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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY UPDATES

ACCT National Legislative Summit: February 8–11, 2026 | Washington, D.C.

Trustee Armendariz, Superintendent/President Dr. Johnson and PIO Celeste Alvarez attended the premier advocacy event for community colleges nationwide, this summit brought together more than 1,000 leaders to engage with federal policymakers and discuss legislative priorities shaping the future of community colleges and student success.

Congressman Juan Vargas' Midnight Tour: February 10, 2026 | 10:30pm – 2:30am | United States Capitol
Trustee Armendariz, Superintendent/President Dr. Johnson and PIO Celeste Alvarez joined Juan Vargas, U.S. Representative for California's 52nd Congressional District for a midnight tour of the United States Capitol.

Attended Senators Padilla and Schiff's California Community Colleges Forum: February 11, 2026
Discussed California Community College issues and took questions from college leaders, including from Dr. Johnson.



REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP:

SDICCCA Dinner



IVC leadership attended the annual San Diego and Imperial Counties Community Colleges Association (SDICCCA) Dinner held at Southwestern College on Feb. 5th.

As a proud member of SDICCCA, we collaborate with six regional districts and 10 colleges serving more than 200,000 students to strengthen partnerships, expand educational pathways, and support student success and workforce development across the region.

SDICCCA: Imperial Valley College | Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District | MiraCosta College | Palomar College | San Diego Community College District | Southwestern College



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ACADEMIC SERVICES

Accreditation Update – ACCJC Campus Visit

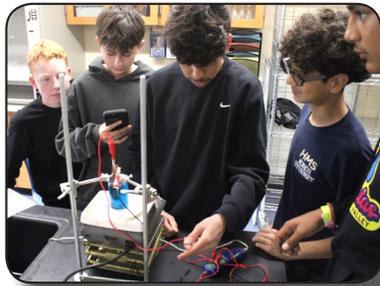
- Feb 23-24, 2026

8-Week Course Implementation Committee

- Forming and beginning work spring 2026
- Deliverables: Faculty Development Needs, Student Learning Needs, Capacity Building Plans

Learning Services Builds Tutoring Staff by 50

- Each tutor provides 20 hours of tutoring per week
- Doubles the number of embedded tutors
- Almost 100 embedded tutors for spring 2026



ACADEMIC SERVICES

UCR donated Chemistry Lab equipment; installation finalized last weekend

- Supports Chemical Lab Tech Certificate at IVC
- Analyzes chemicals related to lithium and other compounds in the region

The Standard and Training for Corrections Academy has grown, resulting in a need for a session this spring

- Historically a fall-only program that has grown from 11-12 graduates to 30 in the past few sessions



ACADEMIC SERVICES: HIGHLIGHT

EWD IVC/UCR Lecture Series Wrap-Up Wednesday, February 4, 2026

- Completed a four-part series on Salton Sea science, geothermal research, and regional environmental issues.
- Strong turnout with an average of 80 participants per session, including students, educators, and community members.
- Survey responses showed high satisfaction with session quality, speaker clarity, and overall relevance.
- Participants reported deeper understanding of regional research and useful academic, career, and community insights.

Direct Quotes from Participants:

"It is a pleasure to have events like this that help us better understand and engage with our community. Please keep doing this!"

"I truly appreciate events like these that relate to the Imperial Valley community and its people. Hearing from individuals in higher education inspires students like me. Thank you!"





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ACADEMIC SERVICES



The Health and Public Safety Division participated in the Women in Law Enforcement event on January 30th

- Multiple female officers participated in Arrest and Control Activities.
- The event offered hands-on experience for the students attending from across the Imperial Valley.

IVC staff and administrators attended the **Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation 19th Annual Dinner** on January 29, 2026.



Middle School Career Days Held February 10-12, 2026, at IVC

- Featured hands-on workshops in: Arrest & Control, MESA, Nursing, Plant Operator
- Participating schools included Heber Middle School, Meadows School, and Holtville Middle School.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

EWD - STEAM WARS Conference – Central Union High School - IVC Learning 2 Lead Agriculture Student Outreach Saturday, January 24, 2026.



- IVC L2L Agriculture students participated in the STEAM Wars Conference as exhibitors.
- They represented Imperial Valley College by showcasing agriculture-related career pathways.
- Students highlighted the benefits and opportunities offered through the IVC NextGen L2L Agriculture Program.
- Engagement included sharing program information with K-12 students, families, and educators.



