



TO: Julianna M. Barnes, Ed.D., Chancellor, and Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: John C. Hernandez, Ph.D., President

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SUBJECT: **President's Report for the January 23, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting**

IVC Holds Spring 2022 Professional Development Week



On January 10, the IVC Spring 2023 Professional Development Week kicked off with more than 50 planned sessions. The [President's Opening Session](#) showcased photos employees shared portraying how they spent their winter break. The session featured an interactive conversation with Dr. Tia Brown McNair titled, "Am I a Student-Ready Leader? Vision, Purpose, and Practice for Student Success." The sessions throughout the week were offered to IVC staff, faculty, and administrators, with a continued emphasis on diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility; pedagogy; technology; health and wellness; and shared governance.

IVC Well Represented at Basic Needs Summit



On December 9, #RealCollegeCalifornia hosted the annual Basic Needs Summit at San Bernardino Valley College. The summit was organized by the Community College League of California (CCLC) and the Affordability, Food and Housing Access Taskforce, of which Dr. Hernandez is a member. Dr. Hernandez was joined at the summit by Student Equity Program Manager Erin Pollard, Interim Grant Project Manager of College Corps Program David Mendoza, and Coordinator of Undocumented Students and Basic Needs Juanita Vasquez. The convening of 300 participants allowed attendees to exchange best practices and learn from the experiences of other California community colleges that, like IVC, have embarked on tackling and eliminating the many barriers economic insecurity creates for community college students.

IVC Cares Hosts Holiday Meal Distribution



On December 14, the IVC Cares Grab and Go Meal Distribution provided students with meals, support, and holiday cheer from the campus community. Over 530 large shareable meals were provided to students attending the event. They received a pre-packaged meal containing tamales, rice, beans, and Mexican sweet bread. Over 430 students chose to pack grocery bags with at least 1,500 shelf-stable pantry and produce items. The event was planned by IVC's Food Resource Center, Student Equity, and College Corps Fellows. Representatives from departments across campus volunteered to hand out food and grocery items during the event. The program has served over 2,800 meals since its inception in November 2020. Photos available [here](#).

EOPS Program Hosts Adopt-A-Family Event on Campus



On December 11, the EOPS program hosted the Adopt-A-Family event in partnership with Counseling and the Veterans Services Center. Director of EOPS Dr. Rosa Prado welcomed attendees and introduced Trustee Carolyn Inmon to the group. Lunch was served to nearly 100 guests that attended the event. Tables featured centerpieces of Do-It-Yourself arts and crafts. Eligible students received gas cards, grocery cards, and cocoa bombs to take home. SOCCCD District Fiscal Services donated toys that were handed out during the event by IVC volunteers.

Over the past 36 years, IVC's Adopt-A-Family event has served over 7,800 students, including the 50 families served this holiday season. Photos available [here](#).

IVC Hosts De-Stress + Refresh Study Break



IVC Offices of Student Life and Student Equity hosted a series of de-stress events leading up to the end of the semester. Students enjoyed refreshments and pizza in the library, tried their hand at arts and crafts in the SSC quad, and took part in a meditation stress-buster workshop centered on the aromatic properties of tea and chocolate. The events helped students relax in the midst of final exams and reflect on all they had achieved during the semester.

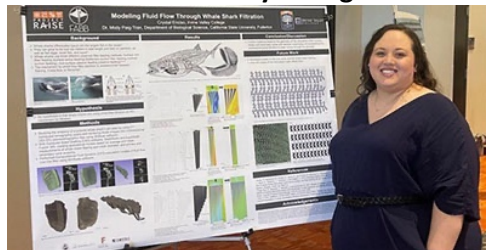
Phi Theta Kappa Presents, Inclusion and Equity through Art



The Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society brought the campus community together through their "Inclusion and Equity Through Art" project. Centered on student expression, this PTK event provided a variety of creative outlets for students to express challenging experiences, such as microaggressions, and create something beautiful from them. The event featured an art gallery and in-person activities for students to communicate through drawings and words. Information on how to stand up against microaggressions

and access to resources at IVC's Health and Wellness Center were distributed during the event.

