



September 9, 2024

President-Superintendent Marilyn Flores
Rio Hondo College
3600 Workman Mill Road
Whittier, CA 90601

Dear President-Superintendent Flores,

Congratulations! On behalf of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, I wish to personally congratulate you on the full approval of Rio Hondo College's proposed baccalaureate degree program (BDP) in Electronic Digital Instrument. On September 5, your provisionally approved BDP was presented to the Board President and was granted full approval and can now launch.

It is anticipated your program will be presented to the full Board of Governors as an informational item at their September meeting.

Research has shown that community college BDPs excel at providing affordable, flexible higher education opportunities to students who are often nontraditional, low-income and place bound. By serving a racially diverse student population, community college BDPs also play a crucial role in closing equity gaps, which aligns with the goals of Vision 2030. Rio Hondo's program in Electronic Digital Instrument will help graduates qualify for high-wage positions in their region, bolster their upward mobility, and strengthen their communities.

We look forward to seeing your program flourish and enable more Californians to realize their educational dreams.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sonya Christian".

Sonya Christian
Chancellor