ACADEMIC SERVICES

IVC L2L Agriculture Students Model USDA Simulation Held at Arizona State U January 30 - February 1, 2026

- Students engaged in a multi-day simulation of USDA roles after completing required pre-event preparation.
- **Eva Lepe** served as Majority Staff Director in the United States Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.
- **Michelle Trejo** served as Strategic Director for Rural Development with the United States Department of Agriculture.



• IVC Early College Credit Ambassadors attended the CAP Summit held at the SDSU-Brawley Campus on January 16, 2026.

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WORKFORCE INNOVATION LABS WEBINAR LUNCH & LEARN

UNVEILING FUTURE CAREERS

DISCOVER THE BEST IN CALIFORNIA CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION

LIFT (LITHIUM INDUSTRY FORCE TRAINING)
Efrain Silva, Dean, Economic and Workforce Development, Imperial Valley College
Aligned with the developing Lithium Valley project and focused on practical, job-relevant training for roles such as Plant Operator, Chemical Lab Technician, and Instrumentation Technician.

BARBERING, COSMETOLOGY & ESTHETICIAN PROGRAM
Cassidy Ryan, Barbering, Cosmetology & Esthetician Program Coordinator, Skyline College
An innovative program that pioneered 100% online delivery during the pandemic and has evolved into a hybrid model designed to support hands-on learning.

CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION
Dr. Jo Tavares, Director, California Center for Climate Change Education, West Los Angeles College
A first-of-its-kind center preparing students for good-paying, fulfilling careers in the clean energy and climate technology industries—connecting learners to pathways in one of the fastest-growing sectors.

DON'T MISS THIS EXCLUSIVE ONE-HOUR ONLINE LUNCH & LEARN!

Date: February 26, 2026 | Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Register Here Now! CTE Showcase Webinar 6

You're Invited

Upcoming February 26, 2026 -

Innovating Beyond Expectations: Trailblazers & Emerging Industries Webinar

WORKFORCE INNOVATION LABS

INNOVATING BEYOND EXPECTATIONS: TRAILBLAZERS & EMERGING INDUSTRIES

Discover how California's community colleges are **innovating beyond expectations**—building pathways into emerging industries like lithium and climate tech, while **expanding access** through replicable hybrid models.

The final session in the CTE Showcase Webinar Series is coming up—reserve your spot today! [Register here.](#)

Join this **one-hour online session** to explore three trailblazing programs preparing learners for fast-evolving careers. Hear directly from program leaders about what they built, what they learned, and what other colleges can adapt—plus live Q&A.

[Register Now](#)

HUMAN RESOURCES



2026 CCC Career Connect Job Fair Los Angeles | January 31, 2026

- Imperial Valley College participated and engaged with hundreds of job seekers at the **2026 CCC Career Connect Job Fair** in Los Angeles.
- Prospective candidates stopped by the IVC table to learn about the college, explore career opportunities, and apply for available positions.

IVC - Committed to Equal Employment Opportunity



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Spring New Hire Orientation February 12, 2026



- Spring New Hire Orientation held on February 12, 2026.
- 18 new employees welcomed to the District.
- New hires were given an overview of District mission, values, and organizational structure.
- They were introduced to HR policies, benefits, and workplace expectations.
- New employees were provided with resources and support services shared to ensure a smooth transition.



STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

Fall 2025 services provided to a total of **799** DSPS Students:

- 1,326 Counselor Advising appointments
- 685 Students assisted at the front desk
- 116 Intakes / Program Onboarding
- 346 Students proctored
- 2 Test Proctor Workshops
- 2 Assistive Technology Workshops
- 314 students received Assistive Technology, Alternate Media training



STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

In Fall 2025, **EOPS** launched its **first Student Ambassador pilot program.**

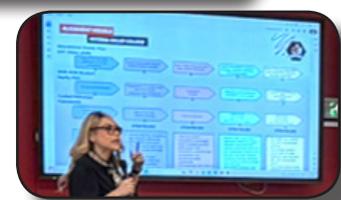
- End-of-semester results showed near-perfect ratings (3.8–4.0/4.0) for program value, communication, and overall impact.



STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

Thursday, January 22, 2026

Staff, faculty, and administrators from across campus came together for the **Success Pathways Retreat**—collaborating to strike the right balance between fun and focused execution in advancing student success and equity.



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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

January 23, 2026

SEA employees participated in a **campus tour at Mt. San Antonio College**, gaining insight into the college's programs, student services, and operational practices.

