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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

February 20, 2025

California Community College Chancellor, Dr. Sonya Christian and Vice Chancellor, Don Harjo Daves-Rougeaux, Workforce, Strategic Partnerships and GenAI Future of Learning visited the College.

The Chancellor's visit centered on Lithium Valley efforts and the Lotus Living Student Housing initiative.

Guests:

- Imperial County Board of Supervisors for District 1 – Jesus E. Escobar
- SDSU-IV Campus Dean, Guillermina Núñez-Mchiri
- Controlled Thermal Resources COO, Rob Moore
- Energy Source Materials, LLC - Community Affairs Liaison, Elizabeth Espinoza

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February 20, 2025

The College Leadership Council held its annual retreat on February 27-28, 2025.

- Leaders participated in discussions about difficult situations.
- The training focused on awareness, learning-focused mindset, strategic planning, and promoted openness to diverse perspectives.



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IVC COMMUNITY OUTREACH

California Mid-Winter Fair – Survey Launch for IVC Visioning 2030

- Gathered community feedback using Visioning survey questions.
- Friday, February 28 – March 16th
- 1,361 Surveyed

Next Steps:

IVC Visioning Meetings throughout the summer with stakeholder groups on campus & throughout the county.



Upcoming Community Outreach:
Imperial Market Days - Blues, Brews & BBQ
 • Saturday, March 22nd from 5-9pm



ACADEMIC SERVICES

Learning to Lead

IVC Learning to Lead Students attended the Southwest Ag Summit

- Organized by Yuma Fresh, Arizona Western College, and the University of Arizona, Yuma.
- Students engaged in an agricultural field demonstration showcase.
- They attended agricultural industry conferences.
- Students participated Culinary Medicine, Food Safety, Engineering and Technology, Veterinary Medicine pathways, and a program titled "AgriKOOLture" sessions.



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ACADEMIC SERVICES

Learning to Lead



- On Thursday, March 6, the Career Services Center highlighted the Career Education Programs available at IVC during the Spring Career Fair at Aurora High School.
- On Wednesday March 12, the Career Services Center conducted their monthly workshop to IVC students. The topic was Effective Resume Building.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Dr. April Mazon provided a presentation at UABC on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.
- Her presentation was on Voces Rurales: Examining Latina Rural College Student Experiences in Navigating Transitions from College to Career or Post-Baccalaureate Studies.



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STUDENT SERVICES EQUITY

Student Health Center

- IVC Health and Wellness Festival on Thursday, March 6, 2025.
- Over 200 total attendees, the event provided opportunities for engagement within a holistic wellbeing approach.



Special thanks to Brickhouse Deli who sponsored food for 200 people for this event.

Hosted by IVC Student Health Center in collaboration with IVC Athletics & Legacy MD Medical Group

STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

Student Health Center

- The Student Health Center also hosted an event - "Start the Conversation – Suicide Prevention Awareness" with the purpose of inspiring hope and bringing resources for IVC students. Student engaged with the different community resources, and presentations were facilitated by local community professionals.



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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

Student Affairs - Student Development

- On February 26th, a student development workshop was held covering Financial Aid.
- Students had the opportunity to attend the event and learn how to read their award letter, understand grants and payment schedules.
- Students were encouraged to begin to apply for the 25-26 Financial Aid Application.



The upcoming Student Development workshop will cover Scholarships.

STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

Student Affairs & ASG

- On March 11th, the Student Affairs Office and the ASG hosted a Women's History Month Panel.
- The theme of the panel was "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations."
- We had approximately 150 employees and students in attendance.





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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY



Matriculation and Core Services

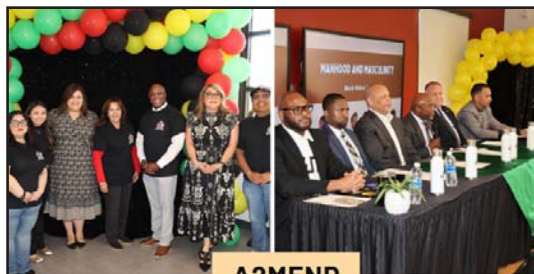


SEA counselors and staff assisting 371 students at BUHS (Brawley Union High School) the week of March 10-14, 2025, complete IVC Orientation and abbreviated plans for Fall 2025.

