



# 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:** September 8, 2022

**SUBJECT:** **President's Report for the September 19, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting**

## IVC Named Great College to Work For in all 10 Categories



IVC is one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to the Great Colleges to Work For® program. The results released September 12 on [GreatCollegesList.com](http://GreatCollegesList.com) are based on a survey of 212 colleges and universities. In all, 68 of those institutions achieved “Great College to Work For” recognition for specific best practices and policies. Results are reported for small, medium, and large institutions, with IVC included among the large universities with 10,000 or more students. This year, 42 institutions are on the Honor Roll, recognized as standouts in their size categories. In fact, IVC received honors in all 10 categories this year:

- Job Satisfaction & Support
- Compensation & Benefits
- Professional Development
- Mission & Pride
- Supervisor/Department Chair Effectiveness
- Confidence in Senior Leadership
- Faculty & Staff Well-being
- Shared Governance
- Faculty Experience
- Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging

## 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance Hosted at IVC



On September 8, the Offices of Student Life and Student Equity, ASIVC, and the Veterans Services Center hosted a 9/11 memorial ceremony in the quad to honor the lives lost on September 11, 2001. In a partnership between [Orange County United Way](http://OrangeCountyUnitedWay.org) and [Student United Way of IVC](http://StudentUnitedWay.org), the groups focused on raising awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness and planning. They assembled 700 emergency preparedness starter kits for Orange County families and veterans in need. The event opened with a welcome message from President John Hernandez. Other speakers included U.S. Rep. Katie

Porter, South Orange County Community College District Board President Marcia Milchiker, Chancellor Julianna Barnes, an OC Fire Authority Representative, Student Veteran Austin Coccia, OC United Way CEO and President Sue Parks, and IVC Student United Way President Harin Lee. More photos available [here](#).

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### Student Loan Forgiveness Could Significantly Benefit IVC Students



President Biden announced a new student loan forgiveness plan that could significantly impact students at IVC. While less than 1% (88 during the 2020-21 academic year) of IVC students take student loans, on average, IVC's annual student loan debt is under \$4,500, with nearly 76% of borrowers also being Pell Grant recipients. The loan forgiveness plan provides up to \$20,000 in debt cancellation to Pell Grant recipients with loans held by the Department of Education and up to \$10,000 in debt cancellation to non-Pell Grant recipients. In addition to debt cancellation, the plan will pause student loan payments until January 2023, expand eligibility for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, and improve income-based repayment plans. California expects 92% of borrowers within the income threshold to be eligible. IVC's Office of Financial Aid has engaged on an educational campaign notifying students who have received a student loan at IVC of the loan forgiveness program.

### Adult ESL Noncredit Program is Booming



The [Adult English as a Second Language \(AESL\) program](#) has received over 670 new Fall 2022 applications. On the first day of the semester, the AESL Center helped over 200 students. As of September 7, 2022, AESL had 1,266 unduplicated students and 2,029 enrollments. This amounts to a 13% growth for unduplicated students from Fall 2021. This number is expected to grow, as this program is open-entry through November. There are now 56 AESL course sections, including new curricula like English for Career and English for Parents.

The full section count is up 8% from Fall 2021. The AESL Center and its skilled bilingual team remain busy serving this diverse and enthusiastic population of students in person and virtually.

### IVC Honors Program Receives Record Number of Incoming Freshmen Applications



The IVC Honors Program received a record number of incoming student applications for fall 2022. The program has an incoming class of 322 first-year students, for a total of 680 current members in the Honors Program. Honors Program members enjoy various benefits, including smaller seminar-style classes with enriched curriculum, social and cultural activities, leadership and scholarship opportunities, and priority consideration for admission to transfer institutions, including UCLA and

UC Irvine. Applications to the Honors Program are accepted year-round at [ivc.edu/honors](http://ivc.edu/honors).

