachi bands, patriotic songs and speeches. The event raised scholarships for students transferring from high school to college.

# President Connects with Stakeholders, Area Educators

Superintendent/President Dr. Arturo Reyes attended a series of meetings across the region over the last two months, establishing relationships with area leaders and educators and strengthening Río Hondo College connections.

**RIO IN THE NEWS:** [Read more about the appointment of Dr. Arturo Reyes in Inside Higher Ed](#)

Meetings with local educators included discussions of how Río Hondo College can collaborate to boost college enrollment, including such topics as allowing College-sponsored enrichment programs and earlier registration for seniors not on track to meet UC/CSU admission requirements.

During an All Counselors meeting at the College, Reyes promoted the idea of a 15-unit per semester initiative to facilitate student access and promote completion and urged counselors to set higher expectations for students.

"I left with a clear indication that the counselors are willing to consider all approaches to help students succeed and have an open mind toward changes that best serve our students," Reyes said.

At an Academic Senate meeting, he thanked the faculty for their work on

behalf of student success. The group discussed the importance of transparency as well as Reyes' push for successful student transfers.

At the first President's Advisory Committee meeting of the 2019-20 academic year, discussion focused on updates from the College on outreach, concurrent enrollment and Foundation activities. The group has offered guidance to the College for nearly 15 years.

Reyes also helped to showcase the College's facilities during a tour for state Sen. Bob Archuleta on Oct. 28. Archuleta, who attended the Río Hondo Police Academy, visited the new Administration of Justice Building, encouraged police and wildland fire cadets to never give up and reminded a dispatch class of the importance of their jobs.



## Local Meeting Summary

**Sept. 17:** Academic Senate; Whittier Union High School District Superintendent Martin Plourde

**Sept. 18:** East Whittier City School District Superintendent Marc Patterson; Latinos Empowered Guided and Cultivated in Education (LEGACIE)

**Sept. 26:** All Counselors; President's Advisory Committee

**Sept 30:** South Whittier School District Superintendent Gary Gonzales

**Oct. 10:** Los Nietos School District Superintendent Jonathan Vasquez

**Oct. 11:** Whittier City School District Superintendent Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin; Hispanic Outreach Taskforce/Police Chief's Advisory Meeting

**Oct. 15:** Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Cyndi Parulan-Colfer; Meet and Greet reception

**Oct. 16:** El Monte Union High School District Superintendent Dr. Edward Zuniga

**Oct. 18:** El Rancho Unified School District Superintendent Dr. Frances Esparza; Mexico Consul General Marcela Celorio

**Oct. 21:** Mountain View School District Superintendent Lillian Maldonado French; Valle Lindo School District Superintendent Dr. Lynn Bulgín

**Oct. 22-24:** 50th annual California Community Colleges Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Associates Conference

**Oct. 25:** Student Leadership Institute Cohort No. 8

**Oct. 28:** State Sen. Bob Archuleta tour of College facilities



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## Serving the communities of

- El Monte
- Santa Fe Springs
- South El Monte
- Whittier
- Pico Rivera

### and portions of:

- Norwalk
- East Whittier\*
- Downey
- South Whittier\*
- La Mirada
- West Whittier\*
- City of Industry
- Avocado Heights\*
- Los Nietos\*

\*Unincorporated communities within our District

## Mission Statement

Río 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

**1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21:**  
UndocuTalks allow undocumented students to discuss the common issues they face, Student Success and Dream Center

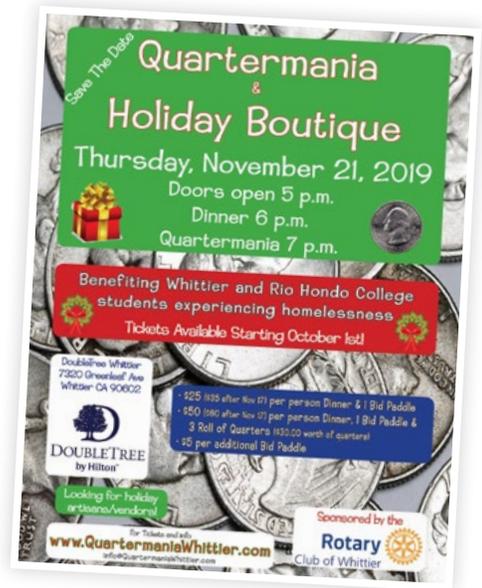
**10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 26:**  
Puppy therapy event, Lower Quad

**Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29:**  
College closed for Thanksgiving

**2 and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8:**  
Performances of "The Nutcracker" by the Río Hondo College Dance Collective, Wray Theater

**8:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Dec. 11:**  
Regional Counselor Breakfast, Campus Inn

**6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11:**  
Board of Trustees meeting, Río Hondo College



**9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14:**  
Case of Hope annual luncheon to support foster/kinship care students, Campus Inn

**10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 14:**  
66th annual Uptown Whittier Christmas Parade, Hadley Street and Greenleaf Avenue

## CTE Leaders Update Colleagues on College Programs

Río Hondo College Career and Technical Education (CTE) leaders shared information on the College's state-of-the-art programs, methods and achievements with more than 700 fellow CTE and state administrators at the California Community College Association for Occupational Education (CCCAOE) statewide conference October 16-18, 2019 at Omni Rancho Las Palmas.

The group covered such topics as public safety programs, embedding 21st century skills in CTE programs, growing enrollment through nontraditional pathways, best practices for online pathways, linking college career pathways with high school and noncredit programs and career exploration through camps and competition.

