

FOCUS ON RÍO

July 2022

President's Message



Dr. Marilyn Flores
Superintendent/President

Hello Río Hondo College community,

As I reflect on July as Superintendent/President at Río Hondo College, it is with gratitude that I write this message to our campus community.

Thank you for your warm welcome and heartfelt hospitality. I greatly appreciate being so welcomed with open arms. ¡Mil Gracias!

I have had such a fantastic time touring the various departments and divisions of our wonderful campus and meeting our amazing staff members and students; it truly

is inspirational to meet so many dedicated, compassionate colleagues here.

Though I have been with Río Hondo College for only a short while, I can see that the campus is like a family – connected, multi-layered and welcoming. I know that the COVID-19 pandemic has made many wary of returning to campus, but I believe this coming semester and this year will help reinvigorate our community to return to their education and career and technical training, and life-long learning at Río Hondo College.

Thank you.

Community Wide Efforts to Support Early Learning at CDC



The Río Hondo College Child Development Center (CDC) celebrated a year's worth of learning and growth as an essential service to the College with an End of the Year summer celebration on July 1. Families were welcomed to join alongside their children in developmentally appropriate experiences in the center's outdoor classroom.

To kick off the new academic year for the Río Hondo College community, the CDC hosted an open house, inviting families and Río Hondo staff, counselors, administrators, and board of trustees to tour the facility and meet the teachers and staff.

Present at this event were members of the Río Hondo College community including Board of Trustees member Rosaelva Lomeli;

Superintendent/President Dr. Marilyn Flores; Dean of Behavioral and Social Sciences Dr. Adam Wetsman; CDC Professor Dr. Carol Sigala; Interim Project Manager for Basic Needs Dr. Jessica Perea; Director of Government and Community Relations Dr. Russell Castaneda-Calleros; and Counselors Diego Silva and Diana Valladares.

The CDC is open to Río Hondo College student parents, staff and the community at large. Our student parents and community are able to pursue and attain their educational and vocational goals while their children benefit from a high-quality, nationally accredited child development program.

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Community Wide Efforts to Support Early Learning at CDC

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The CDC focuses on student parent support and success through the collaboration of various student support services and resources on campus and the surrounding Whittier community. CDC services advance equity by removing barriers that today's students face, particularly students of color, first generation students, single parents, students from low-income backgrounds and working adults.

For more information about how to contact the Child Development Center (CDC) or how to enroll your child at the CDC, [click here](#).



Fantastic Journey: From Student to Academic Senate President at Río Hondo College

Academic Senate President Dr. Angela Rhodes shared her fantastic journey from a Río Hondo College student to Academic Senate President and her commitment to providing equity for students through Río's EOP&S/CARE program. Hear all about it by [clicking here](#).

LATEST PODCAST

Fantastic Journey: From Student to Academic Senate President at Río Hondo College

Released June 9, 2022

Looking Ahead at Río Hondo College

DR. ANGELA MEDINA - RHODES
Academic Senate President
Río Hondo College



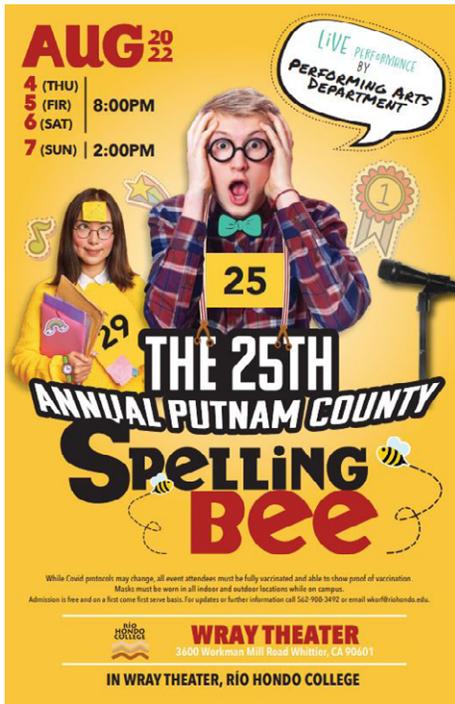
CALIFORNIA SCHOOL NEWS RADIO



Río Hondo College English professor Dr. Angela Medina-Rhodes discusses the journey that took her from being a 17-year-old Río Hondo College student to preparing for her first term as RHC's Academic Senate President, and her commitment to providing equity for students through Río Hondo College's EOPS/CARE programs.



