



# IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE

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

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

**DATE:** July 13, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **President's Report for the July 24, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting**

## **IVC Among 43 Colleges to Receive AANHPI SAP Funds from Assembly Bill 138**



IVC is among 43 grant-eligible Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) selected to receive Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Student Achievement Program (AANHPI SAP) funds. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) released an update providing the new allocation for each eligible college is \$150,697. The share of funding is a result of [Assembly Bill 183](#), which appropriates \$8 million in ongoing funding to provide culturally responsive services, enhance student educational experiences, and promote higher education success for low-income, underserved, and first-generation AANHPI students and other underrepresented students. The CCCCCO will assist the 43 colleges selected in implementing all program requirements. A program summary is available in the [Compendium of Allocations and Resources](#).

## **Faculty, Staff, and Administrators Attend 2023 Leadership Institute for Tomorrow Conference**



IVC sent a cohort of diverse leaders to the 2023 Leadership Institute for Tomorrow (LIFT) Conference. LIFT is a one-year program, led by Dr. Ding-Jo Currie, that commences with an intensive and transformative five-day event where attendees receive mentoring and coaching from experienced higher education administrative leaders. There were several prominent presenters at the conference, including SOCCCD Chancellor Julianna Barnes. During the conference, attendees developed and presented a local equity action project proposal. IVC's presentation, "College Success Learning Modules," was voted the "Most Interesting Project" by the LIFT participants. The presentation provided a framework for creating an asynchronous learning education opportunity that supports students during their first-year experience and specifically considers first-generation college students.

## **IVC Selected to Pilot Puente Math and Sciences in Fall 2023**



IVC is among the few colleges selected by the Puente statewide office to pilot Puente Math and Sciences (MaS) starting Fall 2023. Puente MaS adds two transfer-level math courses to the cohort model program, which currently includes Writing, Counseling, and Ethnic Studies. Puente students can take either Introduction to Statistics MATH 10 or Trigonometry MATH 124 with the MATH 347 support course. In preparation for the semester, Professor of Ethnic Studies Araceli Centanino, Professors of Mathematics Benjamin Vargas and Nicole Carver, and Counselor Ruby Pastrana attended the Puente Summer Institute (PSI). PSI is a robust onboarding training process for new Puente program leads.

### IVC's Strategic Planning Retreat Emphasizes Collective Responsibility for Success



On June 13, administrators, faculty, staff, and students gathered for IVC's strategic planning retreat to shape the college's direction for the next academic year and beyond. The retreat started with a gallery walk exercise for participants to rotate through stations to review the current plan and its development, highlight the guiding principles of the college's mission, vision, and goals, analyze each goal and its objectives, and select an objective from each goal where their sphere of influence could make the most impact in aligning with the broader strategic objectives. The retreat theme was "You are The Plan," emphasizing collective responsibility for strategic success. Learn more about IVC's mission, vision, and goals [here](#).

### IVC Girls Who Code Win First Place in Spring 2023 College Loops Challenge



The [IVC Girls Who Code](#) Challenge Team won first place in the Spring 2023 College Loops Challenge last month, competing against several other chapters nationwide. This year's challenge was creating a product or technical solution that showcased bravery by addressing a need or solving a problem in the community. Each team member received a \$500 award and met Girls Who Code CEO Trika Barrett. Read the full story [here](#).

### Honors Student's Video Published Western Regional Honors Council



Congratulations to IVC Honors Program student Natalie Li, whose open media video, "Memoirs Under the Sun", was published in the [2023 edition of Scribendi](#). Scribendi is a print magazine that publishes creative work from undergraduate Honors students at institutions that are members of the Western Regional Honors Council. In this year's edition, 52 pieces were published out of 364 submissions. ["Memoirs Under the Sun"](#) captures the innocence of childhood through interactions with nature and depictions of natural shapes; it reminds the audience to protect and preserve the Earth.

### A Twilight Fishing Adventure: Strengthening Bonds and Empowering Student Veterans



Dr. Joseph Latham and the Veterans Services Center chartered a fishing boat to take students on a six-hour twilight fishing tour. The Serving Veterans Interventions Pilot Program (SVIPP) grant made the trip possible. The grant supports the academic success and mental health of student veterans by providing funding for a mental health case worker, on-site tutor, and therapeutic group activities. The students enjoyed discussing school, their transition out of the service, and life goals while attempting to catch dinner. The trip provided a setting for students to connect, recharge during the summer, and build a sense of belonging to the college. The group caught 30 fish during the trip. The longest fish was 26 inches, and the heaviest was nine pounds.

### Entrepreneur Summer Mixer Hosted in Performing Arts Center



On June 29, IVC's Entrepreneurship program, in collaboration with Tech Coast Venture Network (TCVN), hosted a Summer Entrepreneurship Mixer at the Performing Arts Center. The free community event focused on young entrepreneurs, adult entrepreneurs, and startups. TCVN's mixer provided IVC students, youth, and adult entrepreneurs an environment to learn networking skills, grow their ideas, and connect with Orange County's top entrepreneurs, investors, business owners, and advisors. The mixer included a Youth Pitch Competition where participants pitched their business ideas while receiving feedback from industry experts. Dinner

featured a keynote by Sunstone Management's Chief Investment Officer, a business owner and investor panel presentation. A special thank you to Entrepreneurship/Management Professor John Russo for coordinating a great collaboration between IVC and the business community.

