How to Get Involved In Campus Activities
Getting involved in activities at the college enriches the college experience for students. Rio Hondo College has a variety of ways in which a student may get involved, including student government, athletics, and clubs.

Student Government
The Associated Students of Rio Hondo College (ASRHC) is a self-sustaining student government organization. The ASRHC officers serve as student representatives at campus-wide committees, impacting decision-making that will ultimately enhance the student experience at RHC. ASRHC programs are supported by proceeds from the College Services Fee paid by students each semester. The objective of the ASRHC is to encourage active participation in college committees, events and activities by all students. ASRHC hosts elections each Spring semester for positions elected by vote. The newly elected ASRHC President will fill all positions elected by appointment. For more information, please see the ASRHC Advisor in the Student Life and Leadership Department, SU201.

Student Clubs
Students may pursue a special interest through participation in one of the campus clubs or organizations. Those who choose to participate in this phase of college life may derive valuable social and educational experiences. Each club has individual service projects and traditions, and is sponsored by one or more members of the permanent faculty or staff. Contact the Student Life & Leadership Department at (562) 908-3427 for more information.

ASRHC Sponsored Events
The Associated Students of Rio Hondo College sponsors a variety of activities that fall within the Student Life and Leadership Guiding Values: Student Success and Degree Completion, Cultural Diversity, Social Responsibility, and Leadership Development. The ASRHC collaborates with various campus departments and clubs to ensure that events and activities reach all students across campus.

College Services Fee
When a student enrolls in the college they pay a college service fee. This fee entitles students to the following:
- ASRHC Emergency Loans
- Access to the Library Textbook Reserve
- Free photo I.D. Card for first I.D. only. (Additional or replacement I.D.'s cost $5.00 each.)
- Various campus activities and events
- Free admission to some athletic events and theatre productions
- Discount tickets to AMC Theaters, some amusement parks and more!
- Membership in campus clubs and organizations
- Opportunities to be elected to student senate.

Student Publications
El Paisano is the Rio Hondo College newspaper, published biweekly in print and online (www.elpaisanone wspaper.com). La Cima is the student magazine. These publications serve as voices of the campus and training opportunities for the college’s journalism program. Students enrolled in journalism classes form the publication staff of El Paisano and La Cima.

Athletics – Men’s & Women’s Intercollegiate Sports
Rio Hondo College is a member of an athletic conference formed by the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA).

Conference competition is scheduled in the following sports for men: baseball, basketball, cross country, swimming, soccer and wrestling; and for women: soccer, softball, basketball, volleyball, tennis, water polo, swimming and cross-country.

Male or female students who wish to become members of a team should check the class schedule online at: www. rihondo.edu for the current offerings for both men and women’s intercollegiate athletic teams; contact the coach of that team in the Athletic Department for details; and
enroll in that class during registration. Prior to registration, students should see the Athletic Academic Counselor. Appointments can be made by contacting the Athletic Department at (562) 908-3409. Additional information is also available on the Athletics web page.

**Athletic Eligibility for California Community College Intercollegiate Teams**

Male and female students may represent the college in athletic contests upon verification of their status as amateur athletes in the sports in which they wish to compete.

In order to be eligible to participate, student athletes MUST BE actively enrolled in a minimum of 12 units at his/her community college during the competition in the sport. Of the 12 units, 9 must be in academic subjects, and 3 units may be Kinesiology activity courses.

To be eligible for the second season of a sport, the student athlete MUST COMPLETE and PASS 24 SEMESTER UNITS AT A MINIMUM G.P.A. OF 2.0 BETWEEN SEASONS OF COMPETITION. Of these units, 18 must be in academic classes and 6 units may be Kinesiology activity courses. These units must be completed PRIOR to the beginning of the semester of the second season of sport. Units completed and passed during the first season of sport shall be included in the calculation of the 24-semester unit requirement.

A student transferring to Rio Hondo College who has previously PARTICIPATED in intercollegiate athletics at another California community college MUST COMPLETE 12 units at Rio Hondo College PRIOR to the beginning of the semester of competition.

Students are NOT ALLOWED more than TWO SEASONS of athletic competition in any one sport. Students who have questions concerning athletic eligibility should check with the Athletic Director by calling the Kinesiology, Dance, and Athletics Department at (562) 908-3409. All student athletes are expected to comply with the Decorum policy in the State Constitution for Athletics.

**Student Conduct at College-Sponsored Events**

**A. Basic Responsibilities at Conferences:**

1. Participants, students and advisors shall be fully informed concerning their responsibilities for proper conduct during a trip and at the conference.
2. Advisors shall recognize and accept responsibility for the actions of students. Students will be directly responsible to the advisor.
3. Rules established by the host school on location must be observed.
4. Prior to the conference, student participants and advisors shall read the code of conduct.
5. Attendance at all meetings including meals is considered part of the participant’s responsibility while at a conference unless first excused by the advisors.
6. Students may not represent Rio Hondo College at any event away from the campus without an advisor unless they are given special permission to do so by the college administration.

**B. Regulation of Conduct**

1. It is contrary to California State Law to possess, serve, or consume alcoholic beverages at any college function including regional or state conferences, regardless of the age of those participating. Anyone who appears under the influence of alcoholic beverages shall be subject to disciplinary action by the conference and Rio Hondo College.

2. All participants at conferences or on trips are expected to show proper consideration for the rights and welfare of others. Undue noise and disturbances shall be considered violations of this regulation.

3. No firearms will be permitted on any trip. College-approved pistol and rifle matches are excepted.

**Social Functions**

1. The college must sponsor any club or organization recruiting Rio Hondo College students.
2. All social functions on campus must be cleared through the Student Life and Leadership Department.
3. Students attending social functions on campus are under the jurisdiction of the college and must assume individual responsibility for the accepted standards of behavior.
4. Guests of Rio Hondo College students shall be the responsibility of the student. Guests are expected to behave as students and, as such, abide by college regulations.
5. Students shall be responsible for all property damage incurred by guests during any activity sponsored on campus.