

# RCCD

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE DISTRICT





# Preparing students for good jobs and careers



Why go to college? Because it is good for you!

With the knowledge and skills acquired in college, students are empowered to seize more opportunities to learn, grow, and advance in their chosen fields of study; graduates can find better jobs in industries and organizations that value their training and credentials; and people who are already working can advance or even change careers as they add new skillsets and expertise.

The colleges of the Riverside Community College District (RCCD) provide an astounding variety of opportunities to learn and develop or increase talents. We provide access that goes beyond the norm. Financial aid and scholarships are available to all who need them. Specialized resource centers on each campus provide additional help to address basic needs and support unique or marginalized student populations.

Community support and partnerships with businesses, government, and neighboring universities are expanding the capacity and capabilities of our community colleges. In this annual report you will see the evidence of this growth and realize the significant impact these colleges have on the people and communities we serve.

Scan the QR code to access the full 2024 Annual Report.



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RCCD's Annual Report.

# Message from the Chancellor

This has been a year of hard work, collaboration, and success.

One of the best indicators of the hard work that was done is the 5,714 graduates who received 6,411 associate degrees and 2,778 certificates at the end of the Spring semester of 2024. This was the result of years of studious work by the graduates, corresponding instruction and mentoring work done by the faculty, the extensive student services and other supportive work done by the classified professionals, and the management work done by administrators on all of the campuses and in the District offices.

It was definitely a collaborative effort that extended far beyond the classrooms and into the communities around us. I sincerely appreciate the outstanding support that RCCD and its colleges have received from local residents, community organizations, labor and business enterprises, the K-12 districts and higher education partners, and government officials. It takes all of us, working together, to achieve the success we seek.

This year, the communities of this District have demonstrated their support and commitment to education and our community colleges at the ballot box, passing Proposition 2 and Measure CC. These bonds will provide much-needed funds to renovate and construct new facilities at each existing campus, and at new campuses in Corona and Jurupa Valley. This will allow us to significantly increase the capabilities and capacity of the RCCD colleges to affordably train and educate current and future generations of students.

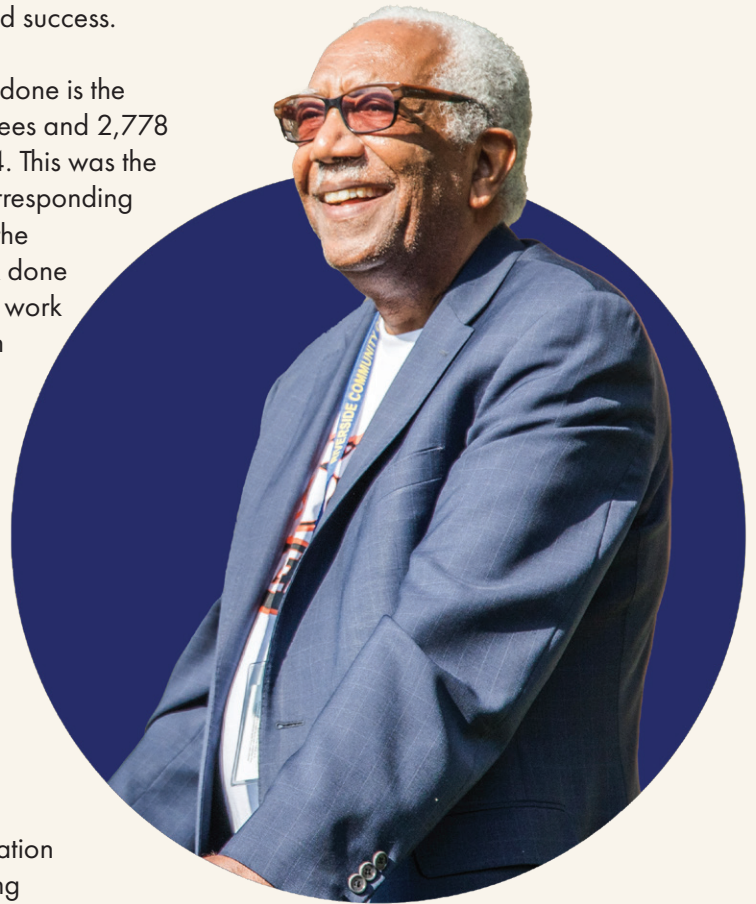
This investment in RCCD will pay huge dividends toward the economic vitality of this region. We will have a more educated workforce that is prepared for the growth and opportunities that are coming. More people, from the diverse populations living in this area, will have access to a higher education than ever before - ensuring social justice and equity - and facilitating the emergence from poverty to prosperity for those who have traditionally been disadvantaged.

