



# 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:** October 6, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **President's Report for the October 17, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting**

## Latinx Heritage Month Celebrated at IVC



From September 15 to October 15, IVC honored [Latinx Heritage Month](#) which recognizes and celebrates the many contributions of the Latinx community. In addition to providing resources on the IVC website about campus-wide events and classes related to the Latinx community, the Office of Student Equity hosted an event celebrating Latinx Heritage Month on September 28. The event featured an Aztec dance performance by Danza Azteca Chichimeca called "Azteca Mexica." Latinx-owned small businesses showcased local handmade items, food, and music. President John Hernandez joined the festivities by handing out Mexican-style "paletas," a Spanish word meaning "popsicles," to students, staff, and faculty who attended the event.

## IVC Awarded AANAPISI Grant From US Department of Education



IVC has been awarded an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions (AANAPISI) grant from the US Department of Education to implement the Equitable Learning Experience Valuing Achievement, Transfer, Empowering Asian American Pacific Islander (ELEVATE AAPI @IVC) program, building upon previous AANAPISI funding and outcomes. ELEVATE will provide wraparound services and learning communities to 300 students in cohort groups of 60 students, with a focus on serving disadvantaged AAPI students who are impacted by: poverty, low academic attainment, their status as a first-generation college student, mental health challenges, and/or marginalization due to LGBTQIA+ identification. ELEVATE will continue to support AAPI cultural heritage and enrichment programming on campus as well and function out of IVC's Center for Asian American Native American and Pacific Islanders (CAANAPI).

## President Hernandez Named Inaugural Aspen Index Senior Impact Fellow



President John Hernandez was named an inaugural [Aspen Index Senior Impact Fellow](#) of the Aspen Institute alongside 90 community stakeholders, youth, educators, and scholars. Impact Fellows will aid in the development, optimization, and beta-testing of the Aspen Leadership Index along with co-creating the supporting learning architecture to ensure its success. This work dovetails with major reports to be released on the future of youth leadership research and practice. Together, the Aspen Institute is working with Impact Fellows to create a movement of greater access to and quality of youth leadership development programs.

### IVC Hosts Walk of Hope for Suicide Awareness and Prevention

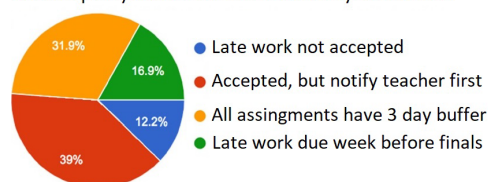


On October 12, IVC hosted its annual Walk of Hope for Suicide Awareness and Prevention. Students, faculty, staff, and community members participated in the 1.4-mile walk around the campus perimeter to promote education and awareness about suicide prevention. This important event is held each year to remind the IVC campus community of the power of one individual in saving lives. The event also included a mental health resource fair with over 25 community partners on-hand to share information and outreach support services.

### Creating More Equitable Syllabi Workshop Hosted by Guided Pathways Completion Team

#### Results: late work policies

Pick the policy that would best facilitate your success:



On September 16, the Guided Pathways Humanities and Business Sciences Completion Teams hosted a virtual workshop on the topic of creating more equitable syllabi. Part-time faculty played lead roles in creating, presenting, and attending the seminar. The completion teams explored how policies and language in syllabi can set the stage for student success. Participants shared ideas about how policies around late work, attendance, and dropping students might foster

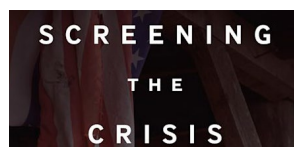
more significant student equity, support, and success. The virtual meeting was attended by over 20 faculty members across various disciplines. A recording of the workshop is available [here](#).

### IVC Professor Highlighted as a Remarkable Mentor by the American Psychological Association



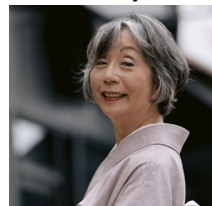
Professor of Psychology Dr. Jerry Rudmann was featured in the [September issue](#) of the American Psychological Association's (APA) magazine, "Monitor on Psychology." The article discussed barriers students face when transferring into a psychology program from a community college. Former IVC student Mako Tanaka, who transferred to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) was also featured in the article. Tanaka credited Professor Rudmann for encouraging her to present her research at several conferences and believes these experiences helped her land a position in an educational psychology lab at UCLA, where she is now earning a doctoral degree.

### IVC Professor Dr. Stephen Felder Featured in Recently Published Book



Professor of Humanities Dr. Stephen Felder has been featured in the recently published book, "[Screening the Crisis](#): U.S. Cinema and Social Change in the Wake of the 2008 Crash." "Screening the Crisis" includes authors in the field of film studies to explore the ways in which US cinema enhances awareness of the problems facing contemporary society. The book features Dr. Felder's article, "Screening Neoliberalism in 'Nightcrawler' and 'The Wolf of Wall Street'." Felder also contributed "Reckoning with Biopolitics in the Era of the Antivaxxer" to the [Cultural Studies Association](#) (CSA) Annual Meeting last summer, where he also chaired two panels.

### IVC Faculty Member Models for Japanese American Community Publication



Professor of Japanese Fumiko Ishii was featured in an article published by Keiro, an organization that focuses on improving the quality of life for older adults and their caregivers in the Japanese American community. The article Ishii was featured in discussed how fashion is a tool for creativity and expression for all ages. The models ranged in age from 68 to 100 years old. Read the full article [here](#).

