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## Río Hondo College Partners with Arizona State University for Transfer Pathway Program

**WHITTIER** – Río Hondo College has established a Universal Articulation agreement with Arizona State University (ASU), providing students with a reliable and rigorous academic preparedness transfer program to guide them toward earning bachelor's degrees.

The agreement was approved in the fall of 2021 and is set to launch this month. The program, called MyPath2ASU™, provides students with course-by-course guided pathways, course applicability for transferable credits, personalized communications with ASU and guaranteed admission to ASU if all requirements are fulfilled.

"The impact of this partnership can be far reaching. Most of our students transfer to California public universities, but private and out-of-state universities are very viable options," said Lisa Chavez, Río Hondo College's Dean of Counseling. "With ASU online, students don't have to worry about paying out-of-state tuition. Also, the newly opened ASU Local center in downtown Los Angeles offers students the opportunity to connect with other ASU students and receive services such as career coaching, study groups and more."

A major feature of the MyPath2ASU™ program will be the Business Administration degree from the W.P. Carey School of Business. This pathway will enable students to gain a breadth of knowledge and skills needed for managing business operations.

"Through our new partnership with Río Hondo College, we are committed to developing supportive environments for transfer students to achieve their academic goals seamlessly," said Cheryl Hyman, ASU Vice Provost, Academic Alliances. "MyPath2ASU™ offers new guided pathway options through transfer navigation technologies that help students maximize their transfer credit to achieve associate and bachelor degree completion."

Chavez said this pathway is perfect for guiding students through their associate and bachelor's degrees and into careers in management, equipping them to step into jobs such as administrative services manager, business manager, sales manager and development manager.

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"We are very proud to announce this partnership with Arizona State University," Superintendent/President Teresa Dreyfuss said. "ASU has a longstanding reputation as an amazing college and we at Río Hondo College know that this pathway program will be a valuable opportunity for our students as they pursue their career goals."

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