In this annual report, you will see that RCCD and its colleges are the catalysts for change in the Inland Empire. We are already experiencing great success that is obvious in the data and articles presented herein. With your help and support, we can continue these trends into 2025 and beyond.

With Gratitude,



Wolde-Ab Isaac, Ph.D.  
Chancellor, Riverside Community College District



Thank you to everyone who supported Measure CC.



## RCCD and UCR Celebrate Groundbreaking for Student Housing Initiative

The Riverside Community College District and the University of California, Riverside celebrated the groundbreaking for the RCCD/UCR Joint North District Phase 2 housing project with a groundbreaking last November.

Secured with \$126 million funding from the state, the collaborative effort aims to enhance housing opportunities and streamline the transition into the UC system for RCCD students.

Wolde-ab Isaac, Ph.D., chancellor of the Riverside Community College District underscored the groundbreaking's importance by acknowledging the challenges faced by students in the region. "Just this past year, 20 percent of community college students and 10 percent of four-year students reported being homeless at some point during the 2022 academic year," Isaac said. "Today's groundbreaking ceremony is unique in many ways, not only because a community college and a UC are jointly building student housing inside the UC space...but it's also unique because it's meticulously and intentionally designed to break persistent, cultural and psychological barriers that many of our first-generation students experience."

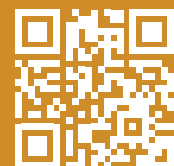
The \$340 million project will provide 1,568 beds in North District Phase 2, with an anticipated occupancy date of 2025.



**Bader Delivered the District's 62nd Distinguished Faculty Lecture**



**Craig Selected as Alumnus of the Year**



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## Demographics At A Glance

### GENDER



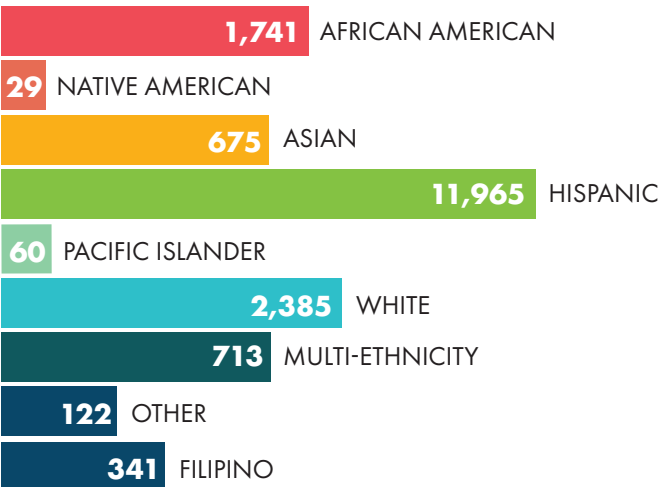
**9,881**  
Female

**7,940**  
Male

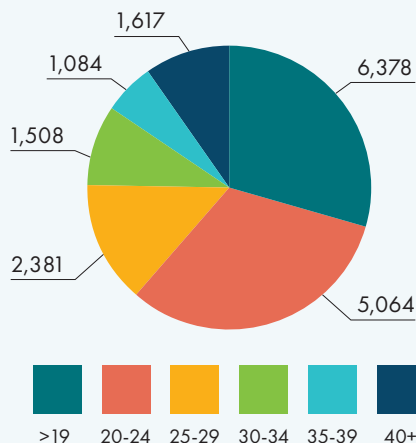


Additionally, 109 students identified as non-binary, and 102 students did not report their gender.

