Dear Students,

April 9, 2020

I applaud you for your persistence and flexibility during these challenging times. I also recognize you may have concerns about your online courses, graduation, grades, and transferring to a university. I hope this letter answers many of your questions. We will provide more guidance for you soon. Please continue to check this site for updates.

**Online Instruction Extended**
As the College continues to mitigate exposure to COVID-19 in our community, we have determined that it is in the best interest of all to extend online instruction through the end of the Spring 2020 term as well as the Summer 2020 term.

**Commencement 2020**
Your achievement and accomplishments are extremely important to us, as well as your health and safety. Following public health guidelines, our traditional commencement activities scheduled for May 21, 2020 have been postponed. The College is pursuing alternatives for a later date or an alternate format. We will share more details with you as they become available. In the meantime, please be sure to petition to graduate by Friday, April 17, 2020.

**Meet with a Counselor**
During these times of rapidly changing policies and guidelines, we urge you to make an appointment with a Counselor. Your success is important to us and we are here to support you every step of the way. Please contact the Counseling Center at (562) 908-3410 or counselingcenter@riohondo.edu.

**Transfer Students**
Prospective Fall 2020 transfer students, make an appointment to meet with a Counselor at the Transfer Center as policies vary between universities and majors within the same university. Please contact the Transfer Center at (562) 317-0518 or transfercenter@riohondo.edu.

**Grades and Withdrawals—More information coming soon!**
The following guidelines are based on changes to policies related to grades and student progress for the California Community College System as well as changes formally announced by the California State University and University of California systems. Information pertaining to the CSU system can be found here. Information pertaining to the UC system can be found here.

**Excused Withdrawal, Pass/No Pass, In Progress, Incomplete**
More information on Excused Withdrawal, Pass/No Pass, In Progress and Incomplete grading options will be forthcoming shortly with specific deadlines and criteria.

Thank you again for your continued determination and perseverance during our ongoing transition to online instruction and remote student services.

Dr. Arturo Reyes
Superintendent/President