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Lasers, we hope your fall semester is off to a great start! The first week of classes kicked off with three back-to-back Welcome Week activities hosted by the [Office of Student Life](#) and [ASIVC](#). If you missed it, take a look at our photo highlights from the [Resource Fair](#) and [Laser Festival](#). If you want to meet new friends and get involved with campus life, be sure to check out all of the [events taking place](#) this semester!



COLLEGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

525 Meals Provided at IVC Cares Fall Food Distribution Event

The Office of Student Equity distributed 525 meals and 3,100 pantry items at the IVC Cares Fall Food Distribution event last week. The event's summer theme was fitting for the high temperatures that day! If you're in need of support, check out our [Basic Needs website](#) for information on the services available to students. [See Food Distribution Event Photos »](#)

New Mediterranean Fusion Food Truck and Discounts

We're happy to announce a new food truck and discounts given on the [food services](#) on campus.

- The [Lime Truck](#) now offers a 20% discount.
- Beginning Monday, September 18, a gourmet Mediterranean Fusion food truck, [The Kabobaholic](#), will be on campus Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and they will offer a 20% discount.
- If you have ASIVC Access, the Drip Coffee Cart is extending a 10% discount (excluding Subway sandwiches). To receive the discount, swipe your student ID card.

ELEVATE AAPI Launches Certificate Program and Welcomes First Learning Community Cohort

The Equitable Learning Experience Valuing Achievement, Transfer, and Empowering Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders ([ELEVATE AAPI](#)) program

welcomed its first learning community cohort to IVC this semester. There are 21 students enrolled in the yearlong cohort of courses. The ELEVATE AAPI certificate program also launched this fall and currently has 35 students who plan to complete one of three certificates: Social Justice and Cultural Competency, Leadership, or 21st Century Skills and Success. [Learn More »](#)

IVC Art Instructor Deployed on Rescue Mission in Maui

IVC Art Instructor and K-9 search and rescue handler Julie Kirk-Purcell deployed to Maui with her 9-year-old Belgian Malinois rescue dog, Olivia. Kirk-Purcell is a member of the Orange County-based Urban Search and Rescue Task Force 5 and landed in Maui for a 14-day search and rescue mission assisting with the massive recovery efforts following the deadly wildfires. Her detection dog Olivia will be turning ten soon and previously worked the 2022 Hurricane Ian disaster in Florida. Two weeks before her deployment, Kirk-Purcell was in Germany working on a copy of Rembrandt van Rijn's "The Night Watch" in conjunction with Royal Talons Art Supplies and the Rijksmuseum. [Read more »](#)



JOINING THE ACTION OF THE VIDEO GAME INDUSTRY

Ten years ago, Pooris Baine was running a small video game retail store he founded with friends in his home country of Iran. At the time, he was taking civil engineering courses at a local university but it was the games in his store he really loved. He recalled being in awe of the then-revolutionary graphics

and player strategy that seemed to activate his senses and make him see, hear, feel, and almost taste the action. [Read More »](#)

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

9/11 Ceremony and National Day of Service Remembrance

Monday, September 11 | 11 am | SSC Quad

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Club Day

Wednesday, September 13 | 11 am - 2 pm | SSC Quad

[See Event Details »](#)

Walk of Hope for Suicide Awareness

Tuesday, September 19 | 10 am - 1 pm | SSC Quad

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Pathways to Success Fair: Explore your academic and career interests!

Wednesday, September 20 | 11 am - 1 pm | SSC Quad

Puente Program's Noche De Familia

Wednesday, September 20 | 6 - 8 pm | PAC Lobby

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