### ETHNICITY



### AGE



### MVC ENROLLMENT

**26.5%**  
Full-Time  
Students

**73.5%**  
Part-Time  
Students

**17,246**  
Total  
Students

### 2024 DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

**1445**  
Associate Degrees  
Awarded

**780**  
Certificates  
Awarded

**1387**  
Unique  
Graduates

### TRANSFERS

**82**  
To UCs

**153**  
To CSUs

**14**  
To Out-of-State  
Colleges or Universities

**41**  
To In-State  
Colleges or Universities

### SPECIAL POPULATIONS

**868**  
Veterans

**6,188**  
First-Generation  
College Students

**479**  
Current or Former  
Foster Youth

**172**  
Students Whose First  
Language Is Not English

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**2,883**  
Received  
Pell Grants

**1,036**  
Received  
CalGrants

**—**  
Enrolled in  
CalWORKs

# College Selected as an Apprenticeship Ambassador

The US Department of Labor’s Office of Apprenticeship approved Moreno Valley College as an Apprenticeship Ambassador. The US Department of Labor’s Apprenticeship Ambassador Initiative seeks to create a national network of employers, labor organizations, industry associations, program sponsors, educators, workforce intermediaries, community-based organizations, and other stakeholders to serve as champions for expanding and diversifying Registered Apprenticeship.

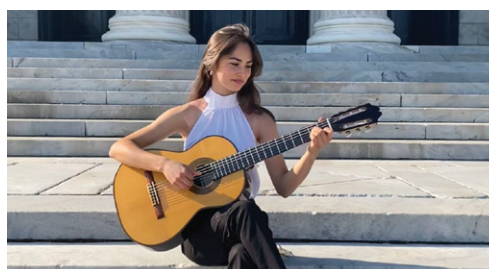
Only organizations with proven success experience with a registered apprenticeship program are eligible to become an Apprenticeship Ambassador. The College will serve as a champion in promoting, expanding and diversifying registered state and federal apprenticeship opportunities for students to strengthen the region’s workforce, Rosalinda Rivas, director for Apprenticeship, said.

The initiative is especially interested in expanding awareness of benefits of the apprenticeships in the US for industry, employers, career seekers, educators and communities. The ambassadors will also be tasked with identifying and scaling innovative practices and partnerships to modernize, strengthen and accelerate the adoption of apprenticeships; increasing access and support for underrepresented and underserved populations, especially women, youth, people of color, rural communities, justice-involved individuals, and people with disabilities; and communicate the business case for apprenticeships as a mainstream workforce strategy for high-demand industries while creating opportunities for good jobs for all Americans across the economy.

The College is continuing to partner with local industries to expand apprenticeship opportunities for students. The College is especially interested in developing partnerships with companies to develop industry apprenticeship hiring partners, intermediaries, community-based organizations, and workforce development partners particularly in high-demand industries.



College’s Early Childhood Education Center Receives National Accreditation



Guitarist Wins the Los Angeles American String Teachers Association Competition



Read more about Moreno Valley College at [bit.ly/3uvCpz3](https://bit.ly/3uvCpz3) or by scanning the QR code.

# NORCO COLLEGE

## Demographics At A Glance

### GENDER



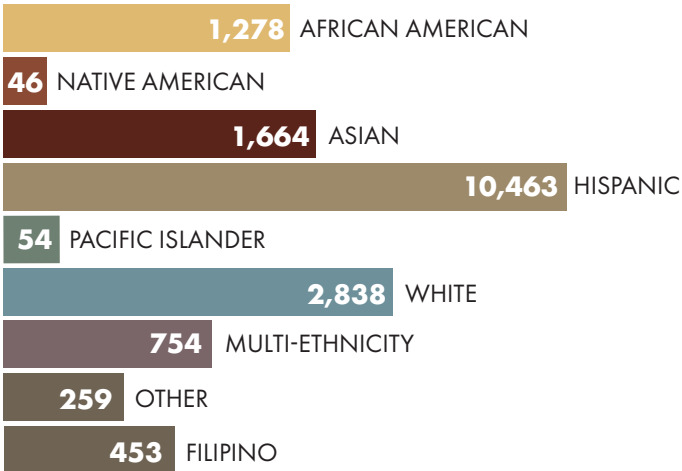
**9,737**  
Female

**7,849**  
Male

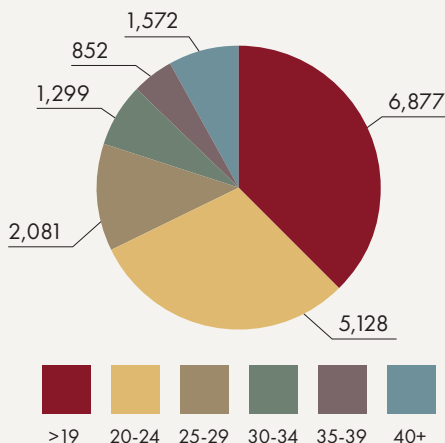


Additionally, 108 of students identified as non-binary, and 115 of students did not report their gender.

