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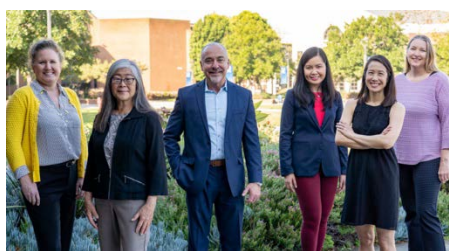
TO: Kathleen F. Burke, EdD, Chancellor, and Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: John C. Hernandez, PhD, President

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SUBJECT: **President's Report for the March 28, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting**

IVC Awards Teachers of the Year



IVC has announced its three recipients of Teacher of the Year recognition for the 2021-22 academic year. English Associate Professor Emily Liu was named Outstanding Full-Time Teacher of the Year. Professor Liu has taught English at IVC for 10 years, joining the college full-time in 2016. AESL instructor Annie Tran was named Outstanding Part-Time Teacher of the Year. Tran came to IVC in 2018 and has taught a variety of courses in the AESL department, working with everyone from beginners to advanced learners. Longtime t'ai chi instructor JoAnna Schoon was named Outstanding Emeritus Teacher of the Year.

The Teacher of the Year program identifies and honors exemplary teachers and highlights educational innovation, student learning, and the rewards of teaching. IVC will formally recognize its latest honorees at its in-person commencement ceremony on May 26.

IVC's Brent Warner Awarded 2022 OCCUE Outstanding Teacher of the Year



IVC Professor Brent Warner received the 2022 Orange County Computer-Using Educators (OCCUE) Outstanding Teacher of the Year award for his noteworthy contributions to educational technology in a classroom setting. Brent was recognized for his commitment to providing his students with the most engaging instructional experiences possible, helping them excel in their acquisition of English. Brent experimented with the burgeoning #ungrading movement, helping students focus on learning content through direct and formative feedback. Whether online or in person, Brent worked to reduce stress in the classroom and provide support to meet the needs of his students. Students in his class reported a better understanding of content, lower stress levels, and a better overall classroom environment. CUE is a nonprofit educational corporation founded in 1978. CUE's vision is a future where all students have access to technology-empowered learning that prepares them to solve real problems, seize opportunities, and improve their communities.

American Chemical Society Chemistry Olympiad



On Saturday, March 5, IVC hosted the American Chemical Society Chemistry (ACS) Olympiad exam (part 1), IVC joins the ACS organizers in wishing the students who participated continued success. 101 students from 26 Orange County high schools took the exam. 11 of these students now move on from this exam to compete at Vanguard University at the end of April in another exam to try and win a coveted place at the national study camp, where four delegates to the International Chemistry Olympiad from the United States will be chosen.

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IVC Honors Program held its Annual Honors Night



The IVC Honors Program held its annual Honors Night event on March 2, 2022. Around 110 high school juniors and seniors and their parents attended this webinar to learn about the benefits of the Honors Program. The presentation included a welcome address by President Hernandez, an overview of Honors curriculum and community from Honors Director Emily Liu, a discussion of Honors course enrichments and research opportunities from Math Professor Lan Pham, an explanation of Honors transfer agreements with schools like UCLA and UC Irvine from Honors Counselor Michelle Minkler, and an overview of the UC Irvine Campuswide Honors Collegium from UCI Associate

Dean Charles Wright. The highlight of the evening was a student panel comprised of one current and two former students who spoke about their experiences at IVC and in the Honors Program: Elisa Marconell-Tejedor, a second-year economics major; Marize Awad, a mechanical engineering major at UC Berkeley; and Ibrahim Hussain, a communications major at UCLA. Throughout the presentation, attendees participated actively in a live Q&A, with a team of Honors staff and counselors answering numerous questions in real time. Honors Night offered a lively and interactive introduction to all the benefits and opportunities that IVC and the Honors Program offer to highly motivated students.

IVC's Career Center Hosts Second Virtual Career Education Showcase



On Tuesday, March 8, IVC's Career Center hosted their second Virtual Career Education Showcase. The virtual event kicked off with welcome remarks from IVC Dean of Career and Continuing Education and Integrated Design, Engineering and Automation Debbie Vanschoelandt, and Career Education Counselor and Career Center Coordinator Amanda Romero. Attendees were given an opportunity to learn about 13 of IVC's Career Education programs, certificates and degrees offered, potential job opportunities, and program

highlights directly from the Career Education faculty. During the last half hour of the event, faculty hosted virtual breakout rooms where students could speak directly with them to ask questions about their programs.

