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

FROM: John C. Hernandez, PhD, President

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SUBJECT: **President's Report for the January 24, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting**

IVC Hosts Spring 2022 Professional Development Week



From January 11 to 14, Irvine Valley College (IVC) hosted its Spring 2022 Professional Development Week. This semester's professional development schedule was built around the following themes: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Pedagogy; Technology; Health and Wellness; and Returning to Campus. Highlights included the [President's Opening Session](#) on Tuesday, January 11, which featured a keynote presentation by Dr. J. Luke Wood on Advancing Equity in a Climate of Resistance: Aligning Culture and Strategy. This was followed by an unstructured, open Q&A dialogue session where attendees further discussed and understood the presentation topic. Sessions highlighting equity, pedagogy, and technology solutions for teaching online also were a highlight of the week. Daily health, wellness, and team-building sessions also were offered throughout the week. All IVC faculty, staff, and administrators were invited to participate.

Inaugural Caring Campus Ambassador Award Winners Named



At his President's Opening Session, IVC President John C. Hernandez announced the two winners of the college's inaugural Caring Campus Ambassador Awards. IVC is a leader in the Caring Campus movement, a national effort through the Institute for Evidence-Based Change, where Classified professionals work together with faculty and administrators to provide students the support they need to reach their educational goals. For this inaugural annual award, a committee selected one individual and one department that represents the essence of Caring Campus. Writing Center Laboratory Technician Beth Sanchez was honored for being "the heart and soul of the center where she works." The Facilities Department received the second 2020-21 Inaugural Award for being on campus since the summer of 2020 and maintaining a positive attitude while doing difficult work.

IVC Spreads Holiday Cheer at Adopt-a-Family Event



On Friday, December 10, IVC EOPS, CARE, CalWORKs, and Guardian Scholars held their annual [Adopt-A-Family Drive-thru event](#), which was sponsored by Cox Communications. Families received gift cards, hot chocolate fixings, and other forms of holiday cheer in a festive environment. Over the past 34 years, IVC's Adopt-A-Family Program has served over 7,600 students, including the 250 families served this holiday season.

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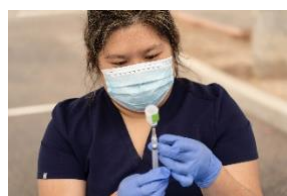
IVC President Joins Irvine Mayor's New Innovation Council



On Wednesday, December 8, Irvine Mayor Farrah N. Khan launched an Innovation Council to secure the City of Irvine's position as a technology and innovation hub. The Innovation Council will develop a multifaceted strategic and action plan for attracting, retaining, and supporting high-growth technology businesses and will work to define specific actions needed to help position Irvine as a regional hub. There will be a particular focus on pipeline programming to encourage innovation at local schools. IVC President Dr.

John Hernandez will join peers at other Chapman University and UCI as well as nonprofits and companies like Google, Edwards Lifesciences, and Microsoft in the effort.

IVC to Host Community Vaccination and Booster Clinic



On Tuesday, January 25, from 10 am to 2 pm, MemorialCare will conduct a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic near the IVC Health and Wellness Center, located in Lot 8. First, second, and booster Moderna shots will be available. The event is open to the public. IVC has held several vaccination clinics since the vaccines first became widely available, making them open to students, faculty, and staff as well as the larger community.

Financial Aid Staff Member Spotlighted in Caring Campus Video



The Caring Campus team released a Caring Campus Moment [video](#) in December. The video details the efforts of Senior Administrative Assistant Desiree Ortiz to use empathy to go above and beyond expectations while meeting the needs of an IVC student. Caring Campus is an intentional effort to ensure students feel welcomed and connected to the college. Each staff and faculty member plays an essential role in helping students feel welcomed and encouraging them to stay on their educational path.

IVC Rolls Out Extensive Messaging Campaign for Vaccine Mandate



IVC rolled out an extensive effort to notify students in advance of the Spring 2022 vaccine mandate. The campaign included IVC website, MySite, and Canvas messaging; social media posts; emails; text messages; and more. Beginning December 2, the District launched email communications to all students enrolled or waitlisted in an in-person or hybrid class for Spring 2022 informing them of the processes and deadlines. Previous communications had outlined for students the exemption process and the December 15 deadline for priority review. Since

October, a large workgroup comprised of members from both colleges and the district developed the vaccination protocols and messaging campaigns.

IVC Hosts De-Stress + Refresh Study Break



IVC's Offices of Student Life and Student Equity hosted a finals de-stress event on Wednesday, December 15. Students enjoyed refreshments, tried their hand at live figure drawing, and took part in virtual stress-buster workshops. They also took part in cornhole and board games, molded clay, and enjoyed refreshments. Students left with a take-home de-stressing kit. The event helped students to relax as well as to reflect on all they had achieved during the past semester.

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IVC'S Model United Nations Program Leaves Lasting Impact on Students



The IVC Model United Nations (MUN) program participates in and wins awards at conferences each year. The program, established in 1997, allows students to act as ambassadors to the United Nations and debate a wide range of issues together, building both an understanding of the world and strong communication and interpersonal skills. Upon graduation, many past IVC students go on to positions in global affairs. Several were [profiled](#) in a recent IVC article, where they shared how their MUN experiences influenced their future career and educational trajectories.

IVC Nurse Hosts Workshop on COVID-Safe Classroom Practices



On Friday, December 3, IVC Health and Wellness Center Nurse Practitioner Lauren Deats presented to faculty on how to create a COVID-safe classroom for in-person classes. Faculty learned tips to keep both themselves and their students healthy. Up-to-date CDC and Orange County Healthcare Agency COVID-19 guidelines were shared, along with IVC and District policies and recommendations for in-class instruction.

International Students Gather for Holiday Luncheon



On Tuesday, December 7, IVC's international students gathered for a festive holiday luncheon. The event was the International Student Center's first on-campus event since the pandemic began. Held in the Live Oak Terraces, the outdoor picnic allowed students to meet in a socially distanced setting. Students enjoyed boxed meals by Stonefire Grill as they chatted and took part in activities.

Upcoming Events


IVC Club Day

February 9

IVC Foundation Awards Dinner: Celebrating Excellence

May 5

Respectfully Submitted,



John C. Hernandez, PhD
President