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IVC'S TEACHERS OF THE YEAR RECOGNIZED

IVC's Teachers of the Year for the 2021-22 academic year were recognized by the Board of Trustees on April 18. English Associate Professor Emily Liu was named Outstanding Full-Time Teacher of the Year, AESL instructor Annie Tran was named Outstanding Part-Time Teacher of the Year, and longtime t'ai chi

instructor JoAnna Schoon was named Outstanding Emeritus Teacher of the Year.
[Teachers of the Year »](#)



COLLEGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Commencement Ceremony

This year, we return to our traditional in-person commencement ceremony at IVC Live Oak Terraces on Thursday, May 26 at 5 pm. Come celebrate the Class of 2022! [Learn More »](#)

Vaccine Requirement Remains in Effect for Summer and Fall 2022

As announced by President Hernandez yesterday, our District's [Administrative Regulation governing COVID vaccine requirements](#) for students is still in effect, which means these requirements will continue for Summer and Fall 2022. If you're enrolling for classes with on-campus meetings you must continue to follow these requirements. Vaccination requirements will not apply to students enrolling in only online classes. [Learn More »](#)

IVC Grad Wins Academy Award for Best Original Score

IVC grad Raul Vega recently won an Academy Award for Best Original Score for the movie *Dune*. With over 30 TV and film credits to his name in less than 10 years, Vega's early career is playing out on the highest of notes. [Read More »](#)

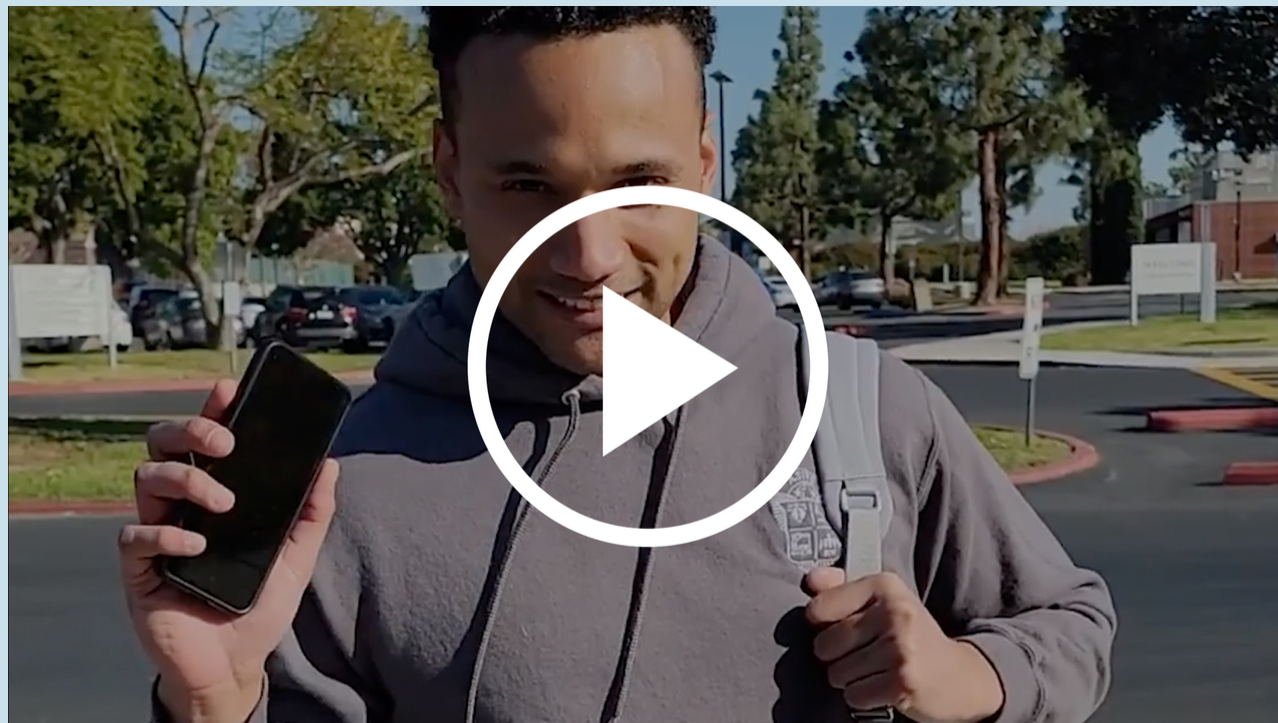
Men's Volleyball Back in the Final Four at CCCAA State

IVC Men's Volleyball won their quarterfinal match last Saturday night at home over Santa Monica to move into the final four of the California Community

College Athletic Association Championships. The Lasers open the semifinals against rival Orange Coast at El Camino on Thursday at 5 p.m. [Read More »](#)

IVC Team Selected to Participate in two AAC&U Institutes

IVC has been selected by the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) to participate in the [2022 Institute on High-Impact Practices and Student Success](#) and the [2022 Institute on Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation \(TRHT\) Campus Centers](#). A team of faculty and our manager for student equity will attend.



DID YOU KNOW IVC STUDENTS RIDE FOR FREE?

Here's another PSA from our friends at the Associated Students of Irvine Valley College (ASIVC). Did you know that you can ride the OCTA bus for free? YES! As long as you're a currently registered IVC student taking for-credit courses, you can qualify for free rides with the OCTA bus. [Learn More](#)

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IVC PROVES PERFECT ENVIRONMENT FOR CHANGE-MINDED SUSTAINABILITY STUDENT

Lauren Heyden always did her best thinking out on the trails. So when it came time to ruminate on a career path, it was only natural that her mind rambled toward environmental sustainability.

Before enrolling at Irvine Valley College, Heyden spent her time backpacking, hiking, and traveling the Sierra Nevadas and beyond. She was happiest exploring nature, but felt inclined to do more. She wanted to make a difference. [Read More »](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Guided Pathways Summit

Friday, April 22

[Today Is the Last Day to Register »](#)

Sexual Assault Awareness Week

April 25-29

[Schedule of Events »](#)

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