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FROM: John C. Hernandez, PhD, President

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SUBJECT: **President's Report for the May 23, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting**

IVC Hosts a Hybrid Discussion with Dr. Laura Rendón



On Friday, April 29, IVC hosted *Strong Opportunities, Real Success: Addressing Equity for Community College Students* a hybrid discussion with [Dr. Laura Rendón](#). There were 140+ attendees via zoom and in-person. Dr. Rendón is a nationally-recognized student advocate, activist scholar and contemplative educator who established the groundbreaking validation theory. This theory is defined as “an enabling, confirming and supportive process initiated by in- and out-of-class agents that fosters academic and interpersonal development.” Dr. Rendón is a passionate advocate for low-income, first-generation students whom she feels have hopes and dreams but often do not know how to realize them. Watch the full discussion [here](#).

IVC Hosts Information Night for Prospective Students and Their Families



IVC hosted over 450 attendees at the [2022 IVC Preview Night](#) event on April 28. The event is aimed at providing local high school students and their families with an opportunity to visit the campus and learn more about what IVC has to offer. The event included presentations as well as opportunities to meet with staff, faculty, and administration at an outdoor resource fair. The presentations provided prospective students information on IVC's transfer admissions guarantees to top universities, IVC Honors Program's special transfer agreements with UCI and UCLA, workforce readiness with career education, and the Irvine Valley Promise of two years free tuition and books. The resource fair had booths set up for attendees to learn about dual enrollment/K-12 special admissions, student government and clubs, student support programs, as well as a guided online application workshop. Registered participants were given the opportunity to win drawings for IVC bookstore gift cards and IVC memorabilia while eating The Habit burger and listening to music.

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IVC President John Hernandez Visits Tustin Legacy Magnet Academy



President John Hernandez was invited to Tustin Legacy Magnet Academy (TLMA) by Tustin Unified School District's (TUSD) Superintendent Dr. Mark Johnson where they were joined by Tustin Unified School Board members Allyson Damikolas and Jonathan Stone. Dr. Hernandez was able to meet with TLMA Principal Jennifer Harrison and hear first-hand about the incredible partnership that IVC has established with TLMA. IVC is offering more sections of College and Career Access

Pathways Dual Enrollment at TLMA than any other Tustin High School, in fact more than all combined sections at the other three high schools. IVC and TLMA are pleased with this partnership and look forward to expansion at their other high schools.

IVC Holds 7th Annual Spring 2022 Guided Pathways Summit



On Friday, April 22, the Guided Pathway summit was planned and led by the ASIVC Guided Pathways committee members and the members of the Academic Senate Guided Pathways Workgroup. The event began with opening remarks by President Hernandez and ASIVC President DeAngelo Hunter. The summit featured a student panel, and student-led breakout sessions where students, faculty, classified professionals, and managers worked together to discuss the online learning environment and how to better communicate available resources to students. Following the summit, ASIVC hosted a luncheon for all participants.

IVC Wraps Up Fast Fridays – A Weekly Streamlined Registration Event



On May 6, IVC wrapped up its final Fast Friday event. IVC Admissions hosted Fast Friday this year starting on April 1 and ending on May 6. Fast Friday established in 2016 and this year marks the return to offering it in-person. Over two hundred students have participated in Fast Friday this year. These events offer students a streamlined process to complete advisement, orientation, develop a first-semester plan, the opportunity to participate in a Q&A student panel session, and participate in a campus tour highlighting a variety of the programs, services, and resources.

“Stop the Bleed” Training Provided by Campus Police



In recent months, IVC Campus Police conducted several “Stop the Bleed” training sessions available to all faculty, staff and management team. “Stop the Bleed” is an American College of Surgeons initiative to train bystanders on the basics of controlling life-threatening bleeding. The training provides knowledge and experience in two critical techniques: tourniquet use and wound packing. Training was provided by Public Safety Assistant Jon Rundles and Sergeant Stephen Brown.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week (SAAW) Observed at IVC



In observance of [Sexual Assault Awareness Week](#) (SAAW) from April 25 through April 29, IVC sought to increase campus awareness by hosting a variety of workshops. SAAW kicked off with a Mental Health Resource Fair on Monday, April 25, where a safe space was provided for attendees to explore resources. Throughout the week, events were held discussing topics such as stalking, supporting gender inclusivity for queer and trans students, domestic violence education, and healthy relationships. Student program evaluations were overall very positive, with many students noting the value in the workshops they attended and their appreciation to IVC for raising awareness for sexual assault. A special thanks goes out to the SAAW planning team, which included the following faculty, staff, and administrators. For more information on Title IX or to schedule a training session, visit [IVC's Title IX website](#).

IVC Dual Enrollment Student Creates Top Trending Snapchat Social Media Filter



IVC dual enrollment student Rodrigo Marconell created a Snapchat Augmented Reality (AR) lens that received over 500,000 views and plays in less than a week. Rodrigo's "Killer Clown" lens has been shared more than 8,250 times on the social media platform. Rodrigo is a dually enrolled student at IVC and Northwood High School who participated in the NexusEdge Snapchat Lens Studio program. Rodrigo was invited to participate in the [USA AR Lens Challenge](#), where he developed additional lenses under the guidance of professionals. Rodrigo shared, "It was incredibly rewarding and exciting to see the number of viewers increase by the hour and worldwide. After this experience, I am now more confident in embracing new opportunities and challenges." Read the full story [here](#).

