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STUDENT EDITION

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WELCOME TO FALL 2023!

Whether you're new or a returning student, welcome to the Fall 2023 semester! It's great to see so many students back on campus. As you may have noticed, the roadwork along Irvine Center Drive is causing major delays at the main entrance to campus. Please use the entrances off of [Jeffrey Road](#) and [Barranca](#)

[Parkway](#), near Lots 5, 6, and 7. And, if you haven't already, be sure to log in to [MySite](#) to purchase your [parking permit](#).

Check out some of this week's highlights:

[First Day of Fall '23 Photos](#) »

[Resource Fair Photos](#) »

[Laser Festival Photos](#) »

[Welcome Week activities](#) »



COLLEGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Over 850 New IVC Students Attend Laser Day

This year's [Laser Day](#), our annual new student welcome, was unlike any other, with 850 students and 50 parents attending. The day kicked off with a welcome message from college administrators followed by a panel of current IVC students answering questions from the incoming class. Following lunch, the event wrapped up with a resource fair. [See Photos](#) »

IVC Cares Food Distribution Next Week

Join us on Wednesday, August 30 for IVC's Food Distribution event. The first 500 IVC students will receive a free meal. Don't forget to bring a reusable grocery bag to grab additional pantry items. All food is first-come, first-served while supplies last. Please bring your Student ID or proof that you are an IVC student (e.g. [MySite](#)). [Register Now](#) »

EOPS's Peer Navigator Program Mentors New Students

Over the summer, IVC's [Extended Opportunity Programs and Services \(EOPS\)](#) department started a Peer Navigator program to guide and mentor new students through their first year of college. The program will assist students with finding the support to connect, engage, thrive, and succeed at IVC through mentoring, monthly contacts, workshops, and events. EOPS is a state-funded program for students who are financially and educationally disadvantaged. [Learn More »](#)

IVC Students Participate in Paid Undergraduate Research Experience

IVC students Sheila Abdolmanafi, Alyssa Agarie, Areeba Islam, and Aidan Villegas presented their research posters during the 10th annual California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) summer research symposium. The students participated in Project RAISE (Regional Alliance in STEM Education), as part of the Undergraduate Research Experience (URE) at CSUF. [Read More »](#)

Enhancements to the Food Resource Center

The [Food Resource Center \(FRC\)](#) underwent a significant expansion last year, more than doubling in size. The FRC offers free, confidential service to registered IVC students and provides the appropriate resources to manage a sufficient, healthy diet. The program offers short-term relief and referrals for ongoing assistance with food insecurity. If you're struggling to afford food while attending IVC, please remember you are not alone and there are resources available to you! [Learn More »](#)

IVC Joins Amazon Career Choice Network

IVC is now a participant in the [Amazon Career Choice program](#). Through the program, Amazon employees are eligible to receive support for tuition, textbooks, and associated fees for a range of options from foundational skills like English language to career pathways and college credit programs at IVC. [Read More »](#)

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

IVC Cares Food Distribution Event

Wednesday, August 30 | 11 am - 1 pm | SSC Quad

[Register Today »](#)

Apply to Become an ASIVC Judicial Court Justice

Deadline is Friday, August 25 at 11:59 pm

[Learn More »](#)

9/11 Memorial Blood Drive

Monday, September, 11 | 9 am - 3 pm | SSC Quad

Donors must make an appointment to participate

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