



# 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:** December 2, 2021

**SUBJECT:** **President's Report for the December 13, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting**

## IVC Breaks Ground on New Arts Village



On Wednesday, December 1, IVC hosted the groundbreaking and dedication of its long-envisioned [Arts Village](#). The complex will be built directly southwest of the current Performing Arts Center, next to the newly built Parking Lot 6. It will consist of three new buildings totaling 62,471 gross square footage and a core area quad. The Arts Village will house the School of the Arts in one main area of campus, while allowing room for future expansion. The new, \$44-million village will include Studio Arts, Art History, Music, Digital Media Art, Interactive Media Arts, Dance, individual music practice rooms, rehearsal rooms, two dance studios, studios for painting, digital and interactive media, printmaking, ceramics, and sculpture, assembly space, and a gallery. At the completion of the buildings in the complex, the core area quad has been planned to feature native plantings, artistic displays, and sculptures.

## IVC Honors Its First-Generation Students



One out of every six IVC students is the first in their family to attend college. IVC celebrated our first-generation college students with a [series of festivities](#) from November 8 to 10. Students visited booths across campus during First-Gen Week for a free first-gen shirt and to learn more about the first-gen experience. The event was highlighted by a virtual College Student Panel on Wednesday, November 10, where IVC first-gen students, faculty, and staff shared their stories and advice.

## Students Treated to IVC Cares Autumn Meal Distribution



On Monday, November 22, the college hosted a [meal distribution event](#) in the Student Services Center Quad in which close to 500 meals were provided to students just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Each student received a holiday meal pack, important resources on Financial Aid and CalFresh, student hygiene packs, and a range of information on student supportive services. IVC has hosted several meal distributions since the start of the pandemic to provide meal support to students, address non-academic barriers, and provide a safe, welcoming environment for students as they navigate a plethora of challenges associated with the pandemic, including being alone. The IVC Cares Meal Distributions have been integral to cultivating community during an unprecedented time and have brought together the college community in service to our student body. Over 40 faculty, staff, and administrators volunteered to make this event a success.

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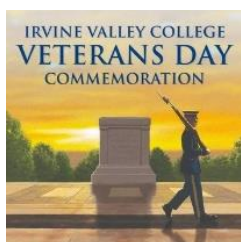
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### IVC Commemorates Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week

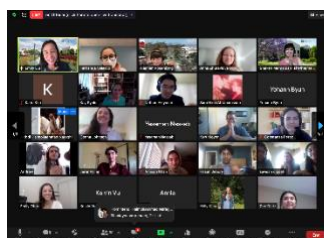


IVC commemorated [Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week \(HHAW\)](#) from November 15 to 18. This annual program brings people together to draw attention to issues surrounding hunger and homelessness. Statewide, thousands of college students struggle with housing and food insecurities. Here at Irvine Valley College, we strive to make sure that each student's journey is looked at individually and holistically by providing multiple resources that go above and beyond a student's academic needs. Students were able to visit with experts on campus to learn more about basic needs resources available to them, such as food and housing assistance.

### IVC Honors Veterans Day with Commemorative Video



On Wednesday, November 11, IVC released a [video](#) created to honor Veterans Day 2021. IVC President John C. Hernandez joined Vice President for Student Services and veteran Dr. Martha McDonald, veteran and former IVC student Erik Grohmann, Tierney Center for Veteran Services Director Brigadier Denton Knapp, and ASIVC President and veteran DeAngelo Hunter to honor veterans both past and present. Dr. Miatta Snetter, who provides veterans counseling services at IVC, sang both "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful."



### IVC Students Participate in 10th Annual IVC/Saddleback Student Research Symposium

On Saturday, November 13, 2021, the IVC Honors Program hosted the 10th Annual [IVC/Saddleback Student Research Symposium](#). Forty-five students, including 42 from IVC, convened virtually to share oral presentations and poster displays of their [research](#) in a range of disciplines. The virtual symposium was an exciting celebration of student scholarship and of the faculty mentors who have supported students in their research. The event featured a keynote address by Dr. Erica Vogel, Professor of Anthropology at Saddleback College, entitled "Migrant Conversions: Money, Religion, and Global Projects of Peruvians in South Korea."