RÍO IN THE NEWS: [Mid Valley News](#)
(covered the musical before its debut).



Río Hondo College Theater Department Holds Spelling Bee Musical

Río Hondo College's Theater Department held a production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," a musical about the hijinks surrounding a spelling bee competition.

The musical, which premiered on Thursday, August 4 in the College's Wray Theater, marked the return of in-person musicals for Río Hondo College since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Previous theater performances were held via Zoom.

Professor of Theater Arts William Korf, who directed the play, said he and his team of actors and crew members were glad to be back on stage but also kept high safety standards. Korf said selecting "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" was purposefully done to

allow actors to spread out on stage while still showcasing their talents.

Fourth year Río Hondo College student Anissa Garcia said she was excited and daunted about playing Logainne "Schwarzy" because this was the first time she's ever starred in a musical.

"This musical is rich in humor of all kinds, but it is also very real," Garcia said. "What I mean by that is, all the characters and the skeletons of their stories are common in today's society. So, I think it was easy for the audience to relate and become attached."

Second year Río Hondo College student Indiana Leon, who played Vice Principal Douglas Panch, said he believed the musical was a hit because of the production's comedy and heart.

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PROFILE



Río Hondo College Fall 2022 Registration Now Accepted

RÍO IN THE NEWS: Read more from
the [Pico Rivera Profile](#)

Open registration is now underway for the Río Hondo College Fall 2022 session. Fall semester begins on Saturday, August 20 and continues through Saturday, December 10.

Residents are reminded that they can take many of the classes offered at Río Hondo College at the Río Hondo College Educational Center at Pico Rivera.

The Center at Pico Rivera will offer the following classes for Fall 2022: College & Life Success, Career Exploration and Life Planning, Government

of the United States, History of the United States, History of the United States since 1865, Introduction to Chicana/o/x Studies, Introduction to Psychology, Public Speaking, Religion, Magic, Witchcraft, & Superstitions, Spanish I and Statistics.

A full description of all the above classes is available on the Río Hondo College website at [riohondo.edu](#). The Río Hondo College Educational Center at Pico Rivera is located at 9426 Marjorie St., just across the street from El Rancho High School. For more information about the classes offered at the Pico Rivera Center, call 562.222.1482.

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Classes are offered on the main campus, our fire academy and at educational centers in El Monte, Pico Rivera and South Whittier.

Classes and programs are available on-campus, hybrid or fully online.

- We serve all members of our community.
- We are a committed antiracist and social justice-oriented college.
- Río Hondo is a welcoming, student-ready family of learners and employees.
- We are here to help you reach your goals and achieve your dreams.

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Financial Aid Available
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(First-Time College Students)

CD 106 – Child Growth and Development CRN 76987
Online ASYNC & Tuesday (In Person) 11:15am-12:45pm

COUN 101 – College and Life Success CRN 73288
Monday SYNC & Wednesday (In Person) 11:15am-12:35pm
11:15am-12:45pm

COUN 151 – Career Expl. & Life Planning CRN 74413
Tuesday (In Person) & Thursday Online SYNC 9:45am-11:15am
9:45am-11:05am

ENGL 101 – College Comp & Resh CRN 74528
Tuesday/Thursday (In Person) & Online ASYNC 8:05am-9:30am

ENGL 101 – College Comp & Research CRN 74530
Monday/Wednesday (In Person) & Online ASYNC 9:00am-10:25am

ENGL 201 – Adv Composition CRN 75219
Monday/Wednesday (In Person) & Online ASYNC 9:40am-11:05am

HIST 144 – History of U.S. Since 1865 CRN 74447
Monday (In Person) 11:25am-12:55pm

MATH 130 – Statistics CRN 74391
Monday/Wednesday (In Person) 10:40am-12:45pm

POLS 110 – Government of the U.S. CRN 70217
Online ASYNC & Tuesday (In Person) 8:05am-9:35am

