



# 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:** March 16, 2023

**SUBJECT:** **President's Report for the March 27, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting**

## IVC Celebrates Women's History Month



IVC celebrated [Women's History Month](#) throughout March with special events, including a Women Veterans Engagement Luncheon where attendees learned about empowering women veterans who played a pivotal role in American history. The national theme for 2023 is "[Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories](#)." Women's History Month dates back to March 8, 1857, when women working in New York factories staged a protest over deplorable job conditions. In 1981 the U.S. Congress established National Women's History Week and later expanded it to a month in 1987. IVC's website provided resources about Women's History Month, campus-wide events, classes related to women's history, and information on activities happening in the local area.

## IVC Welcomes New Director of Economic Workforce Development Martha Payán-Hernández



IVC welcomes new Director of Economic and Workforce Development. Martha Payán-Hernández is a multi-faceted professional with experience implementing and managing grant initiatives focusing on Career and Technical Education (CTE) and workforce training projects/programs. She brings extensive experience in CTE, workforce development, and adult education in both credit and noncredit areas. Payán-Hernández will serve as the college's primary external workforce and training representative to regional agencies, consortia, partnerships, and workforce groups. She will serve as a faculty resource in understanding labor market trends, supporting the marketing of business sectors, and identifying future CTE opportunities for adult learners. Payán-Hernández is a passionate advocate for CTE, striving to promote awareness of career exploration and workforce training opportunities. Read more [here](#).

## Grand Opening of Center for Asian American and Native American Pacific Islanders



On March 9, IVC celebrated the grand opening of the Center for Asian American and Native American Pacific Islanders ([CAANAPI](#)). The Center houses the Equitable Learning Experience Valuing Achievement, Transfer, and Empowering Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders ([ELEVATE AAPI](#)) program and is in the B 300 building, room 354. The Center provides students access to computers, printing, scanning, study areas, and peer and faculty mentors. Light refreshments were offered during the ceremony, which featured students' spoken word performances.

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### IVC Foundation Awards Dinner: Celebrating Excellence



On March 10, 2023, the IVC Foundation hosted its annual Celebrating Excellence Awards Dinner at the Lyon Air Museum. The following award recipients were honored at the event: IVC's Outstanding Alumnus, Chris "DJ Flikt" Aparri; Community Partner of Excellence, The Charter 100, Inc.; Administrator Award for Excellence, Director of Research, Planning, and Accreditation Loris Fagioli; Classified Staff Award for Excellence, Instructional Technologist Tim VanNorman;

Faculty Award of Excellence, Professor of English Lisa Alvarez. Click [here](#) to make a life-changing donation for one of our IVC students and learn more about the IVC Foundation.

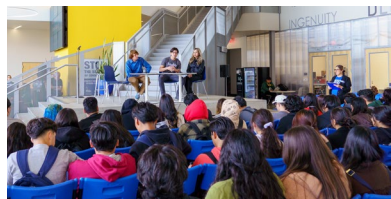
### Outreach Hosts Second Annual Preview Night for Prospective Students and Their Families



IVC's 2023 Preview Night hosted over 1,830 attendees on March 7. High school students and their families visited the campus and learned more about what IVC has to offer. The event featured presentations on IVC's transfer admissions programs, IVC Honors Program, career education programs, dual enrollment, California College Corps, EOPS, and the Irvine Valley Promise Program. The event also featured an outdoor resource fair which included 50 booths with a broad range of academic degree programs, student support services, co-curricular programs, student clubs, and equity-focused special population programs.

Registered participants enjoyed dinner with their families, listened to music, and entered opportunity drawings for IVC memorabilia, while experiencing the vibrant campus community. View photos [here](#).

### Students from Santa Ana Unified Visit IVC's School of Integrated Design, Engineering, and Automation



Nearly 300 students from nine high schools in the Santa Ana Unified School District learned about career technical education programs offered at IVC while touring the [Integrated Design, Engineering, and Automation \(IDEA\)](#) building. The student experience included visiting classrooms and hearing from IVC Vice President for Instruction Rick Miranda and a panel featuring students from IVC's student government

and an Electronic Technology student from IDEA. Click here to [read the full story](#) or [see photos](#).

### High School Counselors Conference Returns In-Person at IVC



On February 24, IVC hosted 74 local high school counselors and college/career technicians at the annual High School Counselors Conference themed "Soaring to New Heights." It was the first in-person conference after being virtual since 2019. The event provided high school partners with updates on available academic and student support programs for interested students. It highlighted the AANAPISI Grant Initiative, Irvine Valley Promise Program, matriculation overview and updates, financial aid updates, transfer programs, DSPS, CA College

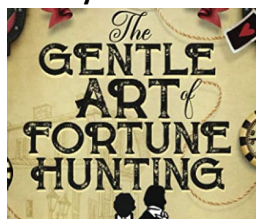
Corps, AB-540 student support, dual enrollment, and a specialized overview of various arts programs. View photos [here](#).