Upcoming High Schools to attend during March 2025:

- Calexico High School
- Holtville High School
- Calipatria High School
- Central Union High School

STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY



A2MEND



- 2/25/2025 - Masculinity and Manhood Panel
- 2/25/2025 - Black History Month Celebration
- 3/05/2025 - 3/07/2025 - A2MEND Conference

WELCOME AND OUTREACH CENTER IVC M.O.V.E.S (MOBILE OUTREACH VEHICLE ENGAGEMENT)



LEARNING AND LOTERIA

- Adult Education Orientation**
 - Location: Seeley Union School District
 - Date: 04/30/25
 - Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Community Engagement Event**
 - Location: Calexico
 - Date: 05/07/25
 - Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
- Community Engagement Event**
 - Location: Brawley
 - Date: 05/14/25
 - Time: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

Restorative Justice Program



On March 13th, the Restorative Justice Program partnered with The Access Project (TAP) to offer free post-conviction legal services to our students.

- As part of our commitment to supporting individuals impacted by the justice system, we hosted an expungement workshop aimed at helping participants expunge convictions and reduce felonies wherever possible.
- Clearing or reducing criminal records can significantly improve opportunities for employment, housing, and overall reintegration into society. By taking advantage of this workshop, students can make meaningful strides toward leaving the past behind and building a brighter future.

STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY



- The Student Support Services staff launched the Spring workshop series for TRiO participants.
- TRiO staff coordinated several workshops:
 - Welcome Back event where students explored various educational pathways.
 - Nursing workshop featured counselors Tanya and Maggie, who discussed the differences between LVC, RN, and BSN programs.



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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY



SDSU San Diego Campus

Upward Bound SDSU Field Trip

• February 28, 2025, the Upward Bound Classic and UB Math/Science programs coordinated a field trip for students to SDSU main campus.



Students at the Belmont Amusement Park located in Mission Beach



• 90 students participated in campus tours and presentations provided by the SDSU Admission's department.

STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

Financial Aid



More than 70 students and their parents attended a Financial Aid FAFSA event on Saturday, March 1st, to help local students complete the FAFSA before the Cal Grant deadline.



Financial Aid Office

will host a

Financial Aid Marathon

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

IVC BUILDING 1700

380 E. Aten Rd, Imperial, CA 92251

This is the **LAST** chance for you or your parents to complete the **2025-26 FAFSA or CADAA!** Before the April 2nd extended deadline!

The California Student Aid Commission has extended the Cal Grant Deadline to April 2nd; therefore, IVC's Financial Aid will host an event on March 29th.



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Puente



On March 6th, the Puente Students took a step back in time with their first visit to the Pioneers' Museum!

Exploring the rich history of the Imperial Valley, they gained a deeper appreciation for the region's past and the stories that shaped our community.

Inspiring days at the Puente Spring Faculty Conference from February 26-28, 2025.

Puente Counseling Coordinators, Jovan Rodriguez and Carlos Ponce, connected, learned, and shared their passion for empowering students.

STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

Admissions and Records

Digital Diplomas

Introduced November 2024

927 diplomas/certificates issued

IVC credential available to employers, social media – verified by



Fraud Prevention

Continued collaboration between A&R and IT

4170 fraudulent student drops processed,

November 2024 to date





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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

EOPS/CARE/NEXTUP

Early Opportunity Program & Services had their annual Welcome Back event on Friday, March 14, 2025.

746 students attended the event.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Annual Chief Information Systems Officers Association Conference

- Sessions focused on cybersecurity and artificial intelligence.
- Valuable insights and collaboration on statewide technology projects.
- Networking opportunities were abundant, fostering collaboration with peers.



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ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

Purchase of six (6) new maintenance carts.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Imperial County Teacher Career Fair



Imperial Valley College participated at the Imperial County Teacher Career Fair on February 22, 2025.

Job seekers from Imperial Valley explored opportunities in education and connected with potential employers.



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HUMAN RESOURCES

3rd Annual Black Educators Networking Event



Imperial Valley College proudly participated at the 3rd Annual Black Educators Networking Event in celebration of the Black History Month on Friday, February 28, 2025, at San Diego City College.

This event fostered meaningful connections, collaboration, and a shared commitment to promoting diversity in education.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Policy Committees will begin meeting to hear bills from March – May. This year, legislators are limited to 35 bills for a 2-year session. Total of 4,200 bills for 2 years.





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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Introduced Bills

AB 1462 (Hart): Baccalaureate degree program: Allan Hancock College

Authorizes the Board of Governors to approve a baccalaureate degree program at Allan Hancock College without a written agreement established between an objecting higher education segment and the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges.