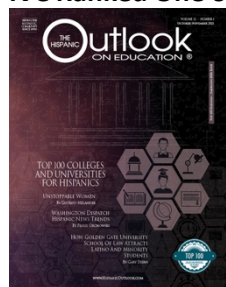
Two IVC Students Announced as Semifinalists for Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship



Two IVC students have been named semifinalists for the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, one of the largest and most prestigious private scholarships for community college transfer students in the country. Brittany Kester is a first-generation re-entry student, a member of the IVC Honors Program, President of Psi Beta, and an ASIVC senator. Ashley Bell is a first-generation college student, a member of the IVC Honors Program, and an editorial staff member on IVC's literary magazine *The Ear*.

According to the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's [press release](#), this year's 440 semifinalists were chosen from a pool of more than 1,200 applicants attending 180 community colleges in 35 states. Cooke Transfer Scholars are selected based on their exceptional academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, service, and leadership. The Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship recipients will be announced by early May 2022.

IVC Ranked One of the Top 100 Schools for Hispanic/Latino Students Second Year in a Row



IVC has been recognized by Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine (Hispanic Outlook) as one of the top 100 colleges for Hispanic/Latino students in the United States for the second year in a row. In the [latest Top 100 issue of Hispanic Outlook](#), IVC was listed as one of the top institutions that awarded associate degrees to Hispanic/Latino students. In terms of associates degrees awarded, IVC was listed as number 86 for the 2019-2020 academic year. This moves IVC 10 places ahead of its previous ranking.

Hispanic Outlook recognizes higher education institutions across the country by providing a clear picture of the specific institutions that serve Hispanic/Latino students. In their latest Top 100 Issue, Hispanic Outlook stated that “it is especially important to honor the work of these institutions over the course of a pandemic year that has been marked by unprecedented challenges, particularly for minority students.”

IVC Performing Arts Center Welcomes Patrons Back



IVC Performing Arts Center welcomed patrons back into the theater, with a spirited concert on the Rezanoor Stage featuring a performance by “Duo Art,” IVC’s faculty member duo of Dr. Minji Noh Lee (Piano) and Dr. Kookhee Hong Choi (Piano); as well a performance by New York-based guest artist “ARKAI,” comprised of violinist, Jonathan Miron and cellist, Philip Sheegog who thrilled the audience with their unique, modern sound where they featured classics with a twist and original pieces utilizing both traditional acoustic and modern electronic instruments. The evening ended with a high-energy collaborative performance

of *Libertango* between ARKAI, Duo Art, Dr. Susan Boettger (Keyboard Department Head), and Timothy Rantung (former IVC Music Student) that had the sold-out audience lauding the performers with a standing ovation.

IVC Women's Basketball Team Captures Fourth OEC Conference Title



Irvine Valley's women's basketball team captured its fourth Orange Empire Conference (OEC) title and made it to the California Community College Athletics Association State Championship semi-finals. This was the Lasers first appearance at the state tourney since 2018. The team's 17-game winning streak, unfortunately, came to an end with a loss against Northern California's No. 1 seeded San Joaquin Delta, 77-74. The Lasers were led by the guard duo of sophomore [Paola Roa](#) and [Jessica Suruor](#). Both players scored 23 points.

Earlier in the month, the team received the most prestigious awards at the Orange Empire Conference (OEC) All-Conference meeting earning a total of six all-conference nominations. Laser sophomore guard [Morgan Higgins](#) was named the OEC MVP with forward [Sarah Matossian](#), and guards Roa and Suruor also being selected first-team all-conference. Head coach Julie Hanks was named the conference coach of the year. Higgins was also named the Offensive Player of the year for leading the league with points-per-game and a high shooting percentage. The Lasers closed out the season with an overall record of 26-3 and 12-0 in conference winning each game by 14 or more points.

IVC Symphony Orchestra Premiered "Allegro Festivo Mvt. from Symphony No. 1"



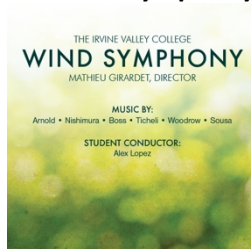
On Friday, March 4, 2022, the IVC Symphony Orchestra, directed by Eleanor Nuñez, performed several beautiful and particularly *fun* pieces by composers Haydn, Nielsen, and Piazzolla. Exceptionally memorable for this evening was the world premiere of "Allegro Festivo Mvt. from Symphony No. 1," composed by Dr. Daniel Luzko, Professor of Music Theory and Composition at IVC, joined by Director Nuñez; and performed as a piano duo. The entire symphonic release of this original composition will premier in May of 2022 and we are excited to experience it!

IVC Master Chorale joined by Portola High School Choir



On Saturday, March 5, Dean of IVC's Music department, Matthew Tresler, invited the students of Irvine Unified School District's Portola High School Choir to join Irvine Valley College's "Master Chorale" for a stage-spanning collaboration concert entitled "Spring Sing," on Saturday evening. This performance was made particularly special by the presence of a former IVC student, now choir director for Portola High School, Adrian Rangel-Sanchez (IVC class of 2011). The sound that these two fantastic choirs created together was indescribable and left the audience excited for future performances and collaborations.

IVC Wind Symphony Closes Unforgettable Weekend of Music



On Sunday, March 6, closing out the unforgettable weekend of music, Mathieu Girardet, director of IVC's Wind Symphony, opened the concert with a driving percussion piece called "Energy" composed by IVC student: Sophia Ahmad. This song truly set the tone of the afternoon concert - which was filled with *energy*! Other pieces performed included classics by well-known composers: Arnold, Nishimura, Boss, Ticheli, Woodrow, and Sousa. IVC student conductor, Alex Lopez had the amazing opportunity to pick up the baton and lead the symphony through an entire song which he did with confidence and grace thanks to the additional support he received from Denny Bui - Band Director of Laguna Hills High School - who has collaborated with IVC in the past.

IVC Celebrates Women's History Month



On Friday, March 11, the 'March On, Women' event celebrated women's history month with a panel comprised of various campus and community members. The panel was composed with the idea of representing diverse women's voices and experiences in order to provide a space for solidarity and conversation about topics related to gender in history and contemporary society. The event covered topics such as workplace inequity, racial disparities, trans and non-binary rights, the systemic inequalities brought to the surface via the pandemic and the state of the feminist movements.

IVC Professor Kazumi Horikawa's Heartfelt Advice Goes Viral and is Featured on Good Morning America



IVC Professor Kazumi Horikawa ended one of her virtual IVC math classes with some heartfelt advice to students. This advice was particularly meaningful to IVC student Alexis Marincovich who posted [Professor Horikawa's advice](#) on TikTok where it initially went viral. To date, the video has gained 4.5 million views, 1.1M likes, 30.2k shares, and 12.4k comments. Professor Horikawa's advice caught so much attention on TikTok it was featured on Good Morning America (GMA) where it was introduced by anchor Michael Strahan. GMA highlighted that Professor Horikawa recently ended her math class with a beautiful and motivational message for her students." Strahan added, "Professor Horikawa is the kind of teacher I wish I had as well." Professor Horikawa advised her students to keep trying their best, not to give up, and not to compare themselves to others. She wants her students to know if they are having a bad day, look up at the sky because it is so beautiful, they are alive, and that is what counts.

Upcoming Events

IVC Department of Theater Arts Presents: *Oliver!*
April 7th – 16th

IVC Master Chorale
May 13th

Sexual Assault Awareness Week
April 25th – April 29th

IVC Symphony Orchestra
May 14th

Dr. Laura Rendón Presents: *Strong Opportunities, Real Success: Addressing Equity for Community College Students.*
April 29th

IVC Wind Symphony
May 15th

IVC Foundation Awards Dinner: Celebrating Excellence
May 5th

IVC Scholarship Ceremony
May 20th

IVC Department of Theater Arts Presents: *Much Ado About Nothing*
May 5th – 15th

Commencement Ceremony
May 26th

IVC Department of Dance Presents: *Harmonized Motion*
May 6th – 7th

Respectfully Submitted

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