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FEBRUARY IS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Join IVC during the month of February as we celebrate Black History Month. The month-long celebration begins today with the [Black Literature and Culture Book Launch](#) by the NEW Black Student Success Scholars program. See all of the events happening at IVC and in the community. [Learn More »](#)



COLLEGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Lunar New Year Celebration

On January 24, IVC celebrated the Year of the Rabbit with the annual Lunar New Year Celebration. If you missed it, check out the [photos](#) and a [video recap](#) of the event!

Save the Date for Commencement 2023

Mark your calendar for this year's Commencement Ceremony which will take place on **Thursday, May 25 at 5 pm** in **IVC Live Oak Terrace**. If you plan to complete your degree or certificate this semester, the last day to apply is today, February 1. [Learn More »](#)

IVC Named in Top 40 List of Best Community Colleges

[Intelligent.com](#) has ranked IVC No.2 on its list of the [Top 40 Best Community Colleges](#) in California, along with Best Transfer Rate award. The research identifies top schools in the state based on tuition costs, the number of credits required to graduate, and the online coursework delivery format. [Read More »](#)

Men's Volleyball Team Opens 2023 Season Tonight at Home

IVC's men's volleyball team begins its [2023 season](#) tonight at home against Antelope Valley. The team has a little bit of a new look, but is expected to be another strong squad. The Lasers are led by first-year head coach [Rory Jones](#) who was part of a state championship team at IVC in 2007 as a player and has been the top assistant on the men's indoor side for Ryan Windisch for the last four years. IVC finished with a record of 17-5 overall and took second in the Orange Empire Conference at 5-2 last season. [Read More »](#)

IVC Hosts Holiday Event for Tech Coast Venture Network

On December 14, IVC hosted a community holiday and networking event for [Tech Coast Venture Network](#) (TCVN) at the Performing Arts Center. TCVN, in collaboration with [IVC's Entrepreneurship Department](#), has created a partnership to provide opportunities to IVC students through workshops, networking events, internships, and complimentary attendance to their monthly events. [Read More »](#)



IVC STUDENT TURNS ADVERSITIES INTO ACHIEVEMENT

Ben Franklin once said, “Energy and persistence conquers all things.” This quote couldn’t ring truer for Dilara Abudureman’s experience at Irvine Valley College. When Abudureman came to the United States in 2016, she was looking for more than an education — she was looking for an opportunity. She began her studies by earning her bachelor’s degree in music at the Shanghai Conservatory of Music in Shanghai, China. After graduating, Abudureman knew she wanted to aim higher. [Read More »](#)

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Deadline for Teacher of the Year Nominations

Friday, February 3

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Deadline to Apply for IVC Scholarships

Friday, February 5

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President Lincoln's Day Holiday - Campus Closed

Friday, February 17

President's Day Holiday - Campus Closed

Monday, February 20

Summer Online Schedule Available

Friday, February 24

[Registration Dates »](#)

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