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STUDENT EDITION

Women's Indoor Volleyball Earns OEC Title | Model United Nations
Team Earns Top Award | MESA Program to Launch in Spring 2023
| College Corps Program Receives Regional News Coverage



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

John C. Hernandez, PhD

Students:

It is that time of the year when I marvel at how quickly the calendar year is concluding. It has become my annual ritual to say, "I can't believe the holidays are already here. How did this year go by so quickly?" Perhaps it is the result of an increased pace that many of us have not had to experience during the past couple of years of working and learning from home, or perhaps it is the realization that much remains to be completed.

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IVC student Yair Rivera was featured in regional news stories about the #CaliforniansForAll College Corps program including the [Daily Pilot](#), [Telemundo](#), and [NBC](#).



IVC Women's Volleyball Team Earns OEC Conference Title

Congratulations to the IVC women's volleyball team for earning the Orange Empire Conference title last month. This is the first indoor volleyball conference title for coach Ryan Windisch. The team last earned the title in 2019. The season ended in late November with the California Community College Athletic Association Women's Volleyball SoCal Regional Playoffs. The Lasers, seeded second in the regional, gave it their all, but fell to No. 10 Canyons in a regional final. The team finished the season with a record of 20-5 overall. [Read More »](#)

Native American Heritage Month Event

Last month, IVC hosted a Native American Heritage Month event featuring the WildHorse Native American Association. The association teaches northern traditional songs, dance styles, regalia making, arts and crafts, and ceremonial activities. [See Photos »](#)

Model United Nations Team Returns to National Conference

After a three-year hiatus, IVC's Model United Nations (MUN) team returned to the National Model United Nations Conference in Washington, D.C. While having one of the smallest delegations in the college's MUN history, IVC won the top team award "Outstanding Delegation," three position paper awards, and one best delegate award. [Read More »](#)

Professor Massimo Mitolo Named in List of Most-Cited Scientists

IVC Electrical Technology Professor Massimo Mitolo ranks in the top two percent of the most-cited scientists in the world, according to [a list published by Stanford University](#). Mitolo is the author of over 170 papers, four books, and the recipient of countless awards including the 2013 James E. Ballinger "Engineer of the Year Award" from the Orange County Engineering Council. [Read More »](#)

MESA Program at IVC Launches in Spring 2023

Implementation of the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program is under development at IVC, estimated to launch in Spring 2023. MESA is a college and career prep program, created to increase the number of economically and educationally disadvantaged students that achieve academic and career success in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). [Read More »](#)



IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

IVC Cares Food Distribution

Wednesday, December 14 | 11 am - 1 pm | SSC Quad

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Winter Break — Campus Closed

December 22 - January 2

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday — Campus Closed

Monday, January 16

First Day of Spring Semester

Tuesday, January 17

Foundation Scholarship Applications

Completed applications due on February 5

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