IVC Grad's Career Crescendos with Oscar-Winning Film



As a digital instrument creator for legendary film composer Hans Zimmer, IVC grad Raul Vega has contributed to such memorable scores as *Interstellar* and *Dunkirk*. With more than 30 TV and film credits to his name in less than 10 years, the IVC alum's early career is playing out on the highest of notes. A decade before his Oscar-winning work, though, Vega was playing it by ear — *literally*. While auditioning for IVC's music program, Vega admits he was armed only with a few lessons from his friend's mother in high school, plus a couple of self-taught pieces. He worked closely with faculty who guided and inspired him to sharpen his musical knowledge and skills for the next two years. Years after his big break with Zimmer's superhero epic "Man of Steel," Vega continues to toot IVC's horn at every opportunity. The feeling is mutual. IVC's Music Department Chair Matt Tresler says the IVC community is "so excited" for Vega and his success, noting that Vega's self-motivated attitude still helps him inspire students in the program today. Read the full story [here](#).

IVC English Professor Honors Late IVC Student Joseph Robinson



English professor Dr. Virginia Shank had two poems recently published in [*Citric Acid*](#), an online Orange County literary arts quarterly “of imagination and reimagination.” The photo accompanying her poem *Ghost Bike*, is of a bicycle honoring [Joseph Robinson](#), former IVC student, who was killed while cycling. Ghost Bikes are small and somber memorials for bicyclists who are killed or hit on the street. A bicycle is painted all white and locked to a street sign near the crash site, accompanied by a small plaque. They serve as reminders of the tragedy that took place on an otherwise anonymous street corner, and as quiet statements in support of cyclists' right to

safe travel. Dr. Shank's poem *Riding the Santa Ana River Trail* includes a photo taken from her blue velomobile, a famous sight on IVC's campus. Professor Shank writes, rides a velomobile, teaches at IVC and edits *The Ear*.

IVC Selected to Participate in High-Impact Practices and Student Success Institute



IVC has been selected by the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) to participate in the [2022 Institute on High-Impact Practices and Student Success](#) and the [2022 Institute on Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation \(TRHT\) Campus Centers](#). A team of faculty and our manager for student equity will attend. The Institute on High-Impact Practices and Student Success is designed to facilitate building institutional capacity to achieve quality, equity, and student

engagement goals through the design, implementation, and assessment of high-impact practices. The Institute on TRHT Campus Centers is designed to help campus teams identify evidence-based strategies that support their vision of what their communities will look, feel, and be like when the belief in a hierarchy of human value no longer exists.

IVC Collaborates with Saddleback for South Orange County Regional Consortium Spring 2022



IVC Faculty member Brent Warner collaborated with Saddleback Psychologist Lisa Schenitzki and Faculty member Mircea Bumbesti during the South Orange County Regional Consortium (SOCRC) for Spring 2022. The SOCRC works to ensure adult learners in the region have access to quality educational opportunities by coordinating efforts among local organizations that deliver adult education programs. The professional development gathering focused on re-engaging

students, building back community, and incorporating a social emotional learning approach to support students and faculty in the “return” and beyond the reopening of both campuses. Brent Warner, winner of 2022 Orange County Computer-Using Educators Outstanding Teacher of the Year, presented “Chipping away at the EdTech Iceberg.” A talk that focused on the depth of the EdTech world and the many ways it can be used to support students.

Inspector Gadget Spotted in The IVC Performing Arts Center



IVC/CSUF GAP4+1 Pathway Program hosted David Cieslak is Chief Cloud Officer and EVP with RKL eSolutions, a leading business process automation consulting firm with offices across the US. Cieslak is a frequent speaker for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), California Society of Certified Public Accountants (CalCPA), other state accounting societies, and various business groups. Cieslak embodies his alter ego, "Inspector Gadget," to keep business leaders entertained and informed on ways they can effectively leverage the latest technology in their personal and professional lives. All Proceeds from the event support the IVC/CSUF GAP4+1 Pathway Program.

IVC's Research Team Presents at State-Wide Researcher Conference



IVC's Research team presented at the state-wide [Research and Planning Group for California Community Colleges](#) conference. The IVC Research team, Director of Research Loris Fagioli, Senior Research and Planning Analyst Vinh Nguyen, Research and Planning Analysts Kevin Hsu, Lauren Ilano, Marcela Reyes, and Professor of Chemistry Thomas Cullen, gave four of the 24 presentations offered at the conference. The

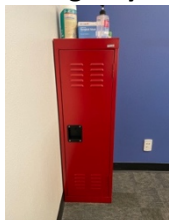
team showcased several important topics that were covered in their presentations: 1) *AB 705 Spillover Effects (within and outside disciplines)*, 2) *Equitable Learning Starts with SLOs: Streamlining Data Collection and Analysis that Leads to Meaningful Changes*, 3) *Examples of Meeting Students Where They Are: Removing Barriers Around Policies Designed to Help Students*, 4) *Does Outreach Increase Program and Enrollment and Persistence*. All presentations were well attended and received positive feedback on the quality of the content and the effective and professional presentation.