### ETHNICITY



### AGE



### NC ENROLLMENT

**24.5%**  
Full-Time  
Students

**75.5%**  
Part-Time  
Students

**18,591**  
Total  
Students

### 2024 DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

**1,755**  
Associate Degrees  
Awarded

**380**  
Certificates  
Awarded

**1,126**  
Unique  
Graduates

### TRANSFERS

**149**  
To UCs

**279**  
To CSUs

**50**  
To Out-of-State  
Colleges or Universities

**54**  
To In-State  
Colleges or Universities

### SPECIAL POPULATIONS

**855**  
Veterans

**4,895**  
First-Generation  
College Students

**367**  
Current or Former  
Foster Youth

**555**

Incarcerated or Justice  
Involved Students

**232**

Students Whose First  
Language Is Not English

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**2,125**  
Received  
Pell Grants

**877**  
Received  
CalGrants

**—**  
Enrolled in  
CalFresh





## Norco College, Alvord Unified School District Unveil Groundbreaking Collaboration

Community leaders celebrated the grand opening of the Norco College Center for Child Development and Teacher Preparation. This innovative teaching and learning program is a collaborative effort between Alvord Unified School District and Norco College.

The Teaching and Learning Program opened on February 12. During the unveiling, 5th-grade school children from Stokoe Elementary and students from the Early Education Norco College Program served as guides. The groundbreaking collaboration sets a standard in education, highlighting the shared dedication of Norco College and Alvord Unified School District to advancing student learning and teacher preparation.



Electrician Apprenticeship Program Celebrates Graduation



Apprentices are Making Waves in the Manufacturing Career Field



Read more about Norco College at [bit.ly/3f26xlf](https://bit.ly/3f26xlf) or by scanning the QR code.

## Demographics At A Glance

### GENDER



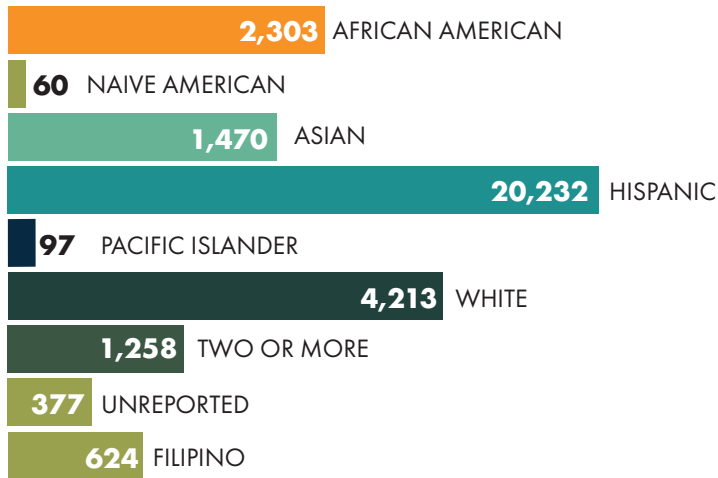
**18,036**  
Female

**11,985**  
Male

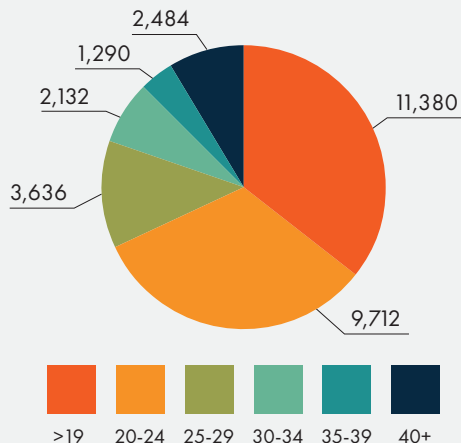


Additionally, 294 of students identified as non-binary, and 319 of students did not report their gender.