Awards were presented for the top research abstracts and the top research posters. Outstanding Abstract Awards were presented to the following students: Sara Abrahamsson for "Muralism and Marxism: Contextualizing Revolutionary Politics in Early 20th Century Mexican Art;" Hasan Jebory for "What Doesn't Kill You Makes You Stronger: The Problem with Teenagers Using SARMs to Build Muscle;" Kelly Kieu, Karis Kim, and Emily Otero for "Does Saying 'Bitch' Mean You're Sexist?: How Language Reveals Underlying Sexism"; Sona Karun for "Impact of the College Prestige Structure on College Choice in Southern California;" Anna Nahm, Apoorva Gunti, and Anisha Samanta for "First and Foremost: How Online Community College Education Fails to Prioritize First-Generation Students;" Mehdi Hajmollaahmad Naraghi for "Brain Tumor Detection Using Deep Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN);" and Kelvin Vu, Jasmin Navarrete, and Peroshat Saeidi for "Quantitative Judgments of Advantages: How We Place Values on Desired Characteristics." Poster Awards went to Sawsan Dibseh, Zoe Dietz, Jenny Lopez, Dena Nikooja, and Elizabeth Zapata for "College Life: How the Pandemic Led to Decrease in Mental Health;" Genna Johnson for "Yoga as a Means to Increase Resilience and Grit;" and Lisa Sui for "Secure Your Shares: Examining the Association of Attachment Prototypes and Distress Disclosure."

### IVC Student Hannah Uribe Named Assembly District 74 Veteran of the Year



IVC student veteran Hannah Uribe was recently [recognized](#) as a Veteran of the Year for Assembly District 74, a recognition given by Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris. Uribe says the nomination, made by IVC's Senior Veterans Specialist Ezekiel (Zeke) Hall, took her by surprise. "It feels unreal. I do not feel deserving, but I am deeply honored and grateful to be considered," says Uribe. She says her three years in the Navy serving as a

Fire Controlman and working with the ship's self-defense system instilled a greater sense of confidence and self-assurance in her. Uribe is not only a full-time IVC student with a 4.0 GPA, but also the mother of six young children who range in ages from 21 months to 11 years.

### Five IVC Students Selected for Competitive CITI Program



CITI Ventures and NexusEdge Education selected [five IVC students](#) for the fall cohort of the CITI University Partnerships in Innovation & Discovery (CUPID) Program. Shivum Berry, Vivian Du, Chase Nortman, Mya Thanegi Soe, and Elisa Marconell Tejedor, all IVC business students, were five of the eight students selected statewide. The CUPID Program is intended to develop a pipeline of

California community college students from which to recruit for employment. The Capstone to Career project through CUPID allows students to test the waters in a real-world, experiential format and is more simplified than a formal internship process. Student teams from across the state get put into teams where they work with their CITI project managers and mentors in New York City on a 7-week project.

### IVC Students Learn About Native American Culture and Values



On Tuesday, November 9, as part of Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month, students took part in a virtual presentation with Walter Ahhaity of the [Southern California Indian Center](#). Ahhaity described his experiences as a Native American in an urban city and native culture, experience, and values.

### Two IVC Honors Students Published in Online Academic Journal

The IVC Honors Program is proud to congratulate two Honors students who had their research papers published in the 2021 edition of [Think You?!](#), an online academic journal issued by the Bay Honors Consortium. This year, the journal received 52 submissions, 14 of which were selected. Aminah Khan's paper is titled "The Entertainment Industry's Tokenization of the Hijab and Its Islamophobic Implications." Franz Kievet's paper is titled "How to Win by Losing: The Effects of Gerrymandering and How It Is a Threat to Democracy." Both students conducted their research projects in Professor Emily Liu's Writing 2 Honors course in Spring 2021. As computer science majors engaging in social sciences research, Aminah and Franz's interdisciplinary excellence and intellectual curiosity exemplify IVC's culture of student research.

### IVC Students Present at Research Conference

On Saturday, November 20, the Honors Program sent 11 IVC students to present their research at the [Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research \(SCCUR\)](#), a competitive annual conference for undergraduates at California two- and four-year colleges, hosted virtually this year by Cal State University, San Bernardino. Congratulations to our IVC student presenters – Nathan Akiyoshi, Yohann Byun, Elisa Costa, Alicia Hu, Hasan Jebory, Aminah Khan, Franz Kievet, Mehdi Hajmollaahmad Naraghi,

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Yasaman Nassab, Dena Norouzi, and Angel Xie – and to the faculty mentors who supported their research!

**Upcoming Events**

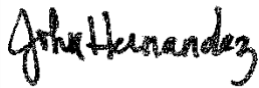
**Ken Ludwig's 'Twas the Night Before Christmas**

December 3 to December 12

**IVC Fall Dance Concert: Resurgence**

December 3 to December 4

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John C. Hernandez, PhD

President