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# CAMPUS UPDATES

## IVC Superintendent/President Dr. Lennor Johnson



Greetings Campus Community:

As we continue advancing Vision 2030, I'm pleased to share several important updates that reflect our collective progress in accreditation, academic growth, student-centered investments and community engagement across Imperial Valley College.

**Accreditation Update:** The ACCJC site visit concluded Tuesday, and I want to extend sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed to making this process a success. From the timely submission of our Core Inquiry Report to the thoughtful engagement during the campus forum and exit report, your preparation, professionalism and care were evident throughout the visit.

A very special thank you to Dr. Jia Sun, Dr. Melani Guinn and Dixie Krimm for their leadership in guiding this effort. I also want to recognize Krista Byrd, Dr. Jose Carrillo, Dr. Cerise Myers, Xochitl Tirado, Learning Services, MESA and our Student Equity and Achievement Programs for their meaningful contributions, as well as Mabel Vargas and Alexa Valenzuela, among others who helped coordinate the visit. This was truly a collective effort, and it was inspiring to see our campus community come together to thoughtfully reflect on our work and demonstrate our deep commitment to serving students with excellence. (I apologize if I failed to include someone who was deeply involved in this process)

**Recognition:** Please join me in congratulating Dr. Elizabeth Trevino on earning her Doctor of Education (EdD) in Higher Education Administration with a concentration in Educational Leadership from Liberty University in December 2025. This is a tremendous accomplishment and a reflection of her dedication to learning, leadership, and service. Congratulations, Dr. Trevino, and thank you for continuing to inspire our campus community.

**New Tenure Faculty Recognition:** The College proudly celebrates the tenure of Justin Behrens, Andres Estrada, Rebekka Lerma, Jesus Alicia Ortega, Arturo Marquez Jr., Roxanne Morales, Lillian Finnell, Analise Garcia, Suellen Gonzalez, Eduardo Pesqueira and Isabel Sigala. Representing disciplines across English, Automotive Technology, Nursing and Allied Health, Anthropology, Psychology and student support programs including CalWORKs, Financial Aid, Language Success, NextUp and EOPS, this group reflects the depth of talent and commitment that strengthens both instruction and equity-centered services at Imperial Valley College.

**College Leadership Retreat:** The Spring 2026 College Leadership Council and Faculty Leadership Retreat will take place March 5-6 at the Quechan Casino Resort in Winterhaven. This two-day retreat will focus on strengthening collaboration and synergy across leadership teams, aligning practices with institutional priorities, and building proactive, student-centered leadership. Participants will leave with collective, actionable strategies directly tied to advancing Vision 2030.

**State of the College & Groundbreaking Ceremony:** Join us on March 25 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for the State of the College Address and the groundbreaking of the new Public Safety Regional Training Center. The address will begin in Building 3200, Room 3201, followed by the groundbreaking ceremony for this 2022 Measure B, funded project. This is a meaningful opportunity to hear important updates about the College's progress and priorities, while celebrating a significant workforce-aligned investment that will strengthen public safety training and career pathways across the region.

**8-Week Course Expansion:** This spring semester, the College is seeing a continued increase in 8-week course offerings, expanding flexible learning options for students and the community. We are excited about the collaborative work taking place across instructional areas to make these short-term courses more widely available. This continued growth creates greater opportunities for students to begin college when they're ready, balance their schedules more effectively and engage in focused, in-depth learning experiences.



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**Campus Priorities 2025–26:** As we move through the 2025–26 academic year, the College remains focused on key priorities that advance student success and institutional strength. This includes expanding 8-week and dual enrollment pathways, strengthening workforce-aligned programs, expand non-credit, supporting basic needs and housing initiatives, maintaining responsible financial stewardship, and completing important capital and modernization projects. Together, these efforts reflect a shared commitment to access, excellence, and continued progress toward Vision 2030.

**Student Services & Wayfinding Update:** Planning continues to move forward on to the new Student Services One-Stop Building, which remains in its initial phase. An RFP is anticipated for release by spring 2027, with tentative substantial completion projected for fall 2030. Recently, executive leadership and Student Services leaders reviewed preliminary floor plans as the project continues to progress in a positive direction. In addition, the campuswide wayfinding project is ongoing, supporting clearer navigation and an improved experience for students and visitors.

**IVC Foundation Hall of Fame Gala:** Imperial Valley College and the IVC Foundation are proud to announce that the annual Hall of Fame Dinner Gala will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2026, inside the College Center, Building 600. This signature annual fundraiser honors outstanding alumni who have walked our halls and gone on to make a meaningful impact in their professions and throughout the community. The evening celebrates achievement, reflects the lasting influence of an IVC education, and, most importantly, invests in the success of our current and future students. To learn more about attending or supporting the event, please contact Todd Evangelist, Executive Director of the IVC Foundation, at [todd.evangelist@imperial.edu](mailto:todd.evangelist@imperial.edu)

**Travel Advisory Update:** [The U.S. Department of State recently updated its Travel Advisory](#) for Mexico, maintaining Mexico at Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution and Baja California at Level 3: Reconsider Travel, including areas within Mexicali and the Mexicali Valley. At this time, there is no impact to campus safety or operations in Imperial County. The College is actively monitoring the situation in coordination with appropriate local agencies and will promptly share updates if conditions change in a way that affects the campus community.

**Enrollment:** Once again, we are ahead of last year with 3009.29 FTES compared to 2924.61 last year, a 3% increase. This marks approximately 22 consecutive semesters and intersessions with enrollment growth. The impact is significant, increased completions, increased transfers, expanded community impact and stronger program vitality across the College. Outstanding job, everyone.

**Final Thoughts:** “Teamwork is the secret that makes common people achieve uncommon results.” As I reflect on the many accomplishments at Imperial Valley College, the evidence is clear. Not many colleges in our system have accomplished what we have over the past five years.

Not many colleges have earned the Aspen Prize distinction.

Not many have been identified as an Opportunity College.

Not many have established intersegmental agreements with a CSU partner.

Not many have achieved 22 consecutive semesters of enrollment growth.

Not many are leading in dual enrollment, Nursing, Career Education and transfer excellence.

Not many have completed 13 capital projects in less than five years, with more underway.

Not many have achieved four consecutive years of clean audits.

And not many can complete an accreditation visit feeling confident in the strength of their work.



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I share this not to exaggerate, but to acknowledge the facts. We are an exceptional team achieving exceptional results and transforming the lives of our students and our community.

Thank you for your dedication, your professionalism and your belief in our mission. We are moving forward together, and the best is still ahead.

Sincerely,  
Lennor M. Johnson, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President