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