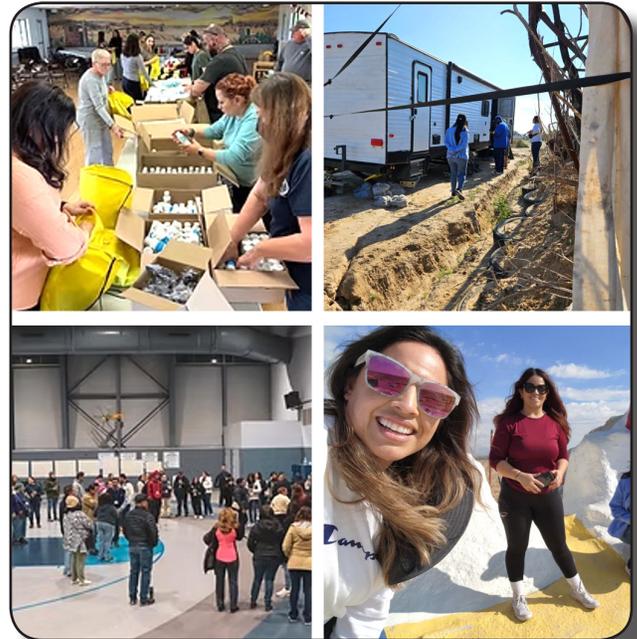


STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

January 23 – 24, 2026

Several IVC Staff volunteered for the **2026 POINT-IN-TIME (PIT) Count in Imperial Valley and Slab City**.

Continuum of Care Conduct is an annual count of homeless persons who are sheltered in emergency shelter, transitional housing, and safe havens.



STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

February 2-6, 2026

The SEA Matriculation team continues supporting **Brawley High School** students with IVC Orientation and advising.

- Approximately **424** students were served.



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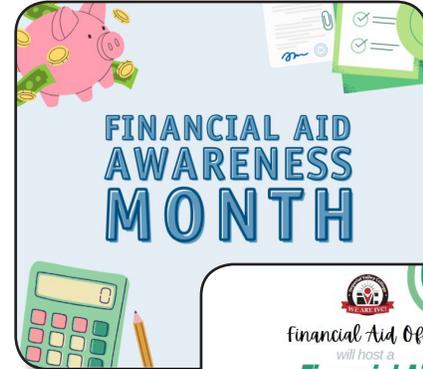
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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

February is Financial Aid Awareness Month!

- The Financial Aid Office has been actively supporting students through multiple outreach and engagement efforts.
- **Social Media Campaign**
 - Promoting FAFSA/CADAA applications
 - Sharing financial aid tips, reminders, and resources
- **Financial Aid Workshops**
 - Offering workshops to guide students through the financial aid application process
- **Financial Aid Marathon (Saturday Event)**
 - Supporting high school seniors and their families
 - Assisting with completion of the **2026-27 FAFSA/CADAA**
 - Helping students meet the **Cal Grant deadline of March 2**



EVENTS REPORT

Imperial Valley College
STUDENT EQUITY & ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

A2MEND
AFRICAN AMERICAN MALE
ORGANIZATION FOR MENTORING & DEVELOPMENT

DESERT WARRIORS

"THE FATHER FACTOR"
Manhood & Masculinity Panel

Join us for an open conversation exploring:
MANHOOD, MASCULINITY, & IDENTITY

IVC leadership will reflect on the role fatherhood and father figures have played in shaping their values, perspectives, and paths, with returning panelist Dr. Johnson offering insights that spark meaningful reflection and connection.

Thursday, February 19th, 2026 - 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM
@ IVC College Center

ALL IVC STUDENTS & EMPLOYEES ARE INVITED!

SCAN TO RSVP

SCAN TO SUBMIT PANEL QUESTION

Last year, we helped students step into confidence with our tie drive. This year, we're back with another way to elevate your essence...

- Feb. 19:** SEA The Father Factor – How Family Structure Helped Shape You
- Feb. 24:** Roots & Resilience: Connecting planting to deep roots in history and community
- Feb. 25:** Student Development Workshop – Understanding your Financial Aid
- Feb. 26:** Spring 2026 Welcome Back Club Rush
- Feb. 26:** Motown in our Town – Black History Month Celebration
- Feb. 27:** Celebrate TRiO Day
- Mar. 10:** Spring 2026 Student Health and Wellness Fair
- Mar. 12:** Woman's History Month Celebration
- Mar. 14:** MESA Day
- Mar. 17:** SEA: The Big Giveaway
- Mar. 18:** Spring Suicide Awareness Event
- Mar. 19:** SDSU-IV Spring Transfer Fair
- Mar. 20:** March Student Food Distribution
- Mar. 25:** Monday Management Day
- Mar. 26:** 2026 Career Education Expo
- Mar. 27:** DSPS Transition Fair | Adult Ed Exploration Day
- Mar. 31:** Cesar Chavez Day