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Río Hondo College Community, Local Leaders Welcome New Superintendent/President

WHITTIER – Río Hondo College Board of Trustees, students, faculty, staff, business leaders and elected officials welcomed Superintendent/President Dr. Marilyn Flores to the College and the community with an installation ceremony, which heralded a new era of prosperity and achievement under her leadership.

Close to 200 guests attended the event, held Oct. 14 in the upper quad breezeway of the L Tower, to see Flores take the oath of office. Guests were also introduced to Flores' goals for improving student success, boosting support programs and encouraging a College culture of inclusivity and anti-racism.

"I am pledging my 100% commitment to our shared goal of student success by being transparent and responsive to the needs of our students, staff, faculty and the community," Flores said. "I took this oath of office as a public pledge of service to our College and mission of being 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."

Associated Students of Río Hondo College President Matthew De Haro said he was thrilled to start his presidency alongside Flores, citing their similar goals in building a strong relationship between College administrators and students while also advocating for underrepresented groups and individuals.

"Dr. Flores has already demonstrated her commitment to being a leader because she's eager to help," De Haro said. "She truly wants to enhance our College's culture and boost morale and school spirit – which is one of my main goals as well. She's also an advocate for student voices and input on subjects that affect the College."

Flores was unanimously selected by the Board of Trustees and started her leadership role on July 1, 2022. Her professional experience includes 25 years of educational work at institutions such as Santa Ana College, Santiago Canyon College, Las Positas College and Riverside City College.

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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. For information on the College or its programs, please call 562-692-0921 or visit www.riohondo.edu.

“I am so excited and grateful to have Dr. Flores here to be our 11th superintendent/president,” Board of Trustees President Vicky Santana said. “There’s a lot of work that Dr. Flores is doing to make sure that Río Hondo College offers the classes our students need at the times that they need them. We are also doing outreach to our local K-12 partners and also in our community to boost enrollment once again. We need to remind our community that we are a wonderful asset and that we will help them change their life trajectory.”

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

CEREMONY1: Superintendent/President Dr. Marilyn Flores pledges to be an advocate for student success while boosting support programs and encouraging a college culture of inclusivity and anti-racism during an installation ceremony held in her honor on Oct. 14 at Río Hondo College’s L Tower.

CEREMONY2: Dr. Marilyn Flores takes the oath of office, as the 11th Superintendent/President of the Río Hondo College Community District, during the installation ceremony held in her honor on Oct. 14. The oath of office was administered by Board of Trustees President Vicky Santana.

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