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

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SUBJECT: **President's Report for the September 27, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting**

Irvine Valley College Foundation Holds In-Person Retreat for Board of Governors



On August 3, the Irvine Valley College (IVC) Foundation Board of Governors held an in-person retreat at the Clubhouse at Lake Mission Viejo. This was the first meeting chaired by the new president of the board, Michael Drennen. The focus of the retreat was the composition of the board and committees, which led to the creation of new committees including board development, fundraising, marketing, and retirees. The group also spent time evaluating their board composition, including, but not limited to, professional experience, age, ethnicity, and educational experience at community colleges. The board identified areas of strength along with opportunities for growth.

International Students Welcomed Back to IVC

IVC's International Student Program welcomed new international students to campus. This included new Fall 2021 international students and international students who have been attending IVC from overseas since Summer 2020, due to COVID-19 restrictions. The move to a hybrid model allows international students to apply for the F-1 visa and enter the US. As a result, approximately 220 first-time international students joined IVC this fall.

During these very challenging times, IVC international students excelled. More than 180 international students transferred to a university after the 2020-2021 school year, including 141 to the UC system, 25 to the CSU system, and 18 to private and out-of-state universities. IVC's international students continue to contribute to the academic and transfer culture of IVC.

Laser Day Welcomes Hundreds of Students

On August 18, IVC hosted its 7th annual Laser Day. Approximately 450 students and parents/guardians virtually participated in the event. This year's virtual Laser Day offered 24 different sessions with approximately 70 faculty, staff, and current students participating to help welcome the incoming cohort of IVC students. Academic school presentations, counselor workshops, student panels, and various other programs and workshops were scheduled throughout the day. In addition, a self-paced Laser Day Scavenger Hunt was scheduled, offering new students the opportunity to explore the campus and learn more about IVC. Presentations were recorded and will be posted on the Laser Day website for those who were not able to attend the live sessions. The recordings can be accessed at admissions.ivc.edu/laserday.

New Dining Options Introduced at IVC for Fall 2021

On August 23, IVC introduced Fooda to the campus community. Fooda is a pop-up food service that offers students, staff, faculty, and administrators an opportunity to enjoy lunch from various local restaurants. The Fooda app provides a convenient way to order food and is updated daily with current and upcoming menus, or customers can purchase food directly from the Fooda area behind the Student Services Center. Additionally, the coffee cart has also resumed service to the campus.

20th Anniversary of September 11th Attacks Commemorated at IVC

On September 9, the Offices of Student Life and Student Equity and the Veterans Services Center hosted a 9/11 memorial ceremony in the quad to honor the lives lost on September 11, 2001. The event opened with bagpipe music provided by Dave Champagne, followed by a welcome message from Vice President for Student Services Martha McDonald. Other speakers included IVC President John Hernandez, South Orange County Community College District Board President Marcia Milchiker, Academic Senate President Dan DeRoulet and Associated Students President DeAngelo Hunter.

Orange County Transit Authority Partners with IVC to Offer Free Bus Service

The Associated Students of Irvine Valley College (ASIVC) have partnered with the Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) to sponsor the OCTA College Pass Program. The program will allow any full- or part-time student to ride free with a student ID on all OCTA bus routes. OCTA will feature a message to students on their buses to promote this campaign during the Fall 2021 semester.



Puente Project Launches First Student Cohort

The Puente Project, an acclaimed program that has improved the college-going rate of tens of thousands of California's educationally underrepresented students since 1981, launched this fall at IVC. Active on 65 California community college campuses, the program is interdisciplinary in its approach, with writing, counseling, and mentoring components.

English instructor and co-coordinator Lisa Alvarez, ethnic studies and history instructor Araceli Centanino, counseling instructor Christian Chavez and counselor and co-coordinator Marianne Wolfe are the teaching faculty who will guide IVC's first Puente cohort this year, teaching the Writing sequence, Counseling 6 and 1, and Ethnic Studies 30 (Chicanx Studies). For more information, visit <https://www.ivc.edu/puente>

B 200 Chemistry Lab Renovation Complete

Irvine Valley College has received \$6.1 million in basic aid funds for the purpose of renovating three instructional chemistry labs, associated prep rooms, and a shared computer lab totaling approximately 5,200 sq. ft. on the first floor of the Physical Sciences Building, B 200. The physical layout of these labs, built back in 1986, was functionally obsolete, unattractive, and visually obscured from corridors. Aged equipment and furnishings were replaced with modern lab benches and furnishings to provide new state-of-the-art teaching labs and associated support spaces to promote greater interactivity between faculty and students. Each chemistry teaching lab accommodates 30 students. New HVAC systems were installed to support the science programs. The re-design of the interior spaces added both flexibility and capability to the labs. The addition of glass between the labs, balance, computer classroom, and corridor spaces provides visual access to instructional activities to encourage more students to explore career options in IVC's science programs. Select corridors surrounding the labs received architectural treatments to create a welcoming environment to display and promote IVC's science programs. This three-phase project began in 2018 and was completed by Fall 2021, in time for the new semester.

Upcoming Events

12th Annual IVC Music Alumni Concert

[October 23 | 7:30 pm](#)

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