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FROM: John C. Hernandez, Ph.D., President

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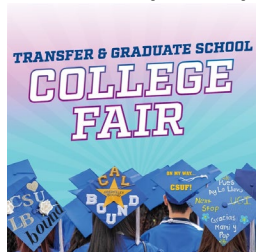
SUBJECT: **President's Report for the March 25, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting**

ASIVC President Diego Victoria Selected for the 2024 All-USA Academic Team



From a pool of more than 2,200 students, only 20 students nationwide were selected for the 2024 All-USA Academic Team. In addition to a \$5,000 scholarship, Associated Students of IVC (ASIVC) President Diego Victoria will receive a special medallion and be featured in various media outlets. The All-USA Academic Team members are selected for outstanding intellectual achievement, leadership, as well as community and campus engagement. Victoria and Chancellor Julianna Barnes, representing President John Hernandez, will be honored with the award during Phi Theta Kappa's Presidents' Breakfast held during the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Convention on April 8.

Students Explore Opportunities During the College Fair



On March 13, representatives from more than 40 universities with 12 graduate programs were on campus during the Spring 2024 Transfer and Graduate School College Fair. Students explored booths and networked with college representatives to learn about schools and programs that best fit their academic and personal goals. Many representatives were from the California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) systems. Private universities in attendance included Chapman, Pepperdine, La Verne, and Azusa Pacific.

IVC Foundation Awards Dinner: Celebrating Excellence



On March 8, the IVC Foundation hosted its annual Celebrating Excellence Awards Dinner at the Marconi Automotive Museum with more than 280 guests in attendance. The following award recipients were honored at the event: Community Partner of Excellence, Lisa Greenberg; Outstanding Alumna, Sarah Rafael Garcia; Faculty Award of Excellence, Professor of Spanish Beatrice Tseng; Classified Staff Award for Excellence, School of Humanities Administrative Assistant Shakeh

Mehrabian; Manager Award for Excellence, Director of Facilities Jeffrey Hurlbut. Click [here](#) to make a life-changing donation for one of our IVC students and learn more about the IVC Foundation.

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IVC Celebrates Women's History Month



On March 5, the college kicked off [Women's History Month](#) with a celebration featuring local women-owned businesses, community partners, and on-campus organizations. Other special events throughout the month included a Women Veteran Networking Forum, where attendees had a unique opportunity to connect, share experiences, and build a strong support network. The national theme for 2024 is "[Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.](#)"

The celebratory month dates back to March 8, 1857, when women working in New York factories staged a protest over deplorable job conditions. In 1981, the U.S. Congress established National Women's History Week and expanded it to a month in 1987. View photos [here](#).

IVC Puentistas Participate in a Day of Service



On February 23, Puente returned to the OC Food Bank for their third Annual Day of Service. Students packed 1,080 boxes of food in two hours, breaking last year's record. The boxes will be delivered to seniors across the county. Later the same day, a contingent attended the grand re-opening of Chapman University's Hilbert Museum of

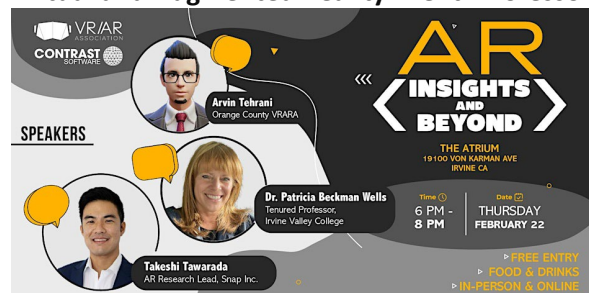
California Art. They spent quality time with the Emigdio Vasquez exhibit, where they had the extraordinary opportunity to meet one of Vasquez's friends, Paul Guzman, who told stories and discussed the paintings. The students are familiar with Vasquez's work through his mural, "La Educacion y El Trabajo," which hangs in the IVC library. At his death in 2014, Vasquez was hailed as the "Godfather of Chicano Art."

IVC Welcomes the Lunar New Year Festival



On February 22, IVC honored the [Year of the Dragon](#) during the Lunar New Year celebration. The event featured a gallery walk, food, a Tai Chi lesson taught by Emeritus Professor Matthew Ma and performance by the South Coast Chinese Culture Center. The Office of Student Equity and Equitable Learning Experience Valuing Achievement, Transfer and Empowering Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders ([ELEVATE AAPI](#)) co-hosted the day's activities. Photos of the event are available [here](#).

Virtual and Augmented Reality Event: Professor Patricia Beckmann and Snap Inc.'s Takeshi Tawarda



On February 22, the Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality Association invited Professor Patricia Beckmann to present the Interactive Media Arts (IMA) program to their global membership along with Augmented Reality Research Lead Takeshi Tawarda from Snap, Inc. Beckman was introduced as the newest member of the chapter and presented on the IMA program's multiple awards, instructors, and recent Associate in Science, "Game and IMA Design,

Production Management" degree, that is fully transferable to the UC and CSU system.

