



President's Update

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ICCD BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



January 21, 2026

By: Dr. Lennor Johnson

PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

Visiting Forum & Working Luncheon



IVC leadership held focus group lunches with various community stakeholders this month to gain insight on how the district can continue aligning our 2030 Vision with our community needs.

Jan. 14 - Nonprofits/Service Clubs

Jan. 16 - Business & Economic Partners

Jan. 15 – High School Education Partners:

Jan. 22 – Elected Officials



Superintendents, Principals, Athletic Directors, and ICOE leaders

ACADEMIC SERVICES / EWD



Solar Turbines Industry Site Visit | LIFT Program Faculty December 19, 2025

- LIFT program faculty conducted an industry site visit to Solar Turbines in San Diego.
- Pathways for Plant Operator discussed
- Explored strategies to improve student interview readiness and support long-term career placement.

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ACADEMIC SERVICES / EWD



**UC RIVERSIDE AND IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
JOINT LECTURE SERIES**

UC RIVERSIDE

Join us to learn about important new research on the Salton Sea and related ecological and health challenges, the lithium beneath the shores, and new frontiers in the search for life beyond Earth. Enjoy a complimentary dinner for registered in-person attendees. In-person attendance is encouraged, with a virtual option available.


Timothy Lyons, Distinguished Professor, Earth & Planetary Sciences, UC Riverside
Emma Aronson, Professor, Microbiology & Plant Pathology, UC Riverside
Maryjo Brounce, Associate Professor, Earth & Planetary Sciences, UC Riverside
William Porter, Associate Professor, Environmental Sciences, UC Riverside
Caroline Hung, Postdoctoral Scholar, Earth & Planetary Sciences, UC Riverside
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IVC/UC Riverside Joint Lecture Series January 14, 2026

- The lecture series features faculty-led presentations on the Salton Sea, environmental and public health, critical minerals, and broader scientific research relevant to the Imperial Valley.
- Over 60 students, faculty, industry partners, and community members participated in the opening lecture.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The CISOA "CISO" certification program held a weekend meeting December 12-December 14, 2025. Melody Burrell, Director of Application Services was in attendance. The CISO Program is designed to prepare individuals for technology leadership positions in the California Community College System.



The annual graduation ceremony for the program is scheduled for March 2026 at the annual CISOA Technology Summit.

STUDENT SERVICES AND EQUITY

Student Health Center

- December 10, 2025:** Student Health Center (SHC) held its Fall 2025 End-of-Semester Service Review Luncheon
- July-December 2025:** SHC provided 7,512 healthcare, mental health, case management, and outreach services
- January 8, 2026:** Narcan boxes distributed
 - In collaboration with IVC Campus Safety
 - Installed at AED locations across campus
- SHC collaborating with UCLA on the Calming Minds Project**
 - Expands culturally relevant digital mental health resources
 - Available in English and Spanish for IVC students



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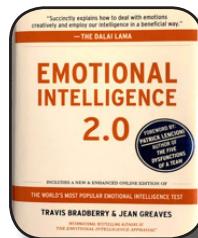
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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

Student Equity and Achievement



December 11, 2025, SEA Program celebrated its **"SEA of Success 2.0"** and recognized the team's hard work in supporting students.



All attendees received a copy of the book **Emotional Intelligence 2.0** to support their professional development.

STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

The **Welcome & Student Success Center** and **District Counseling** combined efforts at the ESL and the **United Domestic Workers Registration Events**

January 8 – January 13, 2026

Counselors participated during the events and assisted students with questions and registering for courses.

Approximately **82** students registered during these events.



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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

Transfer Center Workshops



CSU/UC Academic Update & Supplemental Fall 2026 Application The workshops offered students timely CSU/UC academic updates and step-by-step guidance on completing supplemental application materials.

E-Verify

These sessions will provide students with an overview of E-Verify requirements, along with best practices to support accurate and compliant processes.

STUDENT SERVICES AND EQUITY

Matriculation



Counselors and specialists have begun providing Orientations at the local high schools.

- Advising services
- Helping students register for classes
- Providing information about services available at IVC.

STUDENT SERVICES AND EQUITY

A2MEND

January 15, 2026

Vision Board Event, "This Will Be My Year," welcomed approximately 150 attendees.

- Participants shared their visions, enjoyed food, and received prizes.
- Presentations by Dr. Lennor Johnson, Vice President Alexis Villa, Dr. Vikki Carr, and Associate Dean Johnel Barron highlighted opportunities available at IVC.



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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

Student Housing Program/Lotus Living/ IVC Maintenance & Operations

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The IVC Student Housing Team hosted a tour for high school principals of the Student Housing project currently under development in collaboration with UC and scheduled to open in Fall 2026.

Special THANK YOU to the IVC Maintenance & Operations for completing site improvements at the Lotus Living Housing.

- Trimmed overgrown trees and shrubs.
- Replanted landscaping and repainted exterior areas.
- Supported a safe, functional, and well-maintained living environment.



EVENTS REPORT

- **Jan. 26:** Erickson Hall Blood Drive
- **Jan. 28 & 29:** Cash Course and Financial Wellness for Transfer Students
- **Feb. 04:** February Student Food Distribution
- **Feb. 17 & 18:** Welcome to Spring 2026 Informational Tables
- **Feb. 19:** SEA The Father Factor – How Family Structure Helped Shape You
- **Feb. 24:** Motown in our Town – Black History Month Celebration
- **Feb. 25:** Student Development Workshop – Understanding your Financial Aid
- **Feb. 26:** Spring 2026 Welcome Back Club Rush Roots & Resilience: Connecting planting to deep roots in history and community
- **Feb. 26:** Spring 2026 Welcome Back Club Rush
- **Feb. 27:** Celebrate TRiO Day
- **Mar. 10:** Spring 2026 Student Health and Wellness Fair
- **Mar. 11:** SEA: The Big Giveaway
- **Mar. 12:** Woman's History Month Celebration
- **Mar. 14:** MESA Day
- **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