AB 731 (Fong): College and Career Access Pathways partnerships

Requires CCAP partnership agreements to allow students to complete a single application for dual enrollment throughout their time as special part-time students at a community college. It specifies that courses may be offered both asynchronously and synchronously but prioritizes in-person instruction, with online formats permitted only when an in-person course is unavailable.

AB 988 (Fong): College and Career Access Pathways partnerships: task force

Establishes the Dual Enrollment Framework Task Force under the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Chancellor of California Community Colleges to develop recommendations for a statewide dual enrollment framework.

AB 1122 (Bryan): Dual enrollment

Requires, starting in the 2029–30 academic year, local educational agencies without a dual enrollment program to establish one with a community college district. It encourages partnerships with existing programs like College and Career Access Pathways or early/middle college high schools.

Priority Legislation: Financial Aid and Fees

ACR 40 (Fong): Student financial aid: FAFSA data

Would state the Legislature and the State of California's commitment to protecting, to the fullest extent of the law, all the FAFSA data provided by students and their families.

League Position: **SUPPORT**

Status: Being heard in Asm. Higher Education Committee – 3/18/25

AB 850 (Pacheco): Institutional Debt Transparency Act

Limits all post-secondary institutions from placing an enrollment or registration hold on students who owe institutional debt unless all the following are done:

The institution grants a one-time exemption from an enrollment/registration hold to a student.

The institution notifies the student of the one-time exemption in writing and that the accumulation of additional debt or failure to pay or enter into a payment plan by the end of the academic term may result in an enrollment or registration hold.

The enrollment/registration hold is not placed on students within good standing on a payment plan.

League Position: **OPPOSE**

Status: Referred to Asm. Higher Education Committee



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Priority Legislation: Housing and Facilities

AB 90 (Jackson): Overnight student parking

Requires the governing board of each community college district to adopt a plan to offer an overnight parking program to students at each college within the district.

- Colleges must designate at least one parking lot per campus with 50 spots.
- The Governing Board must vote on the plan annually until approved.
- Parking permit length is a minimum of 4-weeks, up to one semester.
- Students may park in the lot until a "suitable alternative" is provided, defined as stable housing for more than 3 weeks.
- After establishing a program, the Basic Needs Coordinator must oversee the program by developing a document with the rules and procedures and begin accepting applications within one month of the board's approval.
- Costs are estimated to be \$600,000 per college or \$70 million statewide.

Concerns:

- Many colleges already offer temporary housing solutions, including hotel or Airbnb vouchers, direct aid via emergency housing grants, rapid rehousing, rental subsidies, partnerships with local non-profit organizations, and referrals to transitional housing.
- Resources would be better utilized towards expanding current offerings or establishing long-term solutions such as financial support and permanent housing.

League Position: OPPOSE

Status: Being heard in Asm. Higher Education Committee – 3/18/25

EVENTS

- Disability Support Program & Services Transition Fair
Friday, March 21st 8 am – 2pm throughout campus
- IVC Student Food Distribution Friday, March 21st
10am at the Parking Lot K
- IVC Women's Softball vs. San Diego City College
Thursday, March 20th 3pm at the IVC Softball Field
- IVC Women's Softball vs. Cerro Coso College
Saturday, March 22nd 1pm at the IVC Softball Field
- IVC Women's Tennis vs. Southwestern College
March 25th 2pm at the IVC Tennis Courts
- IVC Men's Baseball vs. San Diego Mesa College
March 25th 2pm at the Softball Field
- IVC Men's Tennis vs. Southwestern College
March 28th at 1pm at the IVC Baseball Field
- State of the College
Tuesday, March 25th 2pm in the College Center
- Career Education Expo 2025
Thursday, March 27th 10am throughout campus
- Cesar Chavez Day Celebration
Monday, March 31st 11am in the College Center

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EVENTS

- Big Game Day: Student Engagement Event April 3 at 2pm in the gym.
- National Sexual Assault Awareness Day April 29 at 11:30am in the College Center
- Alcohol & Drug Abuse Awareness Event April 30 at 11am in the College Center

EVENTS

Join Us for the IVC Career Education Expo 2025!

- Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 27th.
- We're excited to host more than 100 exhibitors, featuring local agencies, IVC departments, as well as IVC career education programs.
- Additionally, there will be vendors and clubs selling tasty treats.

IVC CAREER EDUCATION EXPO 2025

Explore the various services available on campus and uncover the IVC Career Education Pathways!
Additionally, engage in discussions about career and employment opportunities with local agencies!

Thursday, March 27 **10:00am-1:00pm** **Imperial Valley College**
380 E. Aten Rd. Imperial, CA

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

FREE ADMISSION

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to **Maricela Moreno**
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