### ETHNICITY



### AGE



### RCC ENROLLMENT

**25.5%**  
Full-Time  
Students

**74.5%**  
Part-Time  
Students

**30,648**  
Total  
Students

### 2024 DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

**3,211**  
Associate Degrees  
Awarded

**1,618**  
Certificates  
Awarded

**3,201**  
Unique  
Graduates

### TRANSFERS

**284**  
To UCs

**609**  
To CSUs

**124**  
To Out-of-State  
Colleges or Universities

**123**  
To In-State  
Colleges or Universities

### SPECIAL POPULATIONS

**1,340**  
Veterans

**10,238**  
First-Generation  
College Students

**945**  
Current or Former  
Foster Youth

**338**  
Students Whose First  
Language Is Not English

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

**9,085**  
Received  
Pell Grants

**2,940**  
Received  
CalGrants

**—**  
Enrolled in  
CalFresh

# Hernández's Story Ignites Passion

José M. Hernández, president and CEO of Tierra Luna Engineering, LLC, and a former NASA astronaut, shared his inspiring journey from humble beginnings to the outer reaches of space with students at Riverside City College.

Before a sold-out auditorium, Hernández had students hanging on his every word, ready to absorb the wisdom and determination that propelled him to greatness.

Hernández's odyssey began in the fields of California's agricultural heartland, where he worked alongside his family as migrant farmworkers. Born into a world of humble means, he spent his childhood shuttling between the United States and Mexico, a lifestyle dictated by the seasonal rhythms of the harvest. Yet, amidst the rows of crops and the scorching sun, a dream took root in his heart—a dream of reaching for the stars.

Fueling his ambition were historic trips of space exploration that captivated the world's imagination. Inspired by the iconic moonwalk mission of Apollo 17 and the stirring commentary of Walter Cronkite, Hernández knew from the tender age of 10 that he wanted to soar among the stars.

Despite facing long odds, Hernández pursued his passion for science and engineering. His journey took him from the fields of Stockton to the halls of the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he earned a master's degree in electronic engineering, signals and systems.

With continued perseverance, he carved out a career at NASA's Johnson Space Center, where he was an astronaut and part of space exploration. Selected as part of the 19th class of astronauts in 2004, he soared aboard the Space Shuttle Discovery as a mission specialist on the STS-128 mission.

During his tenure at NASA, Hernández's contributions extended beyond the confines of the spacecraft. He oversaw transfer of thousands of pounds of equipment between the shuttle and the International Space Station; played a pivotal role in robotics operations; and traversed over 5.7 million miles of celestial expanse in under two weeks.

Through The José Hernández Reaching for the Stars Foundation, he inspires the next generation of scientists, engineers and dreamers, particularly in the Central Valley.

At Riverside City College, his words resonated with the promise of possibility and the potential within each. His message was clear: no dream is too audacious, nor is any obstacle too daunting for those who dare to reach for the stars.



Riverside City College Unveils Makerspace to Empower Student Innovation



Riverside City College Receives \$60,000 Grant for Foster Youth Dual Enrollment Program



Read more about Riverside City College at [bit.ly/3Gml1Q9](https://bit.ly/3Gml1Q9) or by scanning the QR code.

## 2023-2024 Quick Facts

### COLLEGES



Accredited: 2010  
17,246 Enrolled Students  
mvc.edu



Accredited: 2010  
18,591 Enrolled Students  
norcollege.edu



Founded: 1916  
30,648 Enrolled Students  
rcc.edu

### TOP 5 DEGREES

1. Interdisciplinary Studies
2. Business and Management
3. Health
4. Psychology
5. Social Sciences

### AT A GLANCE

- RCCD covers 450 square miles in western Riverside County.
- RCCD serves six K-12 unified school districts.
- RCCD operates three regionally accredited colleges.
- Each college is certified as a Minority Serving Institution and Hispanic Serving Institution.
- Each college has a Veterans Resource Center to serve student Veterans and their dependents.