California Community Colleges Newsletter Features IVC Student



The California Community Colleges published an article about Project Regional Alliance in STEM Education (RAISE) in their December Outlook newsletter. Project RAISE connects first-generation college students majoring in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics with paid research positions at California State University, Fullerton (CSUF). IVC student Crystal Enciso, the participant featured in the article, is a mechanical engineering major who focused on water filtration research. Completing the program, Enciso continued working as a volunteer researcher at CSUF. Read the full story [here](#).

Sweeney Todd Showcased the Work of More than 50 Students and Featured a Deaf Performer



The IVC Theater Arts Department recently completed its production of Steven Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street." This production was the most artistic and ambitious production the department has undertaken since the pandemic campus closure in 2020. The show featured the work of more than 50 talented students working both on and off stage. Through the commitment and teamwork of everyone involved, the show was performed eight times to a total audience of more than 1,200 people. Also noteworthy was the

inclusion of a deaf performer, IVC student Joseph Saraceni, cast in a featured role, along with real-time captioning of the performances. The production also made effective use of the recently upgraded video capabilities of the IVC Performing Arts Center, including artistic video visualizations that could respond to the performers in real-time.

IVC Performing Arts Center Finishes the Year with Packed Performances



The 2022-2023 season marked the 15th anniversary of [Performing Arts Center's](#) (PAC) and 2022 ended with performance-filled weeks. The Music Department presented a series of concerts that showcased students from the Chorale, Symphony Orchestra, Guitar Ensemble, Wind Symphony, and Jazz Ensemble, as well as a piano performance. The Dance Department produced "Dynamic Play Dance Concert," which featured works choreographed by dance faculty, students, and guest artists Yasmin Lindskog and Chad Allen Ortiz. The Theater Department presented "The Elephant Man," a powerful production that examines humanity and how a man in 1880s London, undergoing medical care for a rare skin and bone disease, longs to be treated like any other human being. The IVC PAC honors the historic tradition of sharing ideas, stories,

and music through live performances, offering a source for accessible, top-quality theater, music, and dance for the communities served by the institution.

Students Host Semi-Annual Global Policy Forum



The [award-winning](#) IVC Model United Nations (MUN) Team and Political Science Club hosted their semi-annual Global Policy Forum on December 6. The event was hosted virtually with approximately 45 attendees participating. Students debated the topic of "Do developed countries have a higher obligation to address climate change?" Following the debate, the audience could ask questions and then vote on which team they thought did the best job defending their position. The audience selected the team arguing that developed countries do not have a higher obligation to address climate change as the winner of the debate. The Global Policy Forum is hosted every semester by IVC MUN students and the Political Science club as a service-learning event to raise awareness of global challenges and opportunities and to promote global citizenship. A captioned recording of the event is available [here](#).

Students Represent IVC at the 2022 Music Association Conference



During November, 25 music students represented IVC at the 2022 Music Association of California Community Colleges (MACCC) Conference in San Diego. Students participated in the National Intercollegiate Band, Intercollegiate Choir, and the Composition, Piano, and Violin Masterclasses. This is the thirteenth consecutive year IVC students have participated in the MACCC Conference, either in-person or online. This experience is made possible, in part, by the support of ASIVC.

IVC Teams Win California State University, Fullerton Investment Game



During the [2022 Titan Capital Management Conference](#), Southern California graduate and undergraduate students gathered for workshops and scholarship competitions at the California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) Conference Center. Two teams from IVC won the Investment Game, competing against schools such as Cal Poly Pomona, Chapman University, and the University of California, Irvine. All first-place

finishers received \$250 scholarships, including IVC team members Braxton Nguyen, Martin Bobarshad, K-Yoon Hwang, and Aryan Chaudhari. Placing third were IVC students Julien Savary, Zegeng Cheng, Asbjorn Ross, and Rolando Torres López. All eight students are members of the IVC Financial Finesse Club, advised by Professor of Economics Mark Collinson.