### Opera Commission and Premiere by IVC Professor Dr. Daniel Luzko



Professor of Music Dr. Daniel Luzko, along with his sister Nancy Luzko, co-wrote "Rendez vous avec Chopin", which was performed by the National Symphony Orchestra of Paraguay in September. In 2019 Dr. Luzko received a commission request to write an opera from Miguel Angel Solano Lopez, the ambassador to Paraguay in London, England. The libretto to the opera "Rendez vous avec Chopin" was written by Peruvian

writer Maritza Nunez. Both composers attended the performance and rehearsals that received a powerful ovation from the audience. The entire 90 minutes of work was [broadcast and shared](#) on social media platforms (the concert starts at minute 23).

### The Greater Irvine Chamber Recognizes IVC Professor Dr. Emily Liu and student Carlene Nhu



On September 15, the Greater Irvine Chamber celebrated Irvine's world-class education with its Distinguished Educators program. IVC Professor of English Dr. Emily Liu was honored with a Distinguished Educator Award, and IVC student Carlene Nhu was recognized as a recipient of the John Colvin Memorial Scholarship which celebrates Colvin's love of fitness, commitment to community, and love of family. At IVC, Dr. Liu serves as Director of the Honors Program and a Writing Course Coordinator, while continuing to teach composition and

literature courses. Nhu is a student-athlete on the [women's soccer team](#) and a member of the [IVC Honors Program](#). Photos of the event are available [here](#). Read the full story [here](#).

### IVC Holds Record Breaking Club Day Event



On September 14, the Office of Student Life and [Inter-Club Council](#) hosted the first in-person [Club Day](#) at IVC since March 2020. A record-breaking 500 students attended, with 39 student organizations represented. Club Day allows IVC students to get involved on campus by joining a [student organization](#), opening doors to new friendships, enhancing their academic life and leadership skills, and exploring potential career paths and

interests. Attendees stopped by club booths, participated in activities, and enjoyed a meal from The Habit Burger truck. Photos from the event are available [here](#).

### International Players Shine for Men's Soccer Team



IVC's international players have played a big part in the men's soccer team's recent winning streak. Players include Akifumi Mikami from Japan, Jacob Edwards from England, Tygo Steenvoorden and Tijs Bemer from the Netherlands, and Lennart Granzow, Julian Svoboda, and Lukas Stark from

Germany. First-year coach Conor Ward said, "The fun part is that the players bring their own identity and their style and the country that they are from...bringing these players together from different cultures and walks of life. They will be friends for life." Read the full story [here](#).



### AESL Students Publish Book and Credit IVC Program Coordinator for Making it Possible



IVC Adult ESL (AESL) students "Albert" Chen Yuan Chang and "Lucy" Shu Min Ho recently wrote and published a book titled "Modern Artificial Intelligence." Chang presented a copy of the book to AESL Program Coordinator Julie Scholl stating that he was grateful for IVC and that this accomplishment was due to the support he received as a student. The book's acknowledgment references Chang and Ho's gratitude toward Scholl and her assistants in the AESL program. Chang concluded that he wanted to contribute to society and that he now could, thanks to his help from IVC.

### Jason Garey Named Head Coach of Women's Basketball Team



Jason Garey was named head coach of the women's basketball team, replacing coach Julie Hanks who retired from coaching after 25 years. Garey spent 13 years as an assistant for the men's basketball squad at IVC and the last seven seasons as the associate head coach. Garey was a standout player himself being one of the best shooters in Orange County high school history. He was a star player at University High School, Irvine, and led the Trojans to the 2001 Pacific Coast League title in his senior season. He was named the Pacific Coast League's MVP, the Irvine City co-MVP, second team all-CIF, and second team all-Orange County. In three of the last five years, he helped the Irvine Valley men's basketball team make the So. Cal. Regional playoffs. Read the full story [here](#).

### IVC Student Combines Talents to Devise Dream Career



Chris Reynolds' first experience at IVC was as a dual-enrollment student during the summer between his freshman and sophomore year of high school. Reynolds explains the "initial college experience at IVC was good...it exposed me to the expectations and workload of a college course." Having experienced a taste of the college life, Reynolds finished high school and enrolled in an industrial design program at San Francisco State University where he graduated with a BA in industrial design and industrial arts, along with a BS in business administration. The timing for job prospects "wasn't great," he admits, but he was able to secure a position with an Irvine-based engineering company where he worked for eight years before starting his own firm in 2014. As Reynolds' company expanded, he realized his skill set would have to do the same. That's when he enrolled at Irvine Valley College to pursue an associate degree in [engineering](#). Read the full story [here](#).

### Applied Science and Engineering Club Holds Egg Drop Competition



IVC's [Applied Science and Engineering \(ASEC\) club](#) held its first fall semester meeting, which featured an egg drop competition. ASEC members worked in small groups to develop a vessel designed to carry an egg in a 20-foot free fall from a balcony to a solid concrete floor to land fully intact. The future engineers used straws, tape, balloons, and ingenuity to build their egg-carrying crafts. The challenge is a great team-building opportunity for students to combine science and creativity.

**Upcoming Events**

**Giving Day**

October 20

**Veterans of the Year**

November 4

**Sweeney Todd**

November 3 – 13

**First-Gen Day**

November 8

**Veterans Day**

November 10

**International Day**

November 16

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John C. Hernandez, Ph.D.

President