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Student Scholarships Focus of Wine and Food Tasting Event

Rio Hondo College, Area Restaurants Partner for A Taste of Rio on May 1

WHAT: The Rio Hondo College Foundation's annual A Taste of Rio will feature food tastings from more than 14 area restaurants, wine tasting and more than 44 drawing items, including a four-pack of Disneyland park-hopper tickets. Each year, the event raises more than \$45,000 to assist Rio Hondo students.

WHEN: 6 p.m. Friday, May 1

WHERE: Rio Hondo College, 3600 Workman Mill Road in Whittier

DETAILS: Participating restaurants include California Grill, Catering by Herach and Ara, Clearman's Steak 'N Stein, Edible Arrangements, Manuel's Original El Tepeyac Café, Frantone's, Juan Great Fiesta, La Casita Olvera, Lucky Treats, Luna Estrella, Zapien's Salsa Grill, Seta Dine Lounge, Sodexo and Sweet Dreams.

The event features three drawings: A \$10 per ticket premium drawing with prizes such as the Disneyland ticket package valued at more than \$600; a \$5 per ticket classic drawing with prizes valued at up to \$200; and a \$100 per ticket Fund-A-Need drawing in which participants can win an Apple iPad Mini and a \$200 Apple Store Gift Card. All proceeds from the Fund-A-Need drawing go to the Rio Hondo College Foundation scholarship program, which supports first-year, graduating and transfer students. Discounts are offered for multiple ticket purchases in the premium and classic drawings.

Major sponsors: Cognoscente Level (\$10,000) – Del Terra, Westberg & White Architects; Connoisseur Level Sponsor (\$5,000) – Southern California Edison; Aficionado Level (\$2,500) – Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rund and Romo, Bank of the West, Keenan & Associates, Los Angeles County 4th District Supervisor Don Knabe, RBC Capital Markets and SVA Architects; Appreciator Level (\$1,500) Interior Office Solutions, and Vasquez & Company, LLP; Taster Level (\$500) – David and Jacqueline Brearley, Halbert Hargrove Global Advisors, Los Angeles County 1st District Supervisor Hilda Solis; PMSM Architects, Rose Hills Memorial Park & Mortuaries, Rio Hondo College Faculty/Staff Association and Whittier Union High School District.

This year, reservations are \$35 per person pre-registration, \$50 at the door or \$75 for VIP access, which includes a swag bag, commemorative glass, bottle of wine and tequila/scotch tasting. To register or donate online, visit <u>riohondo.edu/foundation</u>.

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