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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 February 28, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting**

IVC Invited to Join Historic #CaliforniansForAll College Corps Program



IVC has been selected to participate in the #CaliforniansForAll College Corps program, joining the South Orange Consortium with Concordia University Irvine and Vanguard University. The colleges were selected among 45 partner colleges and universities, including just 18 community colleges statewide, to launch the largest state-level investment in a college service program in California history. The

#CaliforniansForAll College Corps program will start in Fall 2022 with 6,500 students statewide deployed to part-time work in areas in need, such as K-12 education disparities, climate change, and food insecurity. In exchange for completing 450 hours of service, each student can receive up to \$10,000 per year. This program specifically creates state-funded opportunities for AB 540-eligible Dreamers to serve their communities for the first time. Concordia University Irvine, Vanguard University, and IVC have committed to placing at least 200 students per year in service opportunities in Orange County during the next two academic years, working with local school districts and nonprofit organizations. The consortium's initial grant is two years and valued at \$3.85 million.

IVC Student Selected for Prestigious NASA Program



IVC student and Associated Students of IVC senator Mary Campbell was selected to be a part of NASA's highly competitive Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) program, which gives community college students a NASA experience. NCAS gives scholars the opportunity to interact and network with NASA engineers and scientists, which could become a stepping stone for a future career in STEM. Mary was one of 527 students accepted nationwide for the first five weeks of the program, in which they participated in a prerequisite module in which they took a closer look at NASA's various missions, diverse workforce, and world-class facilities. They also learned how to develop their skills to become

future STEM professionals. Students were tested on their knowledge, attended workshops from NASA engineers and scientists, and had to create a 10-page report. Campbell chose to craft her report on in-situ resource utilization. From there, only the top-scoring students, including Mary, moved on to a virtual NCAS experience. Typically, this would be in person at one of NASA's space centers for five days. However, due to the pandemic, Mary began participating in a virtual experience starting February 2 where she worked closely with NASA engineers and scientists to create a simulation of sending a Rover to Mars or the moon.

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IVC Partners with Cal State Fullerton to Increase STEM Transfer Opportunities



As part of Project RAISER, a \$5-million grant from the US Department of Education to support STEM transfer students, IVC has partnered with Cal State Fullerton's College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and its College of Engineering and Computer Science to ensure that students' learning opportunities align with skills necessary to meet workplace needs. The new grant will allow for the 2022 Undergraduate Research Experience, an eight-week paid research program for community college students. Faculty members from Cal State Fullerton will work with select groups of students, assigning readings and

trainings, meeting with students, and conducting research projects at CSUF throughout the program. Students have the chance to work closely with CSUF faculty, which gives them a strong foundation for future research participation, graduate school, and STEM careers. Project RAISER will also provide internship and research preparation programs as well as support and peer advisors to advise and mentor STEM transfer students.

President Hernandez Elected to CCLC Caucus Leadership Position



At the November 2021 [Community College League of California](#) (CCLC) convention, IVC President John Hernandez was elected as co-chair of the CCLC's LGBTQ+ caucus. The CCLC is a nonprofit public benefit corporation whose voluntary membership consists of the 73 local public community college districts in California. The CCLC supports locally elected trustees and community college CEOs serve their students and communities by advocating on their behalf at the state and federal levels, providing continued professional development, and delivering services that employ economies of scale to minimize cost. President Hernandez will join Trustee Wanden Treanor of Marin Community College District in leading the organization's LGBTQ+ caucus, which advocates for change and policies that will advance opportunities and achieve equity for LGBTQ+ individuals across the state's community colleges.

IVC Commemorates Black History Month with Events, Educational Opportunities



IVC traditionally celebrates Black History Month with a variety of academic and cultural events. Celebrated in February, Black History Month is an annual observance of achievements by African Americans and their central role in US history. The Black History Month theme for 2022 focuses on the importance of Black health and wellness. IVC's Office of Student Equity hosted an Expresso'self! event on February 16 in which the Billboard-charting spoken word artist Ty Scott King joined students for a thought-provoking poetry event via Zoom. Participants also were provided with a journal created by a Black-owned business. The IVC club community also hosted meetings of its Black Student Union, Womxn of Color Collective (WoCC), and IVC EMCEES organizations. Students also were invited to attend the Orange County Black History Parade and Unity Festival on February 5 in Anaheim. The year 2022 marks the 96th year that Black history has been officially observed in the United States.

Amy Hunter to Present about Caring Campus at Global Conference



IVC Senior Administrative Assistant Amy Hunter has been invited to present about IVC's work to implement the Caring Campus initiative on February 28 at the 2022 [Virtual Innovations Conference](#), hosted by the nonprofit League for Innovation in the Community College. Hunter will join representatives from five other community colleges in presenting in a session entitled Taking the Lead: How College Staff Implement a Caring Campus. IVC's work with Caring Campus has been featured around the world for its success in engaging non-managerial staff in taking a leadership role to create a more welcoming and caring campus environment.

President Hernandez to Speak at ACPA Conference Opening Session



IVC President John Hernandez will be a featured speaker at the opening session of the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) 2022 [convention](#) on March 6 in St. Louis. ACPA is a major student affairs association headquartered in Washington, DC at the National Center for Higher Education. After the last two years of challenges in higher

education, convention organizers chose to begin their conference with a session centering the perspectives, experiences, and voices of its own leaders and members within the higher education and student affairs community, including Dr. Hernandez.

Upcoming Events

IVC Department of Theater Arts Presents: *Oliver!*

April 7-16

IVC Foundation Awards Dinner: Celebrating Excellence

May 5

IVC Department of Theater Arts Presents: *Much Ado About Nothing*

May 5-15

Scholarship Ceremony

May 20

Commencement

May 26

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Hernandez, PhD
President