SOC 101 – Introduction to Sociology CRN 75852
Online ASYNC & Thursday (In Person) 8:05am-9:35am

SPCH 101 – Public Speaking CRN 71182
Tuesday Online ASYNC & Thursday (In Person) 11:30am-12:50pm
11:30am-1:00pm

ANTH 125 – Rel. Magic, Witcft & Super CRN 70035
Tuesday (In Person) 6:00pm-9:10pm

CHST 101 – Intro to Chicana/o/x Studies CRN 77317
Online ASYNC & Thursday (In Person) 11:15am-12:45pm

COUN 101 – College and Life Success CRN 70594
Wednesday (In Person) 6:00pm-9:10pm

COUN 151 – Career Expl. & Life Planning CRN 74416
Online SYNC Thursday & Tuesday (In Person) 11:15am-12:45pm

HIST 143 – History of the United States CRN 70112
Online ASYNC & Tuesday (In Person) 11:15am-12:45pm

HIST 144 – History of the U.S. Since 1865 CRN 74515
Wednesday (In Person) 6:00pm-9:10pm

MATH 130 – Statistics CRN 76702
Monday/Wednesday (In Person) 12:15pm-2:20pm

MATH 130 – Statistics CRN 75275
Tuesday/Thursday (In Person) 6:00pm-8:05pm

MATH 130 – Statistics CRN 75279
Tuesday/Thursday (In Person) 8:00am-10:05am

POLS 110 – Government of the U.S. CRN 72303
Online ASYNC & Tuesday (In Person) 6:00pm-9:10pm

POLS 110 – Government of the U.S. CRN 70203
Online ASYNC & Wednesday (In Person) 12:20pm-1:50pm

PSY 101 – Introductory Psychology CRN 70476
Wednesday (In Person) 6:00pm-9:10pm

SPAN 101 – Spanish I CRN 75841
Online SYNC Thursday & Tuesday (In Person) 8:25am-11:30am

SPCH 101 – Public Speaking CRN 74473
Online SYNC Thursday & Tuesday (In Person) 11:20am-12:40pm
11:15am-12:45pm

EL MONTE EDUCATIONAL CENTER
2017 Tyler Ave., El Monte, CA 91731
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ANTH 101 – Intro to Physical Anthropology CRN 73831
Online ASYNC & Wednesday (In Person) 9:40am-11:10am

CD 106 – Child Growth and Development CRN 77329
Online ASYNC & Tuesday (In Person) 8:05am-9:35am

COUN 101 – College and Life Success CRN 74422
Online SYNC & Tuesday (In Person) 8:05am-9:35am

ENGL 101 – College Comp & Research CRN 71225
Online ASYNC & Monday/Wednesday (In Person) 9:45am-11:10am

ENGL 101 – College Comp & Research CRN 71296
Online ASYNC & Tuesday/Thursday (In Person) 9:45am-11:10am

ENGL 201 – Advanced Composition CRN 74476
Online ASYNC & Tuesday/Thursday (In Person) 11:20am-12:45pm

MATH 130 – Statistics CRN 74386
Tuesday/Thursday (In Person) 10:15am-12:20pm

MATH 160 – College Algebra CRN 76562
Monday/Wednesday (In Person) 8:00am-10:05am

POLS 110 – Government of the U.S. CRN 70194
Online ASYNC & Monday (In Person) 8:05am-9:35am

PSY 101 – Introductory Psychology CRN 75192
Online ASYNC & Wednesday (In Person) 11:15am-12:45pm



Scan QR code for the complete fall schedule of classes and course offerings on the main campus.

APPLY/REGISTER www.riohondo.edu

Río Hondo College Professor Honored with Peace Officer Association Award

Río Hondo College Professor of English Dr. Angela Rhodes was recently given the Humanitarian Award from the National Latino Peace Officers Association, a national organization founded in 1972 to promote equality and professionalism in law enforcement.

Rhodes, who is also Río Hondo College's Academic Senate President, was chosen for her volunteer work as a member of Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS/CARE), Whittier Soroptimist and her service to her students as a professor.

Rhodes was given the award during the National Latino Peace Officers Association's Annual Awards and Scholarships Luncheon on June 4, where she also served as the keynote speaker.