### Orange County's Philippine Independence Day Celebration Hosted at IVC



On June 17, IVC hosted Orange County's Philippine Independence Day Celebration commemorating the declaration of Philippine Independence from Spain in 1898. IVC's AANAPISI-funded program Equitable Learning Experience Valuing Achievement, Transfer and Empowering Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders ([ELEVATE AAPI](#)) joined local Filipino American organizations to organize the event to promote cultural diversity and showcase Filipino culture, traditions and customs through music, dance, food, and a student performance. Orange County dignitaries in attendance included Consul General of the Philippine Consulate Edgar Badajos, City of Irvine Mayor Farrah Khan, City of Irvine Vice Mayor Tammy Kim, City of Lakewood Vice

Mayor Ariel Pe, City of Bellflower Mayor Sonny Santa Ines, City of Cerritos Councilmember Frank Aurelio Yokoyama, former City of Cerritos Mayor Mark Pulido, City of Artesia Councilmember Melissa Ramoso, City of Claremont Councilmember Jed Leano, and City of Santa Ana Councilmember Phil Bacerra. View photos [here](#).

### IVC Participates at City of Irvine's Juneteenth Celebration



On June 18, Outreach Assistant Lisa Liao and Interim Director for Veterans Services Center Dr. Joseph Latham participated in the 2nd annual City of Irvine's Juneteenth Celebration hosted with Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) Orange County. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. This free community event is a celebration of freedom, hope, and joy that honors the history and contributions of Black Americans through music, dance, poetry, art, and a curated cultural marketplace. The event promoted IVC's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) efforts and focus on showcasing collegewide instructional and student service programs.



### First DiversityCON Hosted at IVC



In collaboration with the Small Business Diversity Network (SBDN) and the Filipino American Chamber of Commerce of Orange County (FACCOC), IVC's ELEVATE AAPI coordinated Orange County's first DiversityCON, which took place on Wednesday, June 21, at IVC's Performing Arts Center. SBDN is a non-profit organization that supports the underserved small businesses in the U.S., specifically focusing on businesses owned by minorities, women, veterans, members of the LGBT community, and people with disabilities. FACCOC is a non-profit organization that supports Filipino-American entrepreneurs, professionals, and students by providing training, leadership, and networking opportunities in alignment with establishing a dynamic business climate and economic environment. Presentations from multiple speakers were featured, including the City of Irvine's Mayor Farrah Khan and IVC's Economic Workforce Development Director Martha Payan-Hernandez. The event brought over 150 attendees, including business owners, students, and community members. IVC plans to continue hosting the event annually to establish IVC as a hub for small business relationships and further community partnerships. View photos [here](#) and a video [here](#).

### Outreach Team Connects with Community at the 39th Annual Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off



The Outreach team started the summer by participating in the 39th annual Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off. Thousands of residents attended the country's largest one-day chili cook-off. The fair had live music and various exhibitors featuring crafters, community organizations, food and chili booths, craft beers, and wine. IVC was an event sponsor, and the Outreach team fielded inquiries about general campus information, ESL courses, Emeritus/Community Ed, and the Irvine Valley Promise. Participating in the event demonstrates the college's commitment to connecting with and serving the community, raising awareness of its offerings, and encouraging individuals to enroll in courses or programs that align with their interests and goals.

### Students Express Gratitude for Course that Helped Them Become U.S. Citizens



Mohammad Khosravi is one of many students who became a U.S. Citizen after completing the Adult English as a Second Language (AESL) United States Citizenship Test Prep course, AESL 513. Khosravi shared, "My best memory was when I passed the Citizenship interview, and as a citizen, I thank Irvine Valley College and my dear professor, who I owe much of my success to." AESL 513 has proven to be a popular class since its inception in 2017. Nearly 300 students enrolled in the course during the 2022-2023 academic year. AESL instructor Leslie Lewis has seen first-hand the impact the class has had on the lives of students. She says, "Each semester, it's very rewarding hearing student stories about their experience with the class and how it helped them reach their goals."

### IVC Supports and Participates in Event Celebrating Community Service and Volunteerism



On June 15, IVC Hosted a table at Celebrate Irvine, an event featuring an interview-style discussion with Irvine Mayor Farrah N. Khan and Greater Irvine Chamber President and CEO Bryan Starr. The event recognized businesses and individuals in Irvine that have demonstrated the principles of community service, volunteerism, and the best traditions of good corporate citizenship. Attendees included Board Vice President Terri Rydell, Board Clerk Carolyn Inmon, President John Hernandez, Vice President for Instruction Rick Miranda, Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Business Sciences,

and Academic Programs Traci Fahimi, Dean of Liberal Arts Brooke Bui, Interim Grant Project Manager for College Corps David Mendoza, and Assistant Director of Marketing Melanie Buettner.

### California Virtual Campus Now Available Through IVC's Website



Explore Start at IVC



The [California Virtual Campus Exchange \(CVC\)](#) is now available through [IVC's website](#). Now that IVC is a teaching college, students throughout California can browse and enroll in online classes offered at IVC without completing an application separate from their home college. The CVC is a collaborative effort among California Community Colleges to ensure that significantly more students can complete their education goals by increasing access to and success in high-quality online courses. Students participate in the CVC by searching for classes, selecting their courses, and registering from the [exchange website](#). The courses are then available through the student's home college Canvas account.

Becoming a teaching college was made possible by the collaborative efforts of many at SOCCCD.

### Upcoming Events

#### Summer Session Ends

August 13

#### IVC Laser Day

August 16

#### Fall 2023 Professional Development Week

August 14-18

#### Instruction Begins

August 21

#### President's Annual State of the College

August 14

Respectfully Submitted,

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President