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First Look - New Website Launched



On July 5, IVC launched its newly re-designed IVC website, <u>ivc.edu</u>. The launch of the site has been highly anticipated, and its success was a result of a collaborative effort spearheaded by the Marketing and Creative Services team and IVC's Guided Pathways Website Workgroup. Many campus constituents assisted with valuable feedback and input throughout the website re-design. IVC partnered with Mackey Creative Lab, a full-service web design and development agency, to lead the guided pathways focused design and creative process. Mackey was

instrumental in working with IVC to identify, develop and implement new designs, content, and branding.

Interactive Map Launched with New Website



IVC's new interactive map was launched with the new website. The Concept3D technology behind the new map features 360-degree panoramas, ADA accessibility, construction zones, and health, wellness and safety attributes among many other useful features. This is a product of many months of dedicated staff work that came to fruition in time for the unveiling of the new college website. Phase II of the project will further enhance user experience by adding more granular

information and building-specific data to the map. The new map can be located on the website or directly at: https://maps.ivc.edu.

Four Students Recognized in Local Community Paper



The Irvine Standard recognized four IVC students as "top of the class" in their June issue. In an article about Irvine's class of 2022, DeAngelo Hunter, Brooke Alsayed, Lauwee Shibata, and Austin Lake were acknowledged for their contributions and achievements throughout their time at IVC. Hunter lobbied Congress for veterans and free community college; Alsayed was a STEM tutor, mentor, and volunteer emergency medical technician; Shibata worked as a TED talk translator, advocated for Amnesty International and completed research for Netherlands psycholinguistics institute; and Lake participated in two NASA programs and an internship at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The students will be transferring to Johns Hopkins University, UCLA, Columbia University, and UC Berkeley respectively.

Team Selected for AAC&U Institute on Open Educational Resources



An IVC team including Librarian Tony Lin, Dean of Liberal Arts Brooke Bui, ESL Instructor Savvy Steindler, French Instructor Anca Popescu, Economics Instructor Sierra Moussatche, and English Instructor Lisa Montagne Galloway has been selected to participate in the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) Institute on Open Educational Resources (OER). The

institute is designed for campuses aspiring to launch or expand initiatives to develop or leverage free and affordable materials in teaching and learning contexts. Using a new year-long online engagement model, the institute aims to broaden campus engagement with and adoption of OER.

California Community Colleges Highlights Esports Program



The <u>California Community Colleges' June Outlook Newsletter</u> <u>highlighted IVC's embrace of esports</u>. IVC's Esports program started with the <u>announcement of its new coordinator Adam Lopez in October 2020</u>. Recruitment for members to the program began in April 2021 and developed in two sections: the ecosystem and varsity competitors. The sections offer students the opportunity to compete as athletes, coach

teams, analyze strategies and results, and build and support an ecosystem that promotes the program while simultaneously recruiting new students. Emphasizing intense focus, strategies, and the ability to work as a team, IVC's Esports program prepares students with career skills that are transferrable to most industries. Global esports revenues are expected to approach \$2 billion in 2022.

Classified Senate Presents on Caring Campus at Leadership Conference



In June, Caring Campus Classified Liaison and Classified Senate President Desiree Ortiz presented alongside Classified Senate Past-President Amy Hunter and Senate Member Angela Mahaney at the <u>4CS</u> Classified Leadership Institute in Riverside, CA. Their presentation focused on <u>Classified Senate's implementation of the Caring Campus nationwide initiative at IVC</u>. Caring Campus was developed by the <u>Institute for Evidence-Based Change</u> (IEBC) as a proven method for engaging with classified professionals to

create a campus culture deeply involved in student success. Classified professionals are often the first contact students have with a college and this interaction can set the stage for student achievement.

Classified Senate Wins Spirit Contest at Conference in Riverside, CA



Classified Senate recently won the 4CS Spirit Stick during the Classified Leadership Institute (CLI) in Riverside, CA. Each college in the competition is judged by the previous year's winner for their school spirit attire and performance. IVC Classified Senate brought a fierce choregraphed performance to the stage using the song "We Will Rock You" by the classic rock band Queen. The 4CS spirit stick was presented for the first time at CLI in 2016. The wood is from the northern California region surrounding the Sacramento area. The paintings on the stick represent the footprints of the California Community Colleges mascots, in the style of Australian aboriginal art, color and bells at the top add to the fun and

spirit, wrapped in cloth from Fiji, and it is tucked in a custom-built box. The spirit stick is designed so that each year, the winning college can add to it, changing the look over time.

Psi Beta Honor Society Wins Big for 2022 National Awards



IVC's Psi Beta Honor Society Chapter won 11 national awards in 2022. Psi Beta is the national honor society in psychology comprised of 160 chapters at different community colleges and is a member of

the Association of College Honor Societies. The society is an affiliate of the American Psychological Association (APA) and the American Psychological Society. IVC's chapter won the Chapter Excellence and Chapter Community Service awards. Student Chapter members Alexander Yordon, Saina Salamati, Lily Franklin, Ruth Castillo, Brittany Kester, Tyler Wong, and Michelle Moore received the Emerging Researcher Award. This is the largest number of students to ever receive this award from any chapter. The Emerging Researcher award is based upon having completed a variety of research activities such as conducting a research study, writing a research paper in APA style, completing Institutional Research Ethics Board training, and presenting a research poster at a professional conference. In addition to the Emerging Researcher Award, Franklin and Kester received the Anne Anastasi Mission Scholarship of \$500 each. The scholarship is based on being engaged in activities that align with Psi Beta's mission to professionally develop outstanding psychology students at two-year colleges through the promotion and recognition of excellence in scholarship, leadership, research, and community service.

Classified Professionals Host End of the Year Celebration



On June 28, the Classified Senate hosted their end-of-year meeting to celebrate classified professionals' accomplishments and retirees. The group summarized their involvement at the Classified Leadership Institute and shared updates from the classified Guided Pathways completion team. President John Hernandez thanked classified professionals for their hard work and support throughout the year. Recognition awards were given to all nominees for Classified Employee of the Year. The Professional Development Team, Angela Mahaney and Amy Hunter, coordinated with Campus Police to provide an interactive

safety training session which was led by Sergeant Brown.

Professor Massimo Mitolo Publishing New Textbook and Italian Techno-Thriller



School of Integrated Design, Engineering and Automation Professor Massimo Mitolo, also a Knight of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, is set to publish an engineering textbook and a futuristic techno-thriller war novel. Mitolo signed a contract with River Publishers for the textbook *Simulation-based Labs for Circuit Analysis*. This is his sixth engineering book. Simulation-based labs help students develop critical thinking skills and address the issue of unavailable lab facilities as experienced throughout the pandemic.

Massimo's techno-thriller, *Delta Victor 21*, is written in Italian and currently available on <u>Amazon</u>. The book is a war novel set in the future, which includes a fair amount of fictionalized technical details on military technology.

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Upcoming Events

Summer Start up Series

June 15 – August 11

Summer Session Ends

August 14

Fall 2022 Professional Development Week

August 15 – 19

President's Opening Session

August 15, 2 pm

IVC Laser Day

August 17

Instruction Begins

August 22

Respectfully submitted,

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