Dr. Martha McDonald Presents on Facilitating Effective and Productive Meetings



On February 20, Vice President for Student Services Dr. Martha McDonald presented during the preconference of the 48th Annual Association of California Community College Administrators Conference. The presentation focused on facilitating effective and productive meetings. Dr. McDonald Presented with Porterville College Vice President for Student Services Primavera Monarrez and Mt. San Antonio College Vice President for Student Services Melba Castro. The conference is for administrators

who desire to learn knowledge, skills, and practices to extend their influence throughout an organization and forge strong ties to build momentum.

Performing Arts Center Invites Campus Community to Learn More About LED Wall Technology



On February 20, the Performing Arts Center (PAC) hosted the "LED Video Symposium," offering students, faculty, and staff a full day of hands-on learning. The PAC team invited industry partners AVStumfl/Pixera, Brompton Processing, and ROE Visual to instruct on how to use video wall technology to create exciting new art in the live entertainment and film production industries. IVC's video wall is enhancing performances and productions in the PAC and creating

opportunities for students to get hands-on experience with the same LED Video Wall technology currently used in entertainment industries.

IVCyber Team Secures Top Placement in Western Regional Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition



On February 17, IVC's cyber team secured the number one position among community colleges and the number 12 overall ranking in the Western Regional Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition (WRCCDC). After almost a year of preparation, this competition marks a significant milestone for the participating students. WRCCDC is an annual competition that challenges college students to defend a simulated corporate network infrastructure from live cyberattacks. The Western Region consists of the states California, Nevada, and Arizona.

Completion Team Hosts Crêpe and Dumpling Making Workshop



On February 14 and March 6 respectively, the Languages and Learning Resources Completion Team hosted cultural workshops on how to make French crêpes and Chinese dumplings. The Languages Department showcased the art of French crêpe and Chinese dumpling making for attendees who were in for delicious treats. The demonstrations are experiences that enrich students' understanding of various cultures. This approach effectively engages a broader spectrum of students and raises awareness of the Languages Department's programs. Watch the demonstration video of [French crêpes](#) or [Chinese dumplings](#).

Professor's Art Exhibit on Display at the Armory Center for Arts



On February 8, Pasadena Weekly's website featured an [article](#) on Professor of Digital Media Arts Terry Chatkupt's solo art exhibition. The "Terry Chatkupt: A Year" exhibit is housed at the Armory Center for the Arts in Pasadena. Chatkupt's art has been displayed in the Caldwell Gallery since January 26. The exhibition uses the vast, wild terrain of the San Gabriel Mountains as a backdrop and inspiration for exploring the physical and psychological spaces where the natural and domestic collide. Referring to the year under lockdown, "A Year" includes video, photography, atmospheric music, and installation work by Chatkupt. The exhibit will be on display through March 31.

Dr. Emily Liu Reflects on Teaching at California Community Colleges



On February 8, Professor of English Dr. Emily Liu was invited by the University of California, Irvine's English Department, to participate in an informational panel on teaching at California Community Colleges (CCC). Dr. Liu was one of four UCI PhD graduates on the panel who reflected on their experiences and answered questions from undergraduates, Masters of English students, PhD students, and UCI faculty who wanted to know more about CCCs.

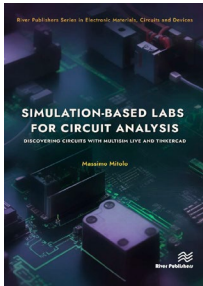
Student Expresses Gratitude for Partnership Between IVC and Coastline ROP



In Spring 2024, IVC and Coastline ROP teamed up to offer [free Healthcare Training for English Language Learners](#). Student Lan Jin sent an email sharing their appreciation for the instructors' passion, patience, and

dedication to the student's learning experience. English as a Second Language Professor Savynne Steindler confirmed the class has been performing very well, receiving a class average of 88%, 91%, and 90% on their exams. Students interested in the program can choose between the Emergency Medical Technician or Pharmacy Technician pathways. Participants receive help from an IVC English as a Second Language teacher while enrolled in the free training program.

Simulation-Based Learning with Professor Massimo Mitolo



Electrical Technology Professor Massimo Mitolo is on the brink of releasing his latest book, "Simulation-based Labs for Circuit Analysis," which will be released this spring. The book combines circuit analysis with cutting-edge simulation tools like Multisim Live and Tinkercad to revolutionize the learning experience. By integrating simulation tools, readers are offered a hands-on approach, enabling a profound comprehension of intricate concepts. Acknowledging the invaluable support of his semester sabbatical last fall, Professor Mitolo expresses gratitude for the time it provided to bring this project to fruition.

Upcoming Events

Dance Master Class- Hip Hop

March 28

Poetry Reading Featuring Orange County Poet Laureate, Gustavo Hernandez

April 1

IVC Art Gallery Reception

April 3

The Mendoza Family Distinguished Lecture Series - Héctor Tobar

April 3

Surfin' Days

April 4-11 and 11-14

Preview Night

April 17

CA Dances: A Dance and Film Festival

April 20

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