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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

John C. Hernandez, PhD

Students:

I introduced a [Land Acknowledgement](#) at the Spring 2021 President's Faculty/Staff Professional Development Opening Session. This was something I had introduced at my former institution and reflects a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) value that should be of importance to any college community. The practice of acknowledging and honoring Indigenous

People and the land on which our college was built has been widely embraced and I would like to share this information to emphasize its significance.

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As we kick-off the second half of the academic year, take a look back at some of the highlights from last semester. [Watch Video »](#)



COLLEGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Welcome to Spring 2023

Welcome back, Lasers! Tuesday marked the official start of the spring semester and it's great to see so many students back. If you're having trouble navigating campus, be sure to stop by one of the welcome booths in the SSC Quad.

Welcome Week activities continue through Thursday, including [Movie Night - Top Gun](#) tonight at 4 pm in the SSC Quad and [Gaming with Leaders](#) on Thursday from 11 am - 2 pm. [See First Day of Semester Photos »](#)

PTK Club Encourages Students To Voice Difficult Experiences Through Art

IVC's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Club hosted an "Inclusion and Equity Through Art" event in the SSC Quad on December 7 as part of the club's service project. Spearheaded by PTK's Co-Vice Presidents of Service, Allyson Najera and Erick Ferrufino, the students focused their project on microaggressions and finding ways to allow students to express instances where they've encountered them. [Read More »](#)

Teacher of the Year Nominations Next Week

The nomination period for Teacher of the Year begins on Thursday, January 26. This is an opportunity to nominate a faculty member who has made a lasting impact on your educational journey. On January 26, you will receive an email containing a link to the nomination form along with a password and will have until February 3 to submit your nominations. [Learn More »](#)

Women's Basketball Keeps Momentum Going with Key Win Over Riverside

After 43 and 20-point wins in its last two games in the Orange Empire Conference (OEC), the Irvine Valley women's basketball team kept it going on Friday night at home. The Lasers stayed in the picture in the OEC race with a key 74-56 victory over Riverside, and improved its record to 15-5 overall and 3-1 in the OEC. The Lasers, who are ranked No. 20 in the state, only trail Orange Coast in the updated [conference standings](#). The team plays in another important conference match-up tonight, hosting Cypress at 6 pm. [Read More »](#)

Student Leaders Participate in Annual Retreat

Last month, the [Associated Students of Irvine Valley College \(ASIVC\)](#) traveled up the San Bernardino mountains to the UCLA Lake Arrowhead Lodge to participate in their annual leadership retreat. Student leaders engaged on a variety of topics including what leadership meant to them, how they could cultivate leadership through self-reflection and self-awareness, and how they could

heighten resilience and emotional awareness within their dual roles as student-leaders.



EAGER ENGINEERING STUDENT FINDS INSPIRATION

For Minoush Nikham, engineering isn't just a career, it's her passion. And when it comes to getting an education, she says her experience at IVC is the cornerstone for her accomplishments thus far. Before enrolling at IVC, Nikham began her engineering journey at another local community college. Expecting to launch into an unstoppable career, she quickly found the college wasn't a good fit. [Read More »](#)

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Deadlines to Drop/Withdraw from a Class

Last day to drop/withdraw and receive a refund: Sunday, January 29

Last day to drop/withdraw without a refund: Sunday, February 5

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Applications for ASIVC Leadership

Applications open from January 23 - February 24

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Spring Graduation Application Deadline

Wednesday, February 1

Log in to MySite to apply for your certificate and/or degree.

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IVC Scholarship Deadline

Sunday, February 5

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