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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

John C. Hernandez, PhD

Students:

On Wednesday, April 3, after two years of anticipation, the campus and the community will come together to dedicate the [IVC Arts Village](#), comprising three buildings: Music and Dance, Visual Arts, and Fine Arts and Gallery.

This \$61 million project is a testament to IVC's commitment to fostering

creativity and excellence in the arts, bringing together the disciplines of music, dance, visual arts, and fine arts into a cohesive and innovative hub. Spanning 62,471 gross square feet, the Arts Village is not only recognized for its architectural beauty but also for its sustainability, boasting LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold equivalency.

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## Celebrating Excellence Sets New Record

On Friday, March 8, the IVC Foundation hosted the annual Celebrating Excellence Awards Dinner at the Marconi Automotive Museum. The event set a new record, raising over \$194,000 that will be invested in the students and programs of IVC. The evening included a live auction, a testimonial from IVC Men's Soccer player [Gabriel Velasco](#), and a celebration of the night's award recipients. [See Photos »](#)



## COLLEGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Women Veteran Networking Forum

IVC's Veterans Services Center and Saddleback College's Veterans Education and Transition Services hosted the Women Veteran Networking Forum on March 13. The program, which centered around the theme "Discover Your Identity," featured a guest panel, discussion groups, and a lunch. [Watch Video Recap »](#) and [See Photos »](#)

### No. 4 in the State, Men's Volleyball Team Sweeps the Hawks

The Irvine Valley men's volleyball team stayed perfect in Orange Empire Conference (OEC) play with a 25-13, 25-15, 25-16 Friday night at home over Santiago Canyon. The Lasers, ranked No. 4 in the state, moved their record to 8-4 overall and 2-0 in the OEC. Santiago Canyon went to 1-11 overall and 0-1 in conference. The Lasers next play at home on Friday, Mar. 29 against Golden West at 6 pm. [Read More »](#)

### IVC Welcoming Prospective Students to Campus April 17

Trying to convince your friends to come to IVC? Send them a link to RSVP for our annual Preview Night on Wednesday, April 17, from 4-8 pm. This is the one time of year we invite prospective students and their families to come learn more about what IVC has to offer. [See photos](#) from last year's event. [Learn More »](#)

### Miss a Few Events? Catch Up on Flickr

If you missed some of our recent events, scroll through our Flickr albums to catch up on Black History Month, Women's History Month, and the latest Dance Masterclass! [See Photos »](#)

## IVC Sets New Standard for Community College Transfer Success

IVC is demonstrating a remarkable success story in community college transfer rates, countering the troubling national trend highlighted in a recent [article by Sara Weissman](#) of Inside Higher Education. The data from IVC suggests a different narrative than Weissman's—one of commendable achievement and high graduation rates. [Read More »](#)



## BUILDING TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE

In the rapidly evolving landscape of virtual and augmented reality, technology companies are constantly seeking innovative ways to get ahead, stay ahead and future-proof their workforces.

One company that recognizes the pivotal role community college education plays in this tripartite mission is CraneMorley, a dynamic player in the industrial metaverse, with collaborators that include Microsoft, Meta, and Porsche. By recruiting student employees from the [Interactive Media Arts program](#) at IVC, CraneMorley not only provides valuable job experience to IVC students, but reaps the economic benefits of bringing academia and industry closer together. [Read More »](#)

# IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

## Spring Break Holiday - Campus Closed

Friday, March 22

## Cesar Chavez Day Holiday - Campus Closed

Friday, March 29

## Summer Priority Registration

Begins April 1. Check MySite for your registration date and time.

## Financial Aid Priority Consideration Deadline

Tuesday, April 2

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