



# IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE

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## November a busy month for ASG



Imperial Valley College (above) won the Queen's Choice Award at the Cattle Call Parade on Nov. 10 in Brawley. An anti-bullying panel (top right) made up of Jose Plascencia, Ric Epps, Barbara Reyes and Lupita Castro listens during anti-bullying week events at IVC. Students visit the IVC Student Health Center resource table during anti-bullying week events (center right). Members of the Associated Student Government (right) assisted and attended the Student Equity Thanksgiving luncheon.



## Home-grown produce will feed students

Vegetable gardens have sprouted up at Imperial Valley College, thanks in part to donors and the college's Farm to Table Initiative, which supplements the IVC Kitchen program that helps feed students and their families facing food insecurities.

Hundreds of transplants like lettuce, kale, cauliflower, red cabbage and broccoli were donated to the college by Keithly Williams Seeds' nursery division. They were planted into garden beds built with lumber purchased at a discount from Home Depot in El Centro. Soil was bought at a significant discount from Lowe's in El Centro, which also gave discounts for heavy-duty hoes and flats of sweet alyssum, a tiny flowering plant that attracts beneficial insects.

The gardens are an extension of IVC Kitchen "to offer students not only access to fresh, quality produce, but give them the opportunity to understand the agricultural process in creating raised garden beds," said Bianca Bisi, student equity coordinator for IVC. "It gives them the opportunity to grow their own produce, to learn about

the process, to give food to their own families."

The eight garden beds, each 6 feet by 4 feet, were designed and built by IVC construction students. Bisi said when it came time to plant, "We didn't know what we were doing." Help came in the form of Paul Chambers, product development manager for Keithly Williams.

"He showed us what to do," Bisi said. "He demonstrated how to plant each one and told us what the plant would look like when it was ready to harvest."

The IVC Kitchen also benefits from fresh produce and other food provided through the Imperial Valley Food Bank, one of its biggest donors. IVC has an agreement with the Food Bank and is a distribution site for the USDA Commodities program.

IVC Kitchen also has what Bisi calls "pop-up farmers' markets, but we don't charge anything," she said. The produce, as well as the canned goods and other staples in the IVC Kitchen pantry, are distributed to any student who visits IVC Kitchen.



Imperial Valley College members and others work on the eight raised beds that hold hundreds of vegetable seedlings donated by Keithly Williams Seeds.

## Where to Get Help - The IVC Student Guide

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- ▶ COUNSELING, TRANSFER, AND STUDENT SERVICES AVAILABLE
- ▶ ACADEMIC & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE
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- ▶ HOW TO CHANGE GRADE OPTION
- ▶ HOW TO CHANGE YOUR WEBSTAR PIN
- ▶ AUDITING CLASSES
- ▶ CLASS ATTENDANCE
- ▶ WHAT IS ACADEMIC FREEDOM?
- ▶ THE FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)
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- ▶ THE E-CASHER (PAYMENT PLAN OPTION)
- ▶ REFUNDS AND FEES OWED
- ▶ THE CALIFORNIA NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION
- ▶ THE STUDENT COMPLAINT AND GRIEVANCE PROCESS
- ▶ HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE
- ▶ GRADES & TRANSCRIPTS