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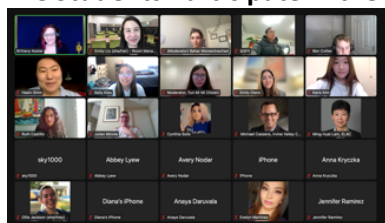
TO: Kathleen F. Burke, EdD, Chancellor, and Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: John C. Hernandez, PhD, President

DATE: April 7, 2022

SUBJECT: President's Report for the April 18, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting

IVC Students Participate in the 22nd Annual UCI Community College Honors Research Conference



Sixty IVC students, supported by the IVC Honors Program, participated in the 22nd Annual [UCI Community College Honors Research Conference](#) on March 26, 2022. IVC students delivered 32 oral presentations and 13 poster presentations, comprising 45 of the 188 total research projects presented—the greatest number out of the 30 participating colleges statewide. The students had been working since November 2021 to conduct research, write proposal abstracts, prepare

their posters, and record their presentations—all culminating in their participation in live Q&A during the conference. IVC research topics included the romanticization of mental illness on TikTok, unequal access to in vitro fertilization, Ernest Hemingway's conflicted performance of gender, the impact of online education on first-generation college students, museum exploitation and repatriation of Native American objects, and sexism in modern-day language. Nine IVC students also participated in the conference by volunteering to moderate Q&A during poster and oral presentation sessions. Additionally, IVC Honors Director Emily Liu served as the conference's Program Chair on behalf of the Honors Transfer Council of California. [IVC students](#) won the majority of awards at the conference for the quality and originality of their research.

IVC Hosts GAP4+1 Accounting Cohort 2022 Information Night



On Wednesday, March 16, 2022, incoming freshmen and current IVC students attended a Zoom information session to learn about the IVC and Cal State Fullerton (CSUF) Guaranteed Accounting Program GAP4+1. Presenters included President Dr. John Hernandez, School of Business Sciences', Dean Dr. Traci Fahimi, CSUF College of Business and Economics Associate Dean Dr. Jenny Zhang, GAP4+1 Program Director April Morris and a student panel featuring current IVC Cohort members and students completing the program at CSUF. Now in its sixth academic year, GAP4+1 is a unique pathway program — a partnership between IVC and CSUF — that enable students to graduate with a

bachelor's degree in 4 years and a master's degree with 1 more additional year. Students transfer to CSUF with an Associate in Science (AS) in Accounting, and an Associate in Science for Transfer (AS-T) in Business Administration. At CSUF students earn a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting, and students have the option of earning a Master's Degree in concentrations such as Taxation or Accountancy.

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IVC Students Attend the American Student Association of Community Colleges National Conference



A delegation of 12 IVC students attended the American Student Association of Community Colleges National Conference in Washington, D.C. Two of IVC's student leaders, Anna Nahm and Kian Manafi, presented a workshop this year on their efforts as a Judicial Court and supporting students at IVC. ASIVC had an opportunity to have discussions with: the Office of Senator Alex Padilla, the Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein, the Office of Representative Mike Levin, and the Office of Representative Katie Porter. IVC's student leaders engaged in a variety of topics including: financial aid, the higher education act, housing, student equity, student basic needs and non-academic barriers, student support FAFSA, and college affordability.

IVC Students Selected for Honor Society Awards



The Community College League of California (League) announced the 2022 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-California Academic Team Selections and Rankings. This year, 114 students were chosen from across the California Community Colleges for the All-California Academic First, Second and Third Teams. Congratulations to IVC's first team honoree Anna Nahm as well as first and third team honoree Amelie Phua. To view the team selections and rankings, [click here](#). In addition, Anna was selected as a 2022 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship. Selection as a Coca-Cola Silver Scholar was based on scores Anna earned in the All-USA Academic Team competition, for which more than 2,000 applications were received this year. This program is sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation and is administered by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. PTK recognizes the academic achievement of college students and provides opportunities for its members to grow as scholars and leaders. Established in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa has a presence on almost 1,300 community college campuses in 11 nations.

Classified Senate Hosts RE-United Spring Summit



On Thursday, March 17, IVC Senate President Desiree Ortiz, along with Classified Senate members Jeanette Murillo, Amy Hunter, Angela Mahaney, Nathan Ojeda, Amanda Turner, Teresa Chevalier, and Zoraida Quiroz, held their first in-person professional development event since 2019, with over 90 classified professionals in attendance. Classified staff were reunited after being away from campus since the start of the pandemic. During the reunion, IVC celebrated Caring Campus Ambassador award recipients Beth Sanchez, Laboratory Technician, and the IVC Facilities, Maintenance and Operations department. Service pins were awarded to those who have served IVC for 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years. Campus Safety and the Health and Wellness Center provided safety tips to employees now back on campus.

IVC's Martha McDonald Presents at the Women Veterans in Higher Education Conference



Vice President for Student Services Martha McDonald was invited to present at the 10th Annual Women Veterans in Higher Education Conference hosted by California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). The annual conference is a flagship event of CSUF's Veteran's Resource Center. The event was open to students and community members of all genders, emphasizing women veterans. Dr. McDonald's session, Transformative Success in Higher Education - From E6 to EdD, included lessons learned around equity from a military career to a career in higher education, as well as how her identities shaped her values as a student-centered leadership practitioner.