IVC Students Named as Finalists in Computer Game Development Competition



Three IVC students were selected as finalists for the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) GameSiG Showcase. Entry into the [2022 IEEE Game SiG Showcase](#) was a fierce competition against other students attending four year and graduate schools, such as Chapman University, UCI, and Laguna College of Arts and Design. The IVC Interactive Media Arts students, Taryn Bolton, Alex Puh, and Wenjun Yang, demonstrated their games at the showcase held on April 30. The event was live streamed via Twitch and judged by video game tech giants such as Blizzard, Microsoft, and Obsidian. Alex Puh won 3rd place along with the Software Engineering and Intercollegiate Collaboration award. Wenjun Yang won Most Unique Game World. Read the full story [here](#).

Emergency Supply Lockers Located in Classrooms and Conference Rooms



IVC has placed red emergency supply lockers in all classrooms and main conference rooms. Students, faculty and staff may need to hide within a classroom during an emergency, such as an active shooter event, or may be trapped in an area after an earthquake. The lockers provide critical supplies such as, portable toilets with sanitation supplies, trauma kits, and bottled water. Instruction on how to use the trauma kits is available as a part of "Stop the Bleed" training.

IVC Bursar's Office Contributes to Reengagement and Retention Efforts



Similar to many higher education institutions across the nation, IVC was awarded with Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds. To date, this funding afforded the Bursar's Office the opportunity to partake in retention efforts and offer financial relief to over 1,200 active students amounting to nearly \$150,000 through student debt discharge. Reengagement efforts through both debt relief and cost of tuition assistance in the form of book vouchers has also elicited almost 90 students that had not previously enrolled at IVC since at least Spring of 2020. IVC plans to continue these efforts and partner with colleagues across campus in reengagement initiatives in the upcoming fiscal year.

Pardon Our Dust – Renovations in Progress



If the campus shutdown had one silver lining, it was the opportunity presented to IVC to start much needed construction and upgrade projects on campus. As any member of the college community can attest to, the construction and project crews were, and still are, all over campus. Here are some projects you may see walking around campus. *B Quad/ADA Transition Plan* - Construction wrapped up for the majority of the project. Minor project items will be completed in May 2022. *Live Oak Terrace Sound and Stage Upgrades* - Construction and installation

of the audio-visual portion of this project is underway with an estimated completion of May 2022. *Electronic Access Control Project* - This project is currently in construction with only locks in the maintenance buildings remaining to complete. The project has an estimated completion date of June 2022. *Scheduled Maintenance Roofing and HVAC Project (PE 100, PE 200, A100, A200 and A300)*- This project is substantially complete. While minor corrective items and fine tuning of systems will continue into July, the IVC community is enjoying the full benefits of new roofing and mechanical systems in the A-Quad and PE Complex.

Updates on major capital projects including the [Arts Village](#), [Parking Lot Solar Shade Structure](#), and [Soccer & Practice Fields](#) can be found on the [Capital Outlay site](#).

IVC Upgrades Key Technology Services



During the past year Technology Services made progress in many areas by upgrading aging systems and equipment to improve the campus computing environments for faculty, staff and students. Here are highlights of two successful projects. *Print System*— In time for campus reopening, IVC Technology Services upgraded the former large format printers/copiers in the computer labs including the library and the faculty and staff workrooms with smaller format and units with more advanced functionality. *Datacenter Upgrade* – IVC Technology team

upgraded its data center with a new system that includes uninterruptable battery backup, fire suppression, and a connection to the backup generator. This investment coupled with cloud migration will allow the college to retire one of its existing data centers and put the college on solid footing for the next ten years.

IVC Athletics Teams Make Strides Towards Success



Multiple IVC athletics teams make strides towards a successful season. IVC women's beach volleyball team had four pairs of players each [qualify to the Southern California Regionals Event](#) at El Camino College. IVC's women's badminton team competed in the [South Coast Conference Individual Tournament with several solid results](#) and will be heading to Fresno City to take on De Anza, the top team from Northern California. IVC's men's tennis team continued its solid season by [qualifying two singles players and two doubles teams on to the California Community College Athletic Association State Championships](#)

at Mt. San Antonio. IVC's baseball team finished the 2022 regular season with one of its [best performances of the season](#) defeating Golden West 5-3. IVC's men's volleyball team's [2022 season came to a close](#) in the semifinals of the California Community Athletic Association State Championship at El Camino with record of 17 wins and 5 losses.

Upcoming Events

IVC Master Chorale Concert

May 13

Music 82 Concert

May 16

IVC Symphony Orchestra

May 14

Music 59 Concert

May 17

Music From the Americas and Beyond

May 14

IVC Scholarship Ceremony

May 20

IVC Wind Symphony and Guitar Ensemble

May 15

Commencement Ceremony

May 26

IVC Annual Piano Feast Benefit Recital

May 15

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Hernandez".

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President