

Rio Hondo Community Educational Forums Showcase High Quality Educational Programs, Career Pathways and More

From: Uyen Mai

To: Audrey Yamagata-Noji

Cc: Manuel Baca, Bill Scroggins, Jill Dola

Date: 2/17/2015

I agree with Audrey. The community forum idea is excellent. We are currently working to build up our marketing and outreach. I've cc'ed Jill Dolan, director of public affairs, so she could weigh in. And then between Jill and I, we will identify the best person to respond to Susan Reyes in Senator Hernandez's office and cc you in the response so you are aware.

From: Audrey Yamagata-Noji

To: Manuel Baca

Cc: Bill Scroggins, Jill Dolan, Uyen Mai

Date: 2/18/2015

I'm impressed with the forums and hope we can do something similar --anything to continue to increase our presence in the community.

I can respond to Susan since I know her very well. I suspect that Ed Hernandez will be present this Saturday for the Cash 4 College event but Susan is now in charge of the Senator's Sacramento office. (I visited her there and took photos of her and forgot to post them -- a Mt. SAC grad as chief of staff to a state senator!)

From: Audrey Yamagata-Noji

Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015

To: Manuel Baca

Cc: Bill Scroggins, Uyen Mai

What Rio is doing is outstanding. I'm not aware of anything similar here at Mt. SAC. We're still try to climb out of the hole we fell into when we lost 50% of our funding. We've not been able to recover that swiftly with a "community outreach" perspective, just our work with high schools. We are planning the Superintendent/Board Members dinner for March 31 (tentatively).

From: Manuel Baca

To: Audrey Yamagata-Noji, Uyen Mai

Cc: Bill Scroggins

Date: 2/17/2015

I received this communication from Senator Hernandez's office and responded to Susan that I would (we'd) get back to her. I sent her a brief message that Mt. SAC does extensive outreach and marketing, but thought I'd let you respond to this communication in a more specific way. Please feel free to communicate directly to Susan, with a cc to me.

From: Susan Reyes

Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015

To: Manuel Baca

This sounds like a great outreach program. Does Mt. SAC do something similar like this?

Susan B. Reyes

Legislative Aide

Senator Ed Hernandez, O.D.

From: Rio Hondo College
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015
To: Susan Reyes
RE: Rio Hondo Community Educational Forums Showcase High Quality Educational Programs, Career Pathways and More

Rio Hondo College will host the second event of an ambitious five-session community forum series at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, to share details about innovative new programs for achieving student success and to gather community feedback on College services.

“As a community-focused institution, it’s critical that we take opportunities like this to meet directly with those we serve,” said Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss. “This event serves to gather new insights on what we’re already doing or could be doing better, while also allowing us to share some of the wonderful new programs we are implementing.”

More than 100 community members attended the first forum, held Jan. 22. Thursday’s forum will be held at the STEAM Academy/Burke Middle School, 8101 Orange Ave., Pico Rivera. A short general session will be followed by a trio of breakout stations in which College leaders will talk directly with community members about campus initiatives.

One station will highlight Rio Hondo College’s Honors and Transfer programs, which include the Pathway to Law School initiative. The initiative was launched in fall 2014 to enhance opportunities and advancement in the legal profession for diverse populations, particularly student groups who have been underrepresented.

A second station will focus on the College’s Career Pathways, which include public safety, nursing and auto technology. The College’s public safety program is the second largest in the state; its fire academy offers some of the most intensive training available to firefighters.

The third station will focus on student services, including the College’s First Year Student Success Center. The center helps guide first-year students through the transition to higher education.

During the forums, prospective students will have a chance to meet faculty from the College’s nursing, fire, police and auto technology divisions. A short survey will provide a streamlined method for attendees to share their perspectives on College services.

The forums are the first held by Rio Hondo College since spring 2012, when a series of forums at local high schools provided community insight that helped validate deeper investments by the College into counseling and other support services for first-year students.

Each forum will run from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and include a light snack.

The remaining three sessions will be held as follows:

- * Thursday, March 19: Whittier High School, 12417 Philadelphia St., Whittier
- * Thursday, April 9: Los Nietos Middle School, 11425 Rivera Road, Whittier
- * Thursday, April 23: East Whittier Middle School, 14421 E. Whittier Blvd., Whittier