IVC Announces 10th Guided Pathways Completion Team



Guided Pathways completion teams are comprised of discipline faculty, full- and part-time, embedded counselors, research analysts, and a completion teams coach. Each team uses an inquiry-to-action process to identify opportunities, challenges, and setback points experienced by students and develop action plans to increase student engagement, support, and success within each of IVC's academic communities. IVC has 10 Guided Pathways completion teams up and running (eight representing our academic schools and two specialty teams—one made up of classified staff and the other composed of IVC support center coordinators). We hope to have the remaining school teams launched by the end of Spring 2022.

IVC Participates in CCCCC Pathways to Equity Conference



The CA Community Colleges Chancellor's office hosted the second of a three-part conference series titled Pathways to Equity: ACT. A team of four IVC colleagues Rebecca Kaminsky, English Faculty and Guided Pathways Coordinator; Brandee Idleman, Library Faculty and Guided Pathways Completion Team Design Team Lead; Marcela Reyes, Research Analyst; and Amanda Romero, Counseling Chair and Embedded Counselor on IVC's Business Sciences Completion Team—led a session titled "IVC's Guided Pathways Completion Teams: Where Equity Turns Into Action." Participants were taken through the history of IVC's completion teams, from development to implementation, and learned how IVC was able to move from equity discussion to equity action on their campus.

Men's Tennis Team Clinches Orange Empire Conference Title



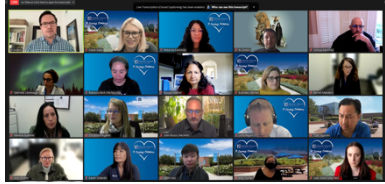
IVC's men's tennis team continued its dominance of Orange Empire Conference (OEC) opponents with a 9-0 victory over Orange Coast on the road. This victory marks their seventh conference title in the last nine years. This is also IVC's seventh straight 9-0 victory in conference in 2022. Over the last nine seasons, IVC has had a record of 72-4 in conference. Additionally, IVC took on four-year Westcliff University at the OC Great park, and the lasers recorded a solid 8-1 win over the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Warriors. After their win over the Warriors, IVC wrapped up a perfect and dominant 8-0 OEC campaign defeating Saddleback 8-1. Head coach Ross Duncan's IVC record improved to 10-3 overall and 8-0 in the conference this season.

IVC Honors Program Luncheon and Treasure Hunt



The IVC Honors Program hosted a luncheon for Honors Program students and faculty members. Attendees included IVC President John Hernandez; Dean of Liberal Arts Brooke Bui; Honors Director and English Professor Emily Liu; English Professor Virginia Shank; Accounting Professor Donald Bradshaw; Librarian Brandee Idleman; Economics Professor Sierra Moussatche; Economics Professor Ho Jin Lee; and Writing Center Laboratory Technician Beth Sanchez. The Honors Program Student Council Events Team also hosted a treasure hunt for students, with five challenges across campus that included making a new dance move or song at the Performing Arts Center and inventing a new element or organism at the Life Sciences Building. Students made new social connections and completed creative challenges together.

IVC Participates in Campus Wide Inclusive Leadership Training



Nearly 40 IVC faculty, staff, managers, and administrators participated in an inclusive leadership training event funded by the IVC Guided Pathways Oversight Workgroup. Facilitated by [Al Solano](#), founder and higher education coach at the Continuous Learning Institute, the leadership training focused on creating a culture of support for campus leaders and taught participants how to use a logic model to guide initiatives and create actionable change. Feedback from participants was positive, with one participant stating, "Mil gracias! Your time, energy, and great communication skills made it very easy to understand, to participate, to reflect, and to remember." In response to participant demand for further training on leadership skills, additional training is being planned for Fall 2022.

Tustin Unified School District's New Superintendent Visits IVC



On Thursday, March 24, President John Hernandez hosted a meet-and-greet and campus tour with Tustin Unified School District's (TUSD) new Superintendent Dr. Mark Johnson. During the visit, Dr. Hernandez and Dr. Johnson discussed the continued partnership between TUSD and IVC through dual enrollment courses offered by the campus. Dual enrollment with TUSD began in 2006 with the founding of the Early College Program at Beckman High School, which has been a continuous partnership since that time, serving about 20-25 students per grade-level cohort, or about 85-90 students per year. The College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) era of dual enrollment began in 2016. In that year IVC entered its first CCAP agreement with TUSD and has since renewed the agreement twice. The present CCAP agreement with TUSD expires in August 2023 and will be up for another three-year renewal in Spring 2023. During the 2021-2022 academic year, IVC had a total of 51 CCAP courses with TUSD resulting in 1,714 dual enrollments of which 141.64 were full-time equivalent students. Following the meeting, President Hernandez and Dr. Johnson were joined by Vice President for Student Services Martha McDonald, and Manager of Outreach Services Frank Rivera for a campus tour.

