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

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SUBJECT: **President's Report for the July 22, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting**

Classified Senate Hosts Summer Retreat



On June 27, IVC's Classified Senate held its annual leadership retreat at the Duck Club in Irvine. Attendees were honored with presentations from Dr. John Hernandez and Dr. Natalie Halsell, who delivered two exceptional talks on developing your leadership identity, different leadership styles, and the importance of inclusive leadership. The afternoon session was dedicated to strategizing for the upcoming year, focusing on advocacy, engagement, and professional development. This retreat set the tone for a productive and impactful year ahead.

IVC Explores Community Partnership with Girls Inc.



On June 25, President John Hernandez met with Chief Executive Officer Lucy Santana and Chief Program Officer Emerald Archer from [Girls Inc.](https://www.girlsinc.org/) to explore an educational partnership with IVC. Girls Inc. is a non-profit organization that inspires all girls to be strong, smart, and bold through direct service and advocacy. Their comprehensive approach to whole-girl development equips girls to navigate gender, economic, and social barriers and grow up healthy, educated, and independent. IVC is looking forward to working with Girls Inc. to develop a mutually beneficial program for our communities.

IVC Participates in the City of Irvine's Juneteenth Celebration



On June 22, a team from IVC's Outreach department and three student ambassadors participated in the 3rd annual City of Irvine's Juneteenth Celebration hosted at the Great Park in Irvine. Dean of Counseling Services Angel Hernandez and Counselor Heather Johnson also attended. Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Orange County organized the event. Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. The free community event is a celebration of freedom, hope, and joy that honors the history and contributions of Black Americans through music, dance, poetry, art, and a curated cultural marketplace. The delegation from IVC showcased the college's Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) efforts and college wide instructional and student service programs to nearly 2,000 attendees.

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Orange County's Philippine Independence Day Celebration Hosted at IVC



On June 22, Equitable Learning Experience Valuing Achievement, Transfer, and Empowering Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders ([ELEVATE AAPI](#)) collaborated with local Filipino American businesses and organizations to host Orange County's 2nd annual Philippines Independence Day Celebration. The event was held in the Live Oak Terraces. More than 500 attendees and 50 local businesses and organizations were on campus for the event. The festivities included various cultural performances, interactive demonstrations, keynote speakers, contests, and a car show. Several food trucks serving Filipino food were also onsite. A highlight of the day was the Filipinx Community College session, which allowed students and staff from IVC to network with fellow students and colleagues from other local community colleges.

IVC's Strategic Planning Retreat Emphasizes Collective Responsibility for Success



On June 13, administrators, faculty, staff, and students gathered for IVC's strategic planning retreat to shape the college's direction for the next academic year and beyond. The retreat started with an overview of the current plan and its development, highlighting the college's mission, vision, goals and guiding principles. Attendees participated in several exercises where they discussed personal goals from last year's retreat and collaborated on new goals for the upcoming year. The retreat culminated with a presentation on Vision 2030 and the next steps for the Strategic Plan 2025-2030. The retreat theme was "We are The Plan," emphasizing collective responsibility for strategic success. Learn more about IVC's mission, vision, and goals [here](#).

IVC Honors National Women Veterans Recognition Day



On June 11, the Veterans Services Center honored National Women Veterans Recognition Day by hosting a brunch to celebrate our exceptional women veterans who serve in various roles at IVC. Administration, staff, and students gathered to mark the occasion, in recognition of the anniversary of the 1948 Women's Armed Services Integration Act being signed into law. We recognize and appreciate the outstanding dedication and service displayed by our women veterans.

VA VetSuccess Counselor Conducts Workshop for Students



On June 6, the Veterans Services Center (VSC) was thrilled to host Kelandra "Key" Anthony, IVC's VA VetSuccess on Campus Counselor, to conduct a workshop for student veterans. The information session covered a variety of available VA benefits, focusing on the Veteran Readiness & Employment program (VR&E). Student veterans could ask questions and better understand the resources available to them before enjoying a catered lunch provided by the VSC.

Pride Scholars Attend Angels Baseball Pride Night



On June 3, the Pride Scholars Program organized a trip to the Pride Night Game at Angels Stadium in Anaheim for 19 students, staff, faculty, and administrators. Besides enjoying the game, attendees learned about local queer-centered community organizations at the pre-game resource fair. The students were excited to bond and foster a sense of belonging at IVC, both on and off campus. This event was an excellent way to kick off Pride Month with Pride Scholars and their supporters.

IVC Outreach Connects with Community at the 40th Annual Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off



On June 2, the Outreach team kicked off the summer by participating in the 40th annual Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-Off. The annual event takes place in Old Town Tustin and is the largest one-day chili cook-off in the country, which traditionally brings over 40,000 people together. In addition to being an event sponsor, IVC's Outreach team fielded inquiries about the college, English as a Second Language courses, Emeritus/Community Ed, and the Irvine Valley Promise Program. IVC is committed to connecting with and serving the community, raising awareness of its offerings, and encouraging individuals to enroll in courses or programs that align with their interests and goals.

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Administrative Services Accomplishments:

- **Technology Services** made significant strides this year. The Learn2Earn initiative distributed 111 laptops to students, enhancing educational opportunities. Major IT projects included a three-year, \$6 million network refresh, upgrading 135 network appliances, and a firewall upgrade to enhance future network speeds and security. Tech Services managed over 7,360 incidents and 1,850 service requests, ensuring reliable tech support.
- **Facilities Management** focused on substantial upgrades. In 2023, the Library received a new entryway, acoustically treated lobby flooring, and renovated ADA-compliant restrooms. In 2024, a 3,000 sq. ft. outdoor patio was added, featuring a café, seating, and power outlets. Enhancements at Live Oak Terraces included a modern shade structure, a 15x25 ft. Jumbo Tron, and a high-quality sound system, improving event facilities.
- **Police Services** saw the establishment of the IVC Amateur Radio Club, fostering a community of amateur radio operators supporting emergency teams. Student engagement was expanded through work programs and mentorships in partnership with the Administration of Justice work-study program and Financial Aid's Learning-Aligned Employment Program (LAEP). Emergency preparedness was bolstered with five tabletop exercises and updated emergency resource guides and command boards.
- **Fiscal Services & Grants** streamlined payment processes for California College Promise Grant students to prevent enrollment holds and processed over 1,200 items totaling \$2.3 million in student transactions and campus monetary items. Over \$1.4 million in new grants and allocations were secured, including significant awards from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's

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Office for Strong Workforce and Perkins, Chico State Enterprises for CalFresh, and CA Volunteers for College Corps, with pending reviews for additional California Office of Emergency Services/Federal Emergency Management Agency funding. Recurring projects included \$1,016,717 for Strong Workforce Local FY23-24 and \$333,478 for Perkins FY23-24. The upcoming fiscal year's funding includes \$387,655 for Perkins FY24-25 and an estimated \$960,766 for Strong Workforce Local FY24-25.

Upcoming Events

Summer Session Ends

August 12

Fall 2024 Professional Development Week

August 12-16

President's Annual State of the College

August 12

IVC Laser Day

August 14

Instruction Begins

August 19

Respectfully Submitted,



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President