### TOP 5 CERTIFICATES

1. Business and Management
2. Public and Protective Services
3. Health
4. Family and Consumer Sciences
5. Engineering and Industrial Technologies

## Employee Demographics

### TOTALS

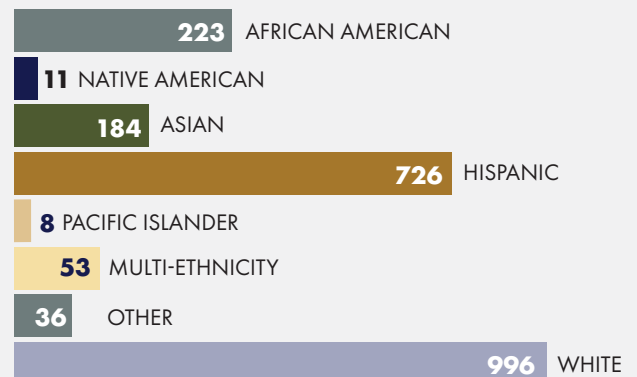
<b>61</b> Administrators	<b>747</b> Classified Professionals	<b>475</b> Full-Time Faculty	<b>954</b> Part-Time Faculty
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### GENDER

 <b>1,243</b> Female	<b>994</b> Male 
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\*Currently, data on non-binary employees is not collected.

### ETHNICITY



Sources: Datamart for RCCD and Power Bi; MIS Query for RCCD

# Community Spirit Fuels RCCD Foundation to \$5.85 Million Milestone

In a year marked by extraordinary generosity and community spirit, the Riverside Community College District Foundation achieved an unprecedented milestone, raising \$5.85 million in 2024, surpassing their initial goal of \$2.25 million.

“This achievement is more than just a number; it demonstrates the relentless commitment of our team and the incredible generosity of our donors,” said Jeffry Kaatz, executive director of the RCCD Foundation. “Together, we’ve ensured that the aspirations of countless RCCD students will be realized, providing them with the resources they need to thrive.”

Among the inspiring contributions was the heartfelt generosity of Wayne and Jane Curl, a member of the first nursing graduating class in 1959. She and her husband have been especially generous to the School of Nursing. The Curls have donated over \$330,000 in their philanthropic years, and endowed the Jane Lee Murphy, RN, BSN Endowed Nursing Scholarship.

Reflecting on her own journey, she shared how an \$80 scholarship changed her life, allowing her to complete her nursing degree. Today, she and Wayne are committed to paying it forward, ensuring that other students have the same opportunities. Curl’s journey from a determined nursing student to a dedicated professional in the healthcare field is nothing short of inspiring. After graduating, she worked at Riverside County General Hospital where she met her husband. They later moved to Tacoma, WA, where she continued her education, earning a bachelor’s degree in nursing in 1981. She spent 21 years in home health, focusing on recruitment and staff development before retiring in 2002.

The impact of Curl’s generosity is mirrored by several other key RCCD Foundation contributions:

**Carpenter Foundation:** Their steadfast commitment includes an annual grant of \$40,000 to Performance Riverside, totaling \$466,300 in contributions.

**Terra Foundation for American Art:** Supported the unique Out of the Archive: Works by Miné Okubo project with a \$75,000 grant at the RCCD Center for Social Justice and Civil Liberties.

**Arthur N. Rupe Foundation:** Provided \$49,140 to the School of Nursing, bringing their total support to \$244,140.

**Roberta Hamersma Trust:** Donated \$62,067.82 to Norco College to endow a fund supporting Foster Youth.

**Edison International Foundation:** Contributed \$20,000 for STEM education at Riverside City College and \$25,000 for the Fire Safety program at Moreno Valley College, bringing the company’s total donations to \$448,714.45.

Other significant donors include the Corona-Norco Unified School District, the City of Moreno Valley, Jan Steiner, Inland Empire Community Foundation, U.S. Bank, United Way of the Inland Valleys, and Bruce and Julie Ford.

As the RCCD Foundation reflects on this historic year, Kaatz said, “It is clear that through the power of community and the dedication of individuals like Wayne and Jane Curl, the future of education at RCCD is brighter than ever.”