"This is quite a prestigious award," Rhodes said. "The number of people who have earned the Humanitarian Award is quite limited. I am honored to be counted among them."

Rhodes said she plans to do volunteer work with the National Latino Peace Officers Association, citing their scholarship opportunities with high school students as a point of interest. She said she hopes to establish at least one scholarship for community college students in the future.



Río Hondo College CTE Division Hosts Open House

Río Hondo College's Career Technical Education (CTE) division hosted an in-person open house/family day on July 27 in the Tech Quad. The event allowed community members to learn about the many degree and certificate

programs that the CTE division has to offer, including alternative fuels technology, architecture, automotive technology, welding, hospitality management and more. Guests had the opportunity to meet with CTE faculty and

students as well as participated in lab tours and demonstrations. Additionally, guests received information on internships, scholarships and tips for success.



Río Hondo College Hosts CTE Summer Academy

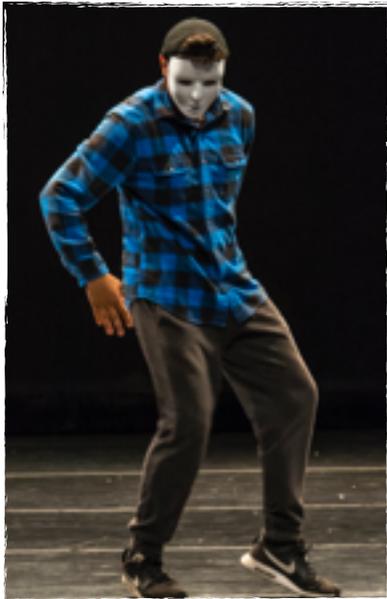
Río Hondo College partnered with El Monte City School District and Little Lake City School District to host its annual Career Technical Education Summer Academy, giving students in-person K-12 career exploration opportunities.

Students got the chance to learn about first aid and CPR, alternative fuel sources and solar-powered vehicles, the process of using maps for urban planning, podcasting and more.



AUGUST

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AUDITION FOR FALL DANCE CONCERT

DANCE 152 & 180 REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE

PE Dance Studio Rm 141
12:55-3:00 pm Wednesday 8/24

Are you interested in rehearsing and performing in a Fall Dance Concert of student and faculty dances? Choreographing a dance for transfer? Performing at the American College Dance Association Festival at UC Irvine next spring? Enroll in DANC152 & co-req DANC180 and come to the placement audition. Let's bring live dance back to campus together!

For more information contact Carol McDowell and Kristina Urteaga at cmcdowell@riohondo.edu and kurteaga@riohondo.edu.

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- West Whittier*
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- Los Nietos*

*Unincorporated communities within our District

Mission Statement

Río Hondo College is an educational and community partner committed to advancing social justice and equity as an antiracist institution that collectively invests in all students' academic and career pathways that lead to attainment of degree, certificate, transfer, and lifelong-learning goals.

College Updates

Río Hondo College's Board of Trustees approved Arthur "Joe" Flores for the position of Director of Facilities Services, effective August 1, 2022, during a closed session at their regular meeting on July 13, 2022.



Río Hondo College to Offer Study Abroad Program in Madrid, Spain

WHAT: Río Hondo College students will have the opportunity to expand their horizons through the new study abroad program, which gives students enrolled in 12 or more units the opportunity to study in Madrid, Spain during the 2023 spring semester.

Study abroad students will enroll in general education classes, taught by faculty from Río Hondo College, Citrus College and Cuyamaca College and will live alongside students from 11 other local California community colleges.

WHEN: Feb. 16, 2023 – May 13, 2023

WHERE: Madrid, Spain

DETAILS: For more information, please contact Professor Rebecca Green at rgreen@riohondo.edu.



Save the Date

Friday, August 19:
FLEX Day

Saturday, August 20:
First day of the Fall 2022 semester

6 p.m., Wednesday, September 14:
Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

**7:30 a.m. (check-in) 8:30 a.m. (shotgun start),
Monday, September 26:**
Foundation Golf Tournament

5:30 p.m., Friday, October 14:

Installation and Welcome for Superintendent/President Dr. Marilyn Flores

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RSVP at <https://www.riohondo.edu/president/reception/> by October 7