### Puente Program Hosts Mentor-Mentee Meet and Greet



Instructors Lisa Alvarez, Araceli Centanino, and Christian Chavez hosted [IVC's Puente Program](#) Mentor-Mentee Meet and Greet to introduce this year's cohort to their mentors. Mentors are an essential part of the Puente program who support Puente instructors by motivating Puentistas to build the social and cultural capital they will need for their future success. This year's mentors include the IVC faculty and staff, community and professional organizations, and Puente alumni. The evening's events allowed mentors and mentees to share a meal, learn about each other, and bond as a larger community. Puentistas had the opportunity to hear how their mentors may have experienced similar challenges and how they overcame barriers as they pursued their educational goals. View photos [here](#).

### Faculty Member Receives Popular Culture Association Endowment



Professor of English Kristin Noone is a recipient of a 2023 Popular Culture Association (PCA) Endowment Diane Calhoun-French grant for faculty teaching at 2-year colleges. Noone will present her work on queer romance, medievalism, and Robin Hood at the PCA National Conference in April. Her talk is entitled "Romancing Robin Hood in K.J. Charles' The Gentle Art of Fortune Hunting." Noone teaches English at IVC and has over 70 published titles.

### IVC Men's Soccer Team Earns Special State Scholar Honor



The California Community College Athletic Association (CCCCAA) awarded the 2021-2022 men's soccer team a special award for academic excellence. Under the direction of coach Martin McGrogan, in his last season at the college, IVC was honored with a state Scholar-

Team of the Year award in men's soccer by CCCCCAA. The squad will officially be honored in Sacramento at the state awards luncheon. The Lasers shined during a difficult time with the COVID Pandemic and not having a home field. Read the full story [here](#).

### Design, Model Making, Rapid Prototyping Program Helps IVC Student Land Dream Job at Disney



From elementary school librarian to scene-setter for high-profile Disney projects, Stephanie Frazier's career journey itself could be mistaken for the plot of a classic Disney story. A detail-oriented model maker working in scenic fabrication for Disney, Frazier's story began in the library stacks. And while the aspiring artist always had designs on something grander, the result was something she could never have "imagineered." Read the full story [here](#).

### IVC's Hosts Second In-Person Spring College Fair



The 2023 Spring College Fair was the second in-person college fair at IVC after almost three years. Students attending the event had a chance to meet with representatives from 35 colleges and universities, including many from the California State University (CSU) and University of California

(UC) systems. Private universities in attendance included Chapman, Pepperdine, La Verne and Azusa Pacific.



### College Corps Fellows Attend Mid-Year Leadership Workshop at the University of California, San Diego



California Volunteers hosted their first mid-year leadership workshop for College Corps at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). Fellows engaged in workshops that explored identity, storytelling for inspiration, bridging skills, getting to know the community, and what kind of leaders they want to be. Participants included Fellows from IVC, Vanguard University, Concordia, Irvine, UCSD, University of San Diego, and University of California, Riverside. IVC Student Yair Rivera was a speaker at the event and shared his experience in the College Corps Program and how volunteer work has impacted the community.

### IVC's Title IX Office Hosts Sexual Harassment, Assault Prevention Workshops



The Title IX Office held two Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Education (S.H.A.P.E) workshops. Students, staff, and faculty were invited to attend workshops that provided preventative education on sexual harassment and assault on campus. Topics included recognizing and preventing sexual harassment and assault in relationships, the college, and the community. This workshop series is a new resource the Title IX Office planned for the campus community. Their next workshop is on April 12. Learn more [here](#).

### Workshop on Equity-Minded Instruction in the Writing Center



IVC's Writing Center coordinator, Deanna Scherger, facilitated a professional development workshop focused on supporting equity-minded instruction in the Writing Center. The workshop was informed by Scherger's sabbatical research project from Fall 2022. Discussion included best practices for building trust, normalizing support-seeking behavior, and creating a welcoming environment to support student writing, especially for first-generation and minoritized students. Those present emphasized the importance of community building in places like the Writing Center, providing opportunities for personalized instruction and networking with faculty, which are crucial in encouraging student success. Click here to view the [workshop recording](#) or learn more about the [Writing Center](#).

### President Hernandez Presents During Puente 40th Anniversary Conference



On March 1, President Hernandez presented at the Puente Statewide Conference on strategies to support and sustain a vibrant Puente program. This year's conference marked the program's 40th anniversary. The Puente program at IVC launched two years ago and is preparing to welcome cohort three in Fall 2023.

**Upcoming Events**

**Women Veterans Engagement Luncheon**

March 28

**9 to 5 The Musical**

April 6-16

**Duet with the Camera Workshop with Kelly Hargraves**

April 21

**Best of Dance Camera West 2023 Screen**

April 21

**GAP4+1 Business Leader Speaker Series: Dr. Travis Michael Hearne**

May 5

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "H".

John C. Hernandez, Ph.D.  
President