IVC Hosts a Disability and Sexual Assault Awareness Event with Dr. Michelle Stevens



On Wednesday, April 6, IVC hosted a disability and sexual assault awareness event featuring Dr. Michelle Stevens, a psychologist and author of the best-selling memoir *Scared Selfless: My Journey from Abuse and Madness to Surviving and Thriving*, which details the child abuse she suffered and the mental illness it caused. She has been featured on *Dr. Phil* and *the Dr. Oz Show*, and in *People* magazine. Her writing on psychological trauma has appeared in such periodicals as the *New York Times*, *Time*, *People*, *Good Housekeeping*, the *Huffington Post*, and *Psychology Today*. She works with survivors around the globe, encouraging them to heal, grow, and fight for better lives.

IVC's Nathan Cayanan Selected for DC Comics' Milestone Initiative



[Nathan Cayanan](#), IVC Writing and ESL instructor, has been selected for DC Comics' prestigious [Milestone Initiative](#). The national program creates access and opportunity for Black and diverse storytellers in the field of comics. Professor Cayanan, previously awarded IVC Part-Time Faculty of the Year, has contributed his equity- and social-justice-themed comics and creative contributions to ELEVATE AAPI@IVC, our AANAPISI grant program, and has been published in IVC's literary journal, the *Ear*. The departments of English and English as a Second Language are immensely proud of Nathan and support his participation in this Warner Media talent development program.

IVC English Professor Burlee Vang Premiered his Latest Film on AMC's Shudder



IVC English instructor Burlee Vang premiered his latest film, [They Live in the Grey](#), on [AMC Networks' Shudder](#), and it has received wide acclaim and press. Professor Vang wrote and directed the horror film along with his brother, Abel Vang. They state, "Most horror films with Asian leads are foreign films. We're proud and excited to tell an Asian-American horror story – something you don't often see. We can't imagine a better partner than Shudder to help us bring this Asian-American narrative to the horror genre." Professor Vang is an award-winning author and poet. His books include *The Dead I Know: Incantation for Rebirth* (Swan Scythe Press, 2010) and *How Do I Begin? A Hmong American Literary Anthology* (Heyday, 2011). His writing has also appeared in many reputable literary journals and anthologies, including *20 Something Essays by 20 Something Writers: Best New Voices of 2006* (Random House, 2006) and *New California Writing* (Heyday, 2011). In 2006, Burlee founded HAWC (The Hmong American Writers' Circle) to promote and nurture creative writing within the Hmong community. His long-time efforts were highlighted in the *New York Times* ("A Hmong Generation Finds Its Voice in Writing"). In 2011, the Vangs won the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences Nicholl Fellowships in Screenwriting for their war-drama screenplay, *The Tiger's Child*.

Pediatric Cancer Half Marathon Returns to IVC



On Sunday, March 27, the Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation (PCRF) returned to IVC for their 24th Annual Reaching for the Cure Half Marathon, 10K, 5K, and 1K kids run, after being canceled in 2020 and held only virtually in 2021 due to the pandemic. President John Hernandez was invited to the 9am start time for the 5k walk where he made welcome remarks and thanked everyone for coming to our campus to support a great cause in the community. The race returned as a hybrid event, with a full-scale, in-person field plus virtual participants from across the US and Mexico. Runners enjoyed a beautiful course that started and ended at IVC, taking them along a combination of city streets and tree-lined trails, including stretches past Oak Creek, Windrow, and Woodbridge parks as well as William Mason Regional Park. The event concluded with a Finish Line Festival at IVC featuring Wahoo's food for all participants and attendees; an awards ceremony; 40 health and wellness exhibitors; food trucks and musical entertainment; a gold ribbon reception area with beer garden; a Kids Zone with rides, face painters, and obstacle courses; and more—all free for the whole family.

Free Community Tax Prep Returns to IVC



[Orange County United Way's Free Tax Prep](#) has returned to IVC for Spring 2022 to assist students and the community with tax preparation. The free service is for anyone who has a household income of less than \$60,000 per year. OC United Way has been stationed in front of the IVC BSTIC building on select Saturdays and will continue through April 9. OC United Way's free tax prep is a community-trusted program that has served Orange County taxpayers since 2005. Their service has completed 133,132 tax returns, and saved the community \$25,431,544 in tax prep fees.

Upcoming Events

Sexual Assault Awareness Week

April 25 – April 29

IVC Master Chorale

May 13

Dr. Laura Rendón Presents: *Strong Opportunities, Real Success: Addressing Equity for Community College Students.*

April 29

IVC Symphony Orchestra

May 14

IVC Foundation Awards Dinner: Celebrating Excellence

May 5

IVC Wind Symphony

May 1

IVC Department of Theater Arts Presents: *Much Ado About Nothing*

May 5 – 15

IVC Scholarship Ceremony

May 20

IVC Department of Dance Presents: *Harmonized Motion*

May 6 – 7

Commencement Ceremony

May 26

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John C. Hernandez'.

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President