### Furthering Education and Advocacy Within the Deaf Community



The IVC Languages Department is proud to announce that the A.A. degree and certificate in [American Sign Language \(ASL\)](#) was newly approved. The program offers five different courses: ASL 15 (American Deaf Culture), ASL 21 (Beginning ASL I), ASL 22 (Beginning ASL II), ASL 23 (Intermediate ASL I), and ASL 24 (Intermediate ASL II). Students can take advantage of this degree or certificate to further their education in ASL interpreting, Deaf education, and/or advocacy within the Deaf community. IVC offers ASL classes through dual enrollment at three area high schools.

### IVC Students Receive Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship



IVC students Sunghim Kim and Allyson Najera were selected from a pool of more than 1,300 applicants to receive the 2022 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar award. Both students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the [Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation](#).

The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program helps new [Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society](#) members defray educational expenses while enrolled in associate degree programs. Scholars are encouraged to assume leadership roles by participating in community programs and are selected based on academic achievement, community service, and leadership potential. The funds provided by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation aids college completion and also allow students to engage in community programs and develop leadership skills to become future leaders in their communities.

### Meet IVC's New Guided Pathways Coordinator, Brandee Idleman



Since 2018, Brandee Idleman has been highly involved in Guided Pathways, serving on the Academic Senate Guided Pathways and Oversight workgroups. Idleman has co-chaired the Guided Pathways Completion Teams' Design Team efforts since Fall 2020, where she facilitated the creation of the Classified Completion Team. Idleman's contributions to Guided Pathways initiatives are numerous. However, she is proudest of the collaboration that produced IVC's inaugural First-Generation College Student celebration. As a first-generation college student, Idleman feels deeply connected to student success projects that address equity. She believes Guided Pathways provides an opportunity to engage a broad cross-section of stakeholders in expanding and creating lasting prospects for student success.

### IVC Professor Speaks at International Society for Educational Leadership Summit



English as a Second Language Professor Brent Warner was invited to be the opening plenary speaker for the International Society for Educational Leadership's English Language Teaching (ELT) Summit in August. The event pulled together over 400 ELT professionals from around the globe, representing more than three dozen countries. The conference theme was "Revitalizing ELT through Technology," a niche where Professor Warner has developed a reputation for expertise and creativity in the field. Professor Warner's presentation was called "Finding the Fun in Feedback" and focused on using effective technology to turn the grading process into a joyful pursuit.

### IVC Administration, Staff, and Faculty Attend Summit on Antisemitism



IVC administration, staff, and faculty attended Driving Out Darkness: Orange County Summit on Antisemitism and Hate at University of California, Irvine. Driving Out Darkness was a one-day, immersive learning experience for leaders in Orange County's civic, governmental, non-profit, religious, educational, media and law enforcement sectors. During the summit, they explored past and current manifestations of antisemitism and their relationship to other forms of hate, gained valuable tools and uncovered strategies for countering rising levels of hate in our community, and expanded our networks for greater effectiveness in our shared efforts.



### IVC Opens New Training Center for Faculty and Staff



A new training center for faculty and staff opened in A322. The IVC Facilities and Technology Services departments built this center with 28 stations where faculty and staff can work on computers, whether on their laptop or campus computers. Along one wall is a 24-foot whiteboard and at the front is a large touch screen monitor that is movable to maximize its effectiveness. The space includes two recording studios. One of these studios houses the new [eGlass system](#) where the camera captures your face and writing in the same picture. The eGlass system can boost student engagement because professors do not have to turn their backs while writing on the board. The other studio setup is a creative space with a greenscreen, podcast recording, and lighting with room for two people to record. The Training Center was used during Flex Week for technology presentations both in-person and, simultaneously, online. The new center was also used to train teachers on the new [Class.com](#) environment for synchronous online classes.

### Phase I of Outdoor Learning Labs Completed



Construction of the Outdoor Learning Labs began at the end of the summer. Phase I, which revised the path of travel to the labs, was completed on August 19. The project comprises two outdoor learning spaces built on the green belt between the PAC and BSTIC. The labs will provide exterior green spaces for class lectures and labs and incorporate lighting, computer, and AV equipment, providing a traditional classroom environment. Phase II construction of the labs is underway; the project's expected completion date is December 2022. Visit the [Capital Outlay Projects site](#) to learn about this project and more.