Student Leaders Participate in Annual Retreat



In December, the Associated Students of Irvine Valley College (ASIVC) traveled up the San Bernardino mountains to the UCLA Lake Arrowhead Lodge to participate in their annual leadership retreat. Modeled after a leadership conference, ASIVC engaged in a series of leadership development trainings, self-reflective workshops, and team building exercises. The student leaders

had an opportunity to come together as a group, unplug from technology, and fully immerse themselves into the power of nature and meaningful leadership development. Student leaders engaged on a variety of topics including what leadership meant to them, how they could cultivate leadership through self-reflection and self-awareness, and how they could heighten resilience and emotional awareness within their dual roles as student-leaders. The group participated in deep dialogues on civic engagement, and how to integrate diversity, equity and inclusion within their leadership roles.

IVC Women's Volleyball Team Earns Orange Empire Conference Title



Congratulations went out to the IVC women's volleyball team for earning the Orange Empire Conference title. This was the first indoor volleyball conference title for Coach Ryan Windisch. The team last earned the title in 2019. The season ended in late November with the California Community College Athletic Association Women's Volleyball SoCal Regional Playoffs. The

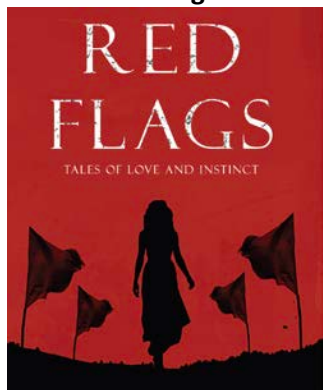
Lasers, seeded second in the regional, gave it their all, but fell to No. 10 Canyons in a regional final. The team finished the season with a record of 20-5 overall. Read the full story [here](#).

IVC Classified Employees Spread Holiday Cheer



IVC Classified Professional Robert Flournoy has made it a tradition to support students by providing Thanksgiving dinners to families in need. Mr. Flournoy approached the Office of Student Services early in the fall semester to bring back the tradition he started in 2013. Before the campus closure, Flournoy teamed up with Facilities and the Classified Senate to assemble and provide Thanksgiving dinner baskets to students. This year, Flournoy led the charge with Facilities, the Classified Senate, and EOPS/CalWORKs to identify 20 students from EOPS and CalWORKs that would receive Thanksgiving dinners. After the event, one of the students shared her gratitude by thanking the IVC campus community for always helping and providing support.

Professor of English Dr. Lisa Montagne Galloway Publishes Anthology



Professor of English Dr. Lisa Montagne Galloway recently published an anthology, "Red Flags: Tales of Love and Instinct," via Running Wild Press. It's an anthology that features stories ranging from comical to tragic, by Dr. Montagne Galloway and other authors about what happens when you listen to your intuition and when you don't. Dr. Montagne Galloway conceived the project, wrote four pieces, worked with the authors, designed the cover, and edited the book. When she is not writing, Dr. Montagne Galloway is teaching Writing 2 at IVC and serving on IVC's Open Educational Resources (OER) taskforce. She is also part of IVC's team participating in the American Association of Colleges and Universities year-long Institute on OER, and recently published an OER resource handbook for faculty.

The College Fair Returns to IVC after a Three Year Hiatus



IVC hosted an in-person college fair in November. It was the first in-person college fair in almost three years. More than 200 students participated and over 50 colleges and universities were represented at the event, including many from the California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) systems. Some of the universities that attended included UC Los Angeles, UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, University of Southern California, and Arizona State University. An in-person spring college fair is being planned for April 2023.

The President's Office Hosts IVC Holiday Mingle



On December 6, the President's Office hosted a holiday open house for IVC faculty, staff, and administrators in the Performing Arts Center lobby. Attendees were greeted with live music performed by IVC students Ayana Nieto, Melissa McElroy, and Galen Weiss. Guests stopped by for a chance to mingle with colleagues while enjoying cookies, apple cider, and hot chocolate. The event offered a meaningful opportunity for the campus community to take a short break in their day as the end of the semester approached. Thanks to Professor of Music Mathew Tresler for organizing the live performances. Photos of the event are available [here](#).

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Upcoming Events

Instruction Begins

January 17

Keyboard Series – IVC and JCM Together in Concert

January 21

Music Scholarship Benefit Concert

January 27

Keyboard Series – Chamber Music Essentials

February 4

Faculty Harp Recital: Dr. Linda-Rose Hembreiker

February 5

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, Ph.D.
President