



# 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

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**SUBJECT:** **President's Report for the November 14, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting**

## IVC Honors Filipino American History Month



During the month of October, IVC honored [Filipino American History Month \(FAHM\)](#), a time dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the many achievements and contributions of the Filipino American community. IVC students, faculty, and staff honored FAHM with a series of special events and social media posts. Activist Larry Itliong was highlighted on IVC's website for his contributions to the Delano grape strike, where he, and other Filipino American grape workers in California, walked off the farms demanding salaries equivalent to the federal minimum wage. The IVC website provided resources about FAHM campus-wide events, classes related to the Filipino American community, and information on activities happening in the local area. Communication Studies Professor Eddie Tiongson and English Professor Nathan Cayanan featured an episode on their [CAANAPI podcast](#) discussing Filipino American comic books and stand-up comedians.

## IVC Presented with \$2.5 Million for Veterans Services Center



On November 4, Assemblywoman Cottie Petrie-Norris presented Dr. John Hernandez and IVC with \$2.5 million from the California state budget to expand the [Veterans Services Center](#) and the resources it provides. Since 2014, IVC's Veterans Services Center has assisted veterans, active-duty personnel, reservists, and their dependents/spouses with the application for VA educational benefits and their certification process. For the last nine years, IVC has been designated as a Military Friendly School, a standard that measures an organization's commitment, effort, and success in creating sustainable and meaningful benefits for military students. IVC supports a robust military community on campus, with nearly 300 student veterans and dependents annually attending through its Veterans Services Center. This grant will support IVC's goal to develop a veterans access program to build upon existing skills, identify post-discharge needs, and provide guidance, holistic support, and guidelines for academic success and employment. View photos [here](#).

## IVC Hosts First-Ever College Corps Symposium



On November 5, IVC hosted the regional College Corps consortium of 200 students from IVC, Concordia University Irvine, and Vanguard University. Students were greeted with a welcome message from President Hernandez. Students then rotated through leadership, financial planning, conflict resolution, and time management workshops. The event occurred a few weeks after the celebration of the [launch and swearing-in](#) of the first-ever [#CaliforniansForAll College Corps](#) Fellows, that included 74 students from IVC. View photos [here](#).

### IVC Recognized for Setting Standards in Career Technical Education



IVC was recognized at the California Community College Association for Occupational Education Fall 2022 Conference for setting the standard in Career Technical Education (CTE) student success in collaboration with the Career Launch program. The Career Launch program is a four-week program that helps students connect with professionals in their desired career fields and teaches them valuable networking skills. IVC Career Counselor Fritzie Canas presented on best practices in CTE and shared student success stories. Visit IVC's [Career and Job Placement Center](#).

### IVC and Saddleback Students Team Up for 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research Symposium



On October 29, the IVC and Saddleback Honors Programs hosted the [11th Annual IVC/Saddleback Student Research Symposium](#). IVC and Saddleback students convened in person on the Saddleback College campus to share oral presentations and poster displays of their research in a range of disciplines. Of the 47 research projects, 36 were presented by IVC students. The event featured a keynote address by IVC Professor of Ethnic Studies Dr. Araceli Centanino entitled "Silence in the Archives: Historical Research and Self Discovery." The Symposium was an exciting celebration of student scholarship and the faculty mentors who have supported students in their research. Awards were presented for the top research abstracts and the top research posters. Full story [here](#).

### IVC Holds Second Annual First-Generation College Student Celebration



On November 8, IVC held its second annual [First-Generation College Student celebration](#) that was organized by the Guided Pathways Classified Completion Team. One in every six IVC students is the first in their family to attend college. Participants were welcomed to the celebration by the campus community. Students visited booths sharing information about campus resources and the first-gen experience, and students who identified as first-gen had an opportunity to join a cohort of their peers. The national First-Generation College Celebration occurs annually to honor the anniversary of the signing of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965. HEA was intended to help students from minority and low-income backgrounds finance their schooling and make critical investments in institutions of higher education.

### IVC Foundation Surpasses Last Year's Giving Day Record



On October 20, the IVC Foundation hosted its third annual [Giving Day](#). The event surpassed last year's record by raising more than \$61,000, which is 49% more than last year, from 163 donors. The event occurred just before the 37th anniversary of the founding of IVC. Participants were encouraged to stop by the Giving Day booths on the SSC lawn for treats, giveaways, photo opportunities, and more. PRO IVC matched over \$21,500 during the event. The funds contributed will be invested in the students and programs of IVC through Scholarships and enhanced learning opportunities. More photos are available [here](#).

### IVC Participates in Great ShakeOut



On October 20, IVC students, faculty, and staff participated in the [Great California ShakeOut](#), the state's annual earthquake drill. At 10:20 am, a message was announced over campus phones and via text and email, alerting students, faculty, and staff to begin the drill. Building captains and marshals worked together to clear the buildings safely and wait for the "all clear" before allowing participants to reenter the evacuated facilities. The entire campus was evacuated in nine minutes.

### IVC Holds Undocumented Student Action Week Events



The week of October 17 marked the sixth annual [Undocumented Student Action Week](#), a state-wide effort organized by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. This year's theme, "Juntos Podemos (Together We Can): Collaborative Ecosystems that Support Undocumented Students," recognized that we must continue to advance best practices, ensure authentic, campus-wide collaboration, and advocate for policy solutions to support the long-term success of undocumented students. The Undocu Resource Fair kicked

off with a land acknowledgment from Professor of English Lisa Alvarez, followed by remarks from President Hernandez. Students explored on and off campus resources offering greater support for their academic journey at IVC. There were also portraits on display of undocumented individuals sharing their stories. IVC had 15 different events offered in-person, online, and in hybrid formats. Photos of the resource fair are available [here](#).

### Gearing Up for a New Data Analytics Pathway



Professor of Computer Information Management (CIM) Carolina Kussoy attended Inspire 2022, a data conference in Amsterdam, Netherlands. Inspire 2022 is the flagship user conference for Alteryx, the first modern analytics platform. Leading data experts, key decision-makers, and innovators in the analytics space came together to learn, share, and explore. Kussoy plans to teach Alteryx to a new generation of learners seeking to develop data skills to impact their organizations. The in-person event featured keynote announcements, training, and access to technical sessions. The CIM program at IVC plans to launch the first Data Analytics Pathway program in spring 2023.

### IVC Professors and Student Featured in California Acceleration Project Publication



Professor of English as a Second Language Rebecca Beck, Professor of English Summer Serpas, and IVC student Jeff (Tianqi) Wang were featured in the California Acceleration Projects' latest publication of the [CAPacity Gazette](#). The latest edition focuses on strategies that boost transfer-level English completion for English learners who seek a college degree. The articles discuss how Beck and Serpas developed a curriculum focused on human connection after the pandemic forced everyone into remote learning. Wang reflected on his experience with the curriculum, "It wasn't just writing support ... Having other people to talk to during the hardest time of social isolation ... helped us all stay mentally healthy during that time."



### IVC Professor Presents on Interpreting in the Deaf Community



IVC Professor of American Sign Language Dr. Keith Gamache presented in front of over 100 students, faculty, and the Deaf community as part of a panel of Sign Language Interpreters, Certified Deaf Interpreters (CDI), and CODAs (children of deaf adults). Dr. Gamache discussed his views

on the interpreting profession as a child of Deaf parents and having served as an interpreter with a CDI certification. It was a lively 2-hour discussion preparing interpreting students for the workforce.

### IVC Congratulates Irvine Unified School District on 50 Years of Success



On October 18, Irvine Unified School District's (IUSD) Board of Education and Superintendent Terry Walker celebrated IUSD's 50 years of educational excellence at the State of the District event in the new Woodbridge High School Performing Arts Center. Walker's presentation centered on a theme of "50 years of continuous improvement." Last year, IVC's dual enrollment partnership with IUSD enrolled 743 college credit earning students. President John Hernandez was joined by Vice

President for Student Services Martha McDonald, Vice President for Instruction Rick Miranda, Dean Traci Fahimi, and Executive Director of Marketing and Creative Services Diane Oaks in congratulating IUSD on their 50-year success.

### IVC's Assistant Dean of Students Awards Over 300 Students at His Alma Mater



On October 13, Assistant Dean of Students Dr. Amrik Johal was invited to serve as keynote speaker at his high school alma mater, Oceanside High School. Dr. Johal spoke to over 300 students and their families about his higher education journey, cultivating perseverance in the face of obstacles, finding one's purpose, and building a foundation for one's future through education. He awarded 300 certificates, letterman jackets, and patches to sophomores, juniors, and seniors celebrating their academic achievements. The event was in celebration

of students in the Girard Foundation, which provides opportunities to students facing obstacles in their educational journeys.

### IVC Outreach Joins Irvine Global Village Festival



The IVC Outreach team and the Adult ESL Center participated as event sponsors for the 21st annual [Irvine Global Village Festival](#). Over 20,000 Irvine residents attended this community event at the Great Park in Irvine. The festival had live music, cultural exhibitors, local organizations, food, and games. The IVC Outreach team fielded general inquiries about the campus, including semester course offerings, free ESL courses, DSPS, California's College Corps program, EOPS, Puente Program, Summer Bridge Program, Community Education and Emeritus, Irvine Valley Promise, and

steps to becoming an IVC student.

### Marketing and Creative Services Brings Home the Gold



IVC's Marketing and Creative Services team was proud to be recognized by its peers at the District 6 National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR) Conference held in San Diego. Abner "Ace" Caguioa, Jeffrey Hyland, Lindsey Sweeney, and Melinda Wilhelm received Medallion Awards in seven categories. Caguioa, IVC's new media marketing specialist who handles IVC's social media, also received the Rising Star Award. This award recognizes an up-and-coming communications professional who has demonstrated remarkable creativity and ability in college marketing and PR displaying evidence of a promising future in the field. Read the full story [here](#).

### President Joe Biden Gives Speech at IVC



On October 14, as part of a two-day tour of Southern California, President Joe Biden made an appearance at Irvine Valley College to deliver remarks on lowering costs for American families. The President spoke to a crowd of nearly 150 invited attendees. Present at the event were Congresswoman Katie Porter, South Orange County Community College District (SOCCCD) Chancellor Julianna Barnes, SOCCCD Board President Marcia Milchiker, along with Trustees Timothy Jemal, Terri Whitt Rydell, Barbara Jay, T.J. Prendergast, and Student Trustee Rachel Abalos. Also attending were Saddleback College President Elliot Stern, Irvine Unified School District Superintendent Terry Walker, and Laguna Beach Unified School District Superintendent Jason Vioria. Watch the event [livestream](#) and see photos from our [Flickr album](#).

### Upcoming Events

**International Day**  
November 16

**Symphony Orchestra Concert**  
December 10

**Dynamic Play Dance Concert**  
December 2–20

**Jazz Ensemble Concert**  
December 12

**Guitar Ensemble Performance**  
December 2

**Music 59 Concert**  
December 13

**The Elephant Man**  
December 8–18

**Final Examinations**  
December 14–20

**Chorale Concert**  
December 9

Respectfully Submitted,

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

John C. Hernandez, Ph.D.  
President