### IVC Students Publish in Peer-Reviewed Journal



The Psi Beta national organization launched an [online student research journal](#) last year. The research journal's mission is to peer-review, publish, and index scholarly manuscripts that describe psychological research conducted by undergraduates. Current and former IVC psychology students Isabella Polito, Lauren M. Warren, Brittany Michelle Kester, Nicholas J. Wolf, and Natalie L. Tucker each published articles in the [journal's first issue](#). Polito and Kester, along with IVC graduate Alyssa Amirault, currently serve as associate editors for the publication. The journal's 2022 issue is slated to appear in October 2022 and features articles by recent IVC graduates Kester and Tyler Wong.

### President's Opening Session is Now Streaming



Videos and photos of the President's opening session are now available on [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#). President John Hernandez highlighted many of IVC's new initiatives on campus, provided updates on campus goals, and had a very meaningful conversation with new SOCCCD Chancellor [Julianna Barnes](#). A slideshow of photos from faculty and staff members highlighting how their summers were spent is available [here](#). A video looking back at the 2021-2022 academic year is available [here](#).

### IVC Student Finds Passion in Fresh Career Path



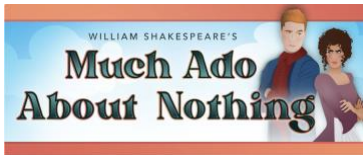
University of California, San Diego graduate Robert Caicedo had a background in business and a head for numbers, but felt he lacked a true professional purpose. Holding a bachelor's degree in economics, Caicedo calculated his next career steps, saying all signs pointed towards accounting. Eager to qualify for his CPA exam, Caicedo enrolled in different accounting courses at various colleges. One school stood out from the rest, and among all his educational experiences, Caicedo says the level of value at IVC was just "higher." According to Caicedo, Professor Donald Bradshaw's dedication to his students is one of the many factors that accounted for the difference in his education at IVC. Read the full story [here](#) or learn more about [IVC's Accounting Program](#).

### Welcome Week Activities Kick Off the Fall Semester



The [first day of the fall semester](#) kicked off on August 22, with a welcome week full of activities and welcome booths for new and returning students. The welcome booths provided students with information, snacks, at-home covid tests, masks, water, and a welcoming smile as they began their first days of classes. The campus community welcomed students to participate in a resource fair, offering a chance to learn about the campus resources available to them and how they can help. The following day featured arts and crafts activities such as origami, coloring, and clay statue making. The much-anticipated [Laser Festival](#) invited everyone to participate in various classic carnival games, dunk college leaders in a dunk tank, and race around a track inside a giant inflatable ball. The week ended with a chance to engage student government representatives by playing lawn and board games and launched into the weekend with a virtual vibes event for all IVC students. The success of the week's activities was made possible by the partnership of the Office of Student Life and ASIVC.

### Stream IVC's Performance of "Much Ado About Nothing"



The spring production of "Much Ado About Nothing" is [now available online](#). IVC Performing Arts proudly presented William Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing" during Spring 2022. Shakespeare's classic romantic comedy pits two of his wittiest characters against each other in a battle of love and language. IVC Theater Arts performances are available virtually through [AnywhereSeat](#). Donations made through AnywhereSeat go to the IVC Theater Department's foundation account. For upcoming events at the Performing Arts Center, click [here](#).

**Upcoming Events**

**Music Department Keyboard Series Featuring Vieness Piano Duo**

September 10

**Club Day**

September 14

**Puente Program Noche De Familia**

September 21

**Fourteenth Annual Alumni Concert**

September 23

**Chorale Concert**

September 30

**Keyboard Series**

October 1

**Sixteenth Annual Instrumental Music Area Day**

October 2

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "H".

John C. Hernandez, Ph.D.

President