**100 Black Men of The Inland Empire Establishes Umoja Scholarship Fund**



**Ford Motor Company and Fritts Ford Donate 2023 Explorer to RCC Automotive Program**



Read more about  
RCCD Foundation at  
[bit.ly/47T1X7W](https://bit.ly/47T1X7W)  
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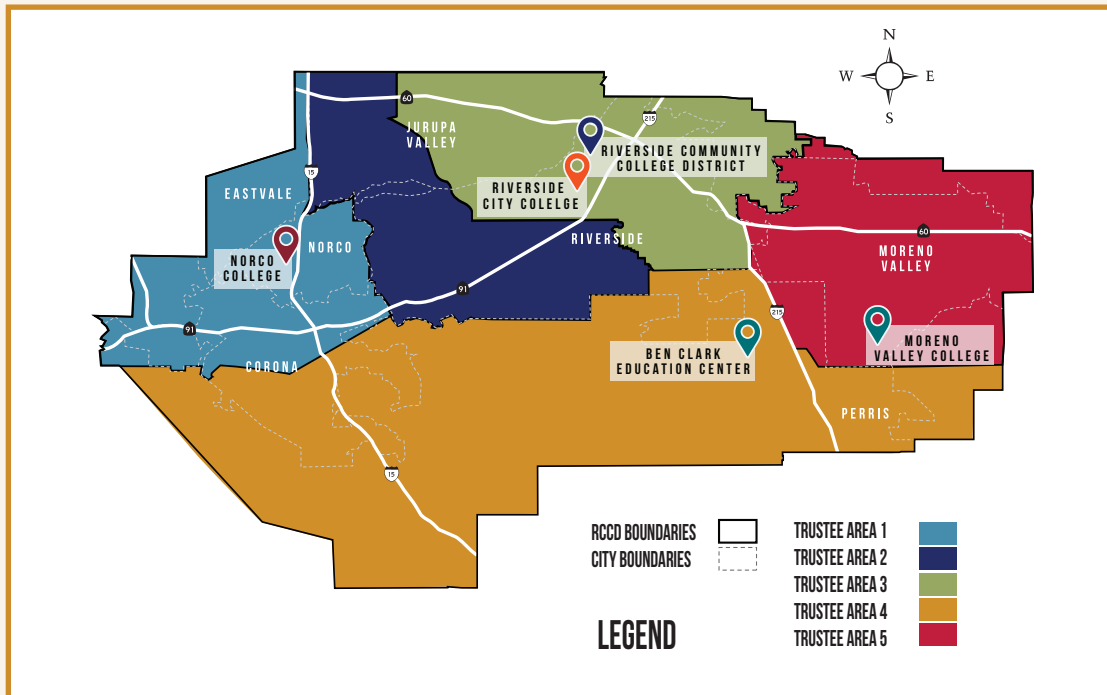
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Area 1



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Trustee  
Area 5



## Board Approved Land Acknowledgment Resolution

At the April 18, 2023 meeting of the RCCD Board of Trustees, a Land Acknowledgment Resolution (No. 57 – 22/23) was considered and passed to honoring the indigenous people who first inhabited this land and the Native Americans who continue to reside in this area today. The resolution affirms the District’s intentions of maintaining the land’s integrity and the Tongva (Gabrieleno), Cahuilla, Payómkawichum (Luiseño), Serrano and Cupeño tribes’ legacy.

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## **Moreno Valley College**

16130 Lasselle Street  
Moreno Valley, CA 92551  
(951) 571-6100  
[mvc.edu](http://mvc.edu)

## **Norco College**

2001 Third Street  
Norco, CA 92860  
(951) 372-7000  
[norcollege.edu](http://norcollege.edu)

## **Riverside City College**

4800 Magnolia Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92506  
(951) 222-8000  
[rcc.edu](http://rcc.edu)

## **Ben Clark Education Center**

16791 Davis Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92518  
(951) 571-6300  
[mvc.edu/bctc](http://mvc.edu/bctc)

## **Center for Social Justice & Civil Liberties**

3855 Market Street  
Riverside, CA 92501  
[socialjustice.rccd.edu](http://socialjustice.rccd.edu)

## **Henry W. Coil Sr. and Alice Edna Coil School for the Arts**

3890 University Avenue  
Riverside, CA 92501  
[coilschoolforthearts.com](http://coilschoolforthearts.com)

## **RCC Culinary Arts Academy**

3801 Market Street  
Riverside, CA 92501  
(951) 328-3663  
[rcc.edu/programs/culinary-arts.html](http://rcc.edu/programs/culinary-arts.html)