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# CAMPUS UPDATES

## IVC Superintendent/President Dr. Lennor Johnson



Greetings Campus Community:

Below are a few important campus updates we wanted to bring to your attention.

### President's Office

**Retirement and Years of Service Recognition:** This time of year is filled with celebration and joy. On May 28, we celebrated the retirement of four valued colleagues:

- **Jim Mecate** – 30 years of service
- **Said Canez-Zavala** – 35 years of service
- **Jill Tucker** – 27 years of service
- **Elvia Camillo** – 29 years of service

Together, these individuals dedicated more than 120 years of service to Imperial Valley College. We thank them for their commitment, contributions, and dedication to our students and community. Their impact on Imperial Valley College has been significant, and they will be greatly missed.

We also recognized more than 50 employees for their years of service to the college. Thank you for your outstanding dedication and for helping make Imperial Valley College a special place to learn and work. To see photos from this celebration, [visit here](#).

**Enrollment Update:** Spring enrollment concluded at 3,009.68 FTES, compared to 2,902.29 FTES last year, representing continued growth and another positive enrollment year for the college. Summer enrollment currently stands at 575.13 FTES, compared to 605.09 FTES at the same time last year. While we are slightly behind last year's pace, there is still time remaining in the enrollment cycle, and we will continue our efforts to support student enrollment and access.

Our enrollment growth represents another significant milestone for Imperial Valley College. We have now experienced than 22 consecutive terms and intersessions of enrollment growth, a historic achievement that reflects the collective efforts of our faculty, staff, administrators, and students. At a time when many colleges continue to face enrollment challenges, Imperial Valley College continues to expand access and opportunity for our community. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this success through outreach, scheduling innovation, student support, and an unwavering commitment to student success.

I would also like to share the [2025 Fact Book](#), which contains valuable information regarding enrollment, academic programs, student demographics, instructional modalities, student outcomes, and much more. I encourage everyone to take a few moments to review this important resource. Thank you to our outstanding Institutional Research Department for helping us remain data-informed and student-focused.

**Reminder: RSVP by June 1 for IVC Strategic Retreat:** Sharing a friendly reminder to RSVP by Monday, June 1 for the IVC Education Master Plan Strategic Retreat on Friday, June 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the College Center. This collaborative event invites faculty, staff, administrators, and students to help shape IVC's future through discussions focused on student success and institutional priorities. Lunch will be provided and please complete the RSVP form to confirm your attendance, [here](#).

**President's Office Forms Now Available Online:** The President's Office has launched a new [Forms landing page](#) to provide easier access to commonly used resources. Employees can now conveniently access the [Grant/Funding Application Approval Form](#) and the [President's Routing Form \(2025 Fillable Version\)](#) from a single location, helping streamline requests and approvals across the college.



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### Academic Services

**ACCJC Accreditation Update:** The accreditation process continues to move forward. The commission will meet on June 3 to review and vote on our peer review team recommendations. If approved, this action will reaffirm Imperial Valley College's accreditation for the next seven to eight years.

This achievement reflects the collective efforts of our faculty, staff, administrators, students, and governing board. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to this outstanding result.

**Call for Applications: Outcomes and Assessment Coordinator:** The Outcomes and Assessment Coordinator is a two-year, 40% reassigned-time position (6 credits per semester) beginning in Fall 2026, focused on leading institutional assessment efforts and advancing student learning outcomes. Interested faculty should submit a letter outlining how their experience aligns with the desired qualifications to VP of Academic Services, [Jules Johnson](#) by 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2026; interviews will follow with a final decision by June 17, 2026. View the full position description, [here](#).

### Student Services

**Calexico Student Housing Update:** The SDSU Imperial Valley and Imperial Valley College Intersegmental Student Housing project remains on track for completion in Summer 2026, with occupancy scheduled to begin in Fall 2026. The apartment-style community will provide up to 80 beds in fully furnished four-bedroom, two-bath units and will include utilities, Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, after-hours support, and on-site property management. Student interest continues to grow, with more than 70 applications received to date, and 34 students already approved for housing. The project represents a significant investment in expanding access to affordable housing and supporting student success throughout the Imperial Valley. Please refer interested students to apply via our [housing website](#).

### Administrative Services

**Governor's May Revision Signals Stable Outlook for Community Colleges:** Governor Gavin Newsom's 2026-27 May Revision proposes a balanced state budget and increased support for California Community Colleges, including a statutory cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) projected at 2.87% with 1.41% discretionary funds subject to AB65 approval by the Governor, which supports continued enrollment growth funding, and sustained investments in student success, workforce development, and basic needs programs. The proposal reflects a stronger-than-expected state revenue picture and an overall commitment to maintaining funding stability for colleges while advancing Vision 2030 priorities. If approved by the Legislature, the revised budget would provide a favorable fiscal outlook for Imperial Valley College as planning for the 2026-27 budget year continues.

**Safe Campus Reminder to See Something, Say Something:** At IVC, the safety of our students, faculty, and staff is our highest priority, and if something doesn't feel right, trust your instincts and report it immediately to [Campus Safety](#) at 760-483-7411. By staying alert and keeping your Regroup contact information up to date, we can work together to maintain a safe, welcoming, and secure campus for all.

### IVC Foundation

**Celebration of Life Honoring Dr. Hector Lopez:** The IVC Foundation invites the campus community to join in honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Hector Lopez, whose decades of service as Vice President for Student Services helped shape generations of students and strengthen our community. The Celebration of Life will take place on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the IVC College Center, and attendees are encouraged to wear a guayabera in tribute.



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### Public Information Office

**Successful Spring 2026 Events Training:** On May 22, 2026, the IVC Events Task Force convened faculty and staff for a focused training on improving event planning, coordination, and communication. The session reinforced clear timelines, operational expectations, and best practices to support safe, accessible, and well-executed campus events. A follow-up training is planned for the fall semester, and those who missed the session or would like to learn more can view the training slides, [here](#).

**Policy Updates:** IVC has completed updates to several Administrative Procedures and Board Policies as part of the Spring 2026 Policy & Procedure Service Legal Update. The revisions primarily include updated Title 5 references, clarified language, and technical edits to ensure continued compliance with current laws, regulations, accreditation standards, and statewide policy templates. [Learn more here](#).

**Community College Bachelor's Degree Efforts Advance:** Several bills under consideration in Sacramento would expand community college authority to offer workforce-aligned bachelor's degrees, including new nursing pathways and programs designed to address regional workforce needs. Supporters say the proposals could increase access to affordable, locally available four-year degree opportunities for students across California. [Learn more here](#).

**Community College Priorities Advance in Sacramento:** Several priority bills impacting California Community Colleges continue moving through the legislative process following key action by the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees. Measures advancing include efforts to expand dual enrollment opportunities, strengthen transfer pathways, and increase access to workforce-focused bachelor's degree and nursing programs. [Learn more here](#).

**Sacramento Update: Budget and Legislative Activity Continue:** The Community College League of California's May Government Relations webinar highlighted continued progress on key legislative priorities and the Governor's May Revision budget proposal. Several community college-supported bills advanced through the Legislature, including measures focused on dual enrollment, transfer pathways, nursing education, and expanded bachelor's degree opportunities. The webinar also reviewed the May Revision's proposed a statutory cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) projected at 2.87% with 1.41% discretionary funds subject to AB65 approval by the Governor. These funds should support community colleges continued enrollment growth funding, student support investments, and new paid pregnancy leave requirements tied to a portion of the proposed funding increase. [Learn more here](#).

### Final Thoughts

This is truly one of the most exciting times of the year. It is a season filled with celebrations, graduations, recognitions, and ceremonies that remind us why we do this work.

It is a time for **celebration**, as we recognize the accomplishments of our students. Many of them would not have reached this milestone without the dedication and commitment of faculty, staff, and administrators working collaboratively to support their success.

It is also a time for **reflection**. This year, we have accomplished a great deal together, from expanding noncredit opportunities and strengthening our 8-week course offerings, to growing enrollment, advancing major capital projects, maintaining strong fiscal stewardship, and continuing to move Vision 2030 forward.

Finally, it is a time for **appreciation**. Every day, members of this campus community work hard to support one another and create opportunities for our students. Your efforts make a meaningful difference in the lives of students, families, and our entire community.



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I sincerely thank each of you for your dedication, professionalism, and commitment to Imperial Valley College. I encourage you to take a moment this week to thank a colleague for the work they do. A simple expression of appreciation can go a long way, and our colleagues deserve to know that their efforts matter and are valued.

As we celebrate the accomplishments of this academic year, we also look forward to one of our most cherished traditions, Commencement, which will take place on June 13. Commencement represents the culmination of years of hard work, perseverance, and determination by our students. It is a powerful reminder of the life-changing impact of higher education and the important role each of you plays in helping students achieve their goals.

I encourage everyone to join us as we celebrate the success of our graduates and their families. I look forward to seeing many of you there as we honor this remarkable achievement and recognize the bright futures that await our students.

Thank you for all that you do, and congratulations once again to our retirees, years-of-service honorees, and graduates. Together, we continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of our students and our community.

Warm regards,  
Lennor M. Johnson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President