



IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE

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TO: Kathleen F. Burke, EdD, Chancellor, and Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: John C. Hernandez, PhD, President

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SUBJECT: **President's Report for the October 25, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting**

Irvine Valley College Launches Learn to Earn Laptop Program

Irvine Valley College's Technology Services is giving students an opportunity to earn a free laptop with the implementation of the [Learn to Earn](#) program. This program allows students to borrow a laptop, then apply to keep the device forever so long as the student meets certain criteria. To be eligible, students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and earn six or more units per semester.

Latinx Heritage Month Honored at IVC



From September 15 to October 15, IVC honored [Latinx Heritage Month](#), which recognizes and celebrates the many contributions of the Latinx community. The Office of Student Equity provided resources on their website about virtual events taking place campus-wide, including meetings hosted by the Latinx Club, Dream Scholars Monarch Nights, and Undocumented Student Action Week, which took place October 18 to 22. In addition to this, classes related to the Latinx community were listed on the page, as well as a link to Latinx heritage resources in the [IVC Library](#) that highlight art, politics, and other historical events.

IVC Presents at 2021 Chief Student Services Officers (CSSO) Association Conference

On Thursday, September 15, Irvine Valley College presented at the Chief Student Services Officers (CSSO) State-Wide Conference on the value of engaging students on social media to address issue of equity. The presenters, Ace Caguioa (New Media and Marketing Specialist) and Erin Pollard (Manager of Student Equity), provided a valuable redefining of social media use as a purely promotional tool that provides valuable micro-engagements with students. This is one of many examples of Irvine Valley College's innovation through social media and the creation of engaging, affirming experiences for students.

Dr. Hernandez Hosts Virtual Chats with the President

In September, IVC President Dr. John Hernandez hosted virtual chats with classified professionals as well as with faculty. The chats provide an opportunity for staff and faculty to engage directly with President Hernandez and to hear important college updates. President Hernandez holds several of these chats each academic year.

SOCCCD Fall 2021 Virtual College Transfer Fair Hosted by IVC and Saddleback

The IVC and Saddleback College Transfer Centers held their joint Fall 2021 SOCCCD Virtual College Transfer Fair on Wednesday, September 22. More than 100 colleges and universities registered to participate in the event using the Career Fair Plus virtual platform.

IVC Counselor Named Orange County Community College Counselor of the Year

IVC Counselor Robert Melendez has been selected as the 2021-2022 Orange County Community College Counselor of the Year. He will be recognized and showcased at the 2021 Virtual Orange County Counselor Symposium on Thursday, November 10. He was nominated by colleagues and evaluated based on how he plays a critical role in setting a positive school climate/culture for students; promotes student enrollment and is knowledgeable in current goals, changes, and processes of the community college system; works collaboratively with other counselors; engages in ongoing professional development efforts; and possesses collaborative and leadership capabilities in their current role. Congratulations, Robert!

Classified Employees Invited to Listening Session for District-Wide Technology Strategic Master Plan

On September 30, classified employees had an opportunity to participate in a listening session for the District-Wide Technology Strategic Master Plan (DTSMP) development process currently underway. During the spring, employees were invited to participate in a number of similar sessions and were able to provide feedback related to short-term and long-term technology needs. This session included an initial draft of the DTSMP and provided an update on what has been accomplished to date.

IVC Provides Annual Review to City of Irvine

On October 12, IVC President Dr. John Hernandez appeared before the Irvine City Council to provide an annual community review about the college's mission, accomplishments, services, and projects on the horizon, as well as an update on partnership funding provided by the City of Irvine to IVC.

IVC Honored at Greater Irvine Distinguished Educators Ceremony

On October 13, the Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce held its inaugural Distinguished Educators recognition ceremony, recognizing exemplary Irvine educators who have contributed to the educational process through direct student involvement or partnership activities. IVC's UCI-IVC Engineering Academy and Professor Dr. Gary Rybold, who teaches public speaking and debate, were among the recipients recognized by the Chamber with a Distinguished Educator Award.

President Hernandez Chairs Accreditation Team Visit

IVC President Dr. John Hernandez chaired a virtual peer review visit to Taft College during the week of September 27-30, 2021. The external review team provides an independent evaluation of an institution. The team analyzes and verifies the information provided in the Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) to assess whether the institution meets Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies. The peer review process serves two purposes: (1) to provide feedback to the institution regarding the quality of its performance; and (2) provides first-hand observations and analysis that assists the Commission in its determination of the accredited status of the College.

IVC Hosts Regional Employment Fair

On October 6, Irvine Valley College hosted a job fair with the Greater Irvine Chamber and Orange County Supervisor Donald P. Wagner. The free event was designed for area employers to recruit qualified candidates for specific employment opportunities.

IVC Participates in Tustin State of the Schools Evening

On September 29, Vice President for Student Services Dr. Martha McDonald, Dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Business Sciences Dr. Traci Fahimi, Executive Director of Marketing and Creative Services Diane Oaks, and Manager of Outreach Services Frank Rivera attended the Tustin Public Schools Foundation State of the Schools presentation at Tustin High School.

IVC Attends Irvine Company Behind-the-Scenes Event

On September 21, IVC President Dr. John Hernandez and Executive Director of Marketing and Creative Services Diane Oaks attended a private event and mixer hosted by the Irvine Company to tour 400 Spectrum Center Drive, the tallest office tower in the county. The evening included a behind-the-scenes tour of the Irvine Spectrum Center and a gathering with 15 community residents for conversation and dialogue with Irvine Company Vice President Jeff Davis, Vice President and Irvine Spectrum Center General Manager Blake Windal, Community Relations Manager Peggy Cheng, and Senior Director for Community Relations Ryan Lilyengren. The event included a presentation on Irvine's history and master plan.

Women's Volleyball Team Sweeps in Orange Empire Conference Opener



The women's volleyball team had a successful first match in the Orange Empire Conference. The Lasers swept with 25-13, 25-14, and 25-11 wins at Santiago Canyon on September 17. Standout players included Jaclyn Sanchez, Kaitlyn Karsten, Angelina Griego, Elise Le, and Madeline Harkey who led the team with kills, hits, digs, and assists. The team is ranked number 12 in the state and has improved its overall record to 4-1.

Upcoming Events

ASIVC Halloween Festival and Dia de los Muertos Celebration

October 28

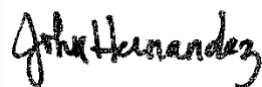
Fame: The Musical

November 4 to November 14

Ken Ludwig's 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

December 3 to December 12

Respectfully Submitted,



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President