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### **Rio Hondo College to Celebrate Inaugural Class of Bachelor of Science Graduates with Special Ceremony**

**WHAT:** Rio Hondo College will celebrate the graduation of its inaugural class of Bachelor of Science degree recipients in Automotive Technology as part of a historic state program that allows select community colleges to offer four-year degrees.

Sixteen students will be lauded during a celebratory graduation dinner featuring remarks from Board of Trustees President Gary Mendez, President/Superintendent Teresa Dreyfuss and Dean of Career Technical Education, Instructional Operations and Apprenticeships Mike Slavich.

The event will include testimonials from students Perla Veloz and Lee Esten and a presentation of graduation stoles by College administrators.

**WHEN:** 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 17

**WHERE:** Rio Hondo College Automotive Technology Lab, 3600 Workman Mill Road, Whittier

**DETAILS:** Rio Hondo College launched its Bachelor of Science degree in Automotive Technology with upper-division courses in fall 2016 as part of a pilot program. The degree offers concentrations in Business/Marketing and Technical Expertise as it prepares students for a variety of positions in the transportation industry.

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