



# IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE

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

**FROM:** John C. Hernandez, PhD, President

**DATE:** August 12, 2021

**SUBJECT:** **President's Report for the August 23, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting**

## **Professional Development Week Kicks Off for Fall Semester**

During the week of August 16 to August 20, IVC held its Fall 2021 Professional Development Week. The week kicked off on Monday, August 16, with the President's opening session which was held in a hybrid format. The session opened with a slideshow of photos from faculty and staff members highlighting how their summer was spent. Welcoming remarks were given by Chancellor Kathleen Burke and Trustee Marcia Milchiker. Nearly 50 sessions were offered to IVC staff, faculty, and administrators, with a continued emphasis on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; mental health resources; and an ongoing effort to keep faculty up to date on the latest technology resources designed to support them in a virtual learning environment.

## **Laser Day Successfully Held Via Zoom**

On Wednesday, August 18, IVC hosted its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Laser Day for students and parents. Participants were able to connect with one another and interact with faculty, staff, and current students before the start of the 2021-2022 school year. This year's Laser Day featured a self-paced scavenger hunt designed to get students acclimated to the campus in a fun and safe manner. Other Laser Day activities included presentations from each of the academic schools; a student panel; and sessions on Student Success Strategies, Student Services, and other programs offered at IVC.

## **IVC Facilities Debuts New Capital Improvement and Outlay Website**

IVC Facilities, in an ongoing effort to keep the larger campus community informed and up-to-date on new construction and renovation projects, has partnered with IVC Marketing and Creative Services to create a comprehensive [Capital Outlay](#) website detailing current, future, and recently completed projects at both IVC and ATEP. These facility or infrastructure improvement projects may require years of planning and construction while others are completed in a much shorter timeframe. The website contains information about individual projects with the scope of work, project goals, status updates, and various images showing a construction progress. The images can include before and after photos, architectural renderings, and planned project drawings.

## **Get the Vax Incentive Program Launched at IVC**

On June 26, 2021, IVC launched a Get the Vax incentive program to encourage students to get vaccinated before the start of the fall semester classes. In order to be eligible, participants are required to register their information through the Health and Wellness Center's portal, and each week, one prize is awarded; they included Apple AirPods, an iPad, or an IVC Bookstore credit of equal value. Students must be vaccinated between June 19 and August 22 to be eligible for the program. As of July 26, 2021, 78 students had reported to be newly vaccinated since the launch of the program, and five students had won prizes.

### **Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Members Awarded Scholarships**

Six Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society members were awarded scholarships for the 2021-2022 school year. Students Peiqi Liu, Henry Pham, Amelie Phua, Alicia Hu, and Karis Kim were the recipients of the 2021 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship; each received \$1,000. Student Anna Nahm was awarded the Geico Pathway to Completion Associate Degree Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. This is a record year for scholarships for the IVC chapter of PTK, as noted by advisor Jodi Titus. Congratulations to all recipients.

### **Stimulus Funds Used to Support IVC During the Pandemic**

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, IVC received much-needed stimulus funds to aid the college in responding to the pandemic and continuing its operations in an entirely different environment. Throughout this time, the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff have remained IVC's top priority. The college leveraged Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), state and federal COVID-19 Response Block Grants (CRBG), Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) Program funds, and Hunger-Free Campus funds, in addition to many hours of dedicated staff time and effort to address the challenges caused by the pandemic. Overall, IVC invested \$16.6 million in state and federal funds in the following major areas: \$9.1 million to cover revenue losses/payroll costs and indirect costs associated with the pandemic; \$5.8 million in direct student emergency grants and food assistance; \$846,000 in equipment including Chromebooks and laptops for students, faculty and staff to support remote learning and operations; and \$816,000 in software support, personal protective equipment (PPE), cleaning and sanitization supplies, COVID-19 tests and other critical purchases to combat coronavirus. IVC is proud to present "[Top Support Activities During the Pandemic](#)," a detailed report of major activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **IVC Virtual Student Town Hall**

August 30 | 2 pm

#### **Virtual Club Day**

September 22 | 11 am to 1 pm

#### **Outdoor Movie Night**

September 2 | 6 pm

#### **Fame: The Musical**

November 4 to November 14

#### **9/11 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Ceremony**

September 9 | 11 am

#### **Ken Ludwig's 'Twas the Night Before Christmas**

December 3 to December 12

Respectfully Submitted,



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President