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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

John C. Hernandez, PhD

For this edition of Laser Focus, I've invited PAC-DEI TriChair Rebecca Beck to share with us the work our faculty are doing with Enacting Educational Equity (E3) at IVC.

Best,
John Hernandez

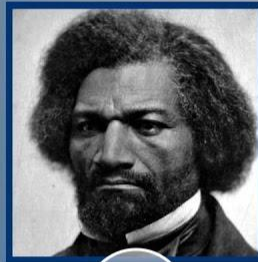
A WINDOW INTO ENACTING EDUCATIONAL EQUITY AT IVC

By: Rebecca Beck,

Professor of ESL, Vice President of Equity - Academic Senate, PAC-DEI Tri-Chair

This spring semester, 20 IVC faculty are participating in a semester-long community of practice, Enacting Educational Equity (E3) at IVC, led by Dr. Jeremiah J. Sims, a justice-centered, antiracist educator, trainer, and author of *Minding the Obligation Gap in Community Colleges and Beyond*, the text our IVC campus community read this past fall as part of the district-wide “Reading for Equity” series coordinated by the President’s Advisory Council for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (PAC-DEI) tri-chairs.

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*If there is no struggle,
there is no progress.*

– Frederick Douglass

A PEEK INTO THE LIVES OF IVC'S EOPS COUNSELORS

IVC's Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) counselors know first-hand what it's like to face challenges in life, which allows them to better understand the struggles students may face. Watch this highlight video to learn more about our EOPS counselors and how they can offer assistance.

[WATCH VIDEO »](#)



COLLEGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Free, Pre-Packaged Grocery Bags for IVC Students

Once a month, IVC students can come to the [Food Resource Center](#) for a pre-packaged grocery bag. Food bags are available every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9 am - 3:30 pm (limit one bag per month). Simply [complete this form](#) and come to the Food Resource Center (FRC) in B 105B. [See Map to FRC »](#)

Four IVC Students Participate in NASA's Community College Aerospace Scholars Program

Four IVC students wrapped up their participation in NASA's highly competitive Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) program last month. The program gives community college students a NASA experience. The four participating IVC students were Mary Campbell, Franz Kieviet, Chathuri Palanivelu, and Nima Sadeghi. [Read More »](#)

Internships Bring IVC and Alvaka Networks Together for Student Success

As Irvine Valley College student Mohammad Daher learned, an internship can be much more than just a semester spent working at a business. It can be a life-changing experience. Mohammad, who goes by the nickname Mo, was a business student at IVC when he was one of three students selected in Fall 2019 for an internship at Alvaka Networks, an Irvine business that helps companies manage and secure their information technology infrastructure. [Read More »](#)



FRESH, CHEF-PREPARED MEALS FROM EVERYTABLE

Looking for a healthy meal option on campus? Everytable now offers fresh, delicious chef-prepared meals via a SmartFridge inside the IVC Cafeteria. Select your meal, pay for it, and use the nearby microwave if needed.

Cafeteria Hours:

Monday - Friday: 7 am - 10 pm

Saturday: 8 am - 3 pm

[Food and beverage offerings on campus »](#)



COVID UPDATES

Update to Indoor Mask Mandate

Effective Monday, April 11, the South Orange County Community College District (SOCCCD) will no longer require that you wear a mask indoors at Irvine Valley College (IVC), Saddleback College (SC), and ATEP. All other safety protocols remain in place, including vaccine requirements and testing for some student groups and those with approved exemptions for vaccination.

[See President's Message to Students »](#)

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Spring Break

Classes not in session from March 20-26. Campus closed Friday, March 25.

[IVC Academic Calendar »](#)

Summer Registration Dates Available in MySite

Monday, March 21

[Registration Dates »](#)

Cesar Chavez Holiday (Campus Closed)

Thursday, March 31

ASIVC Elections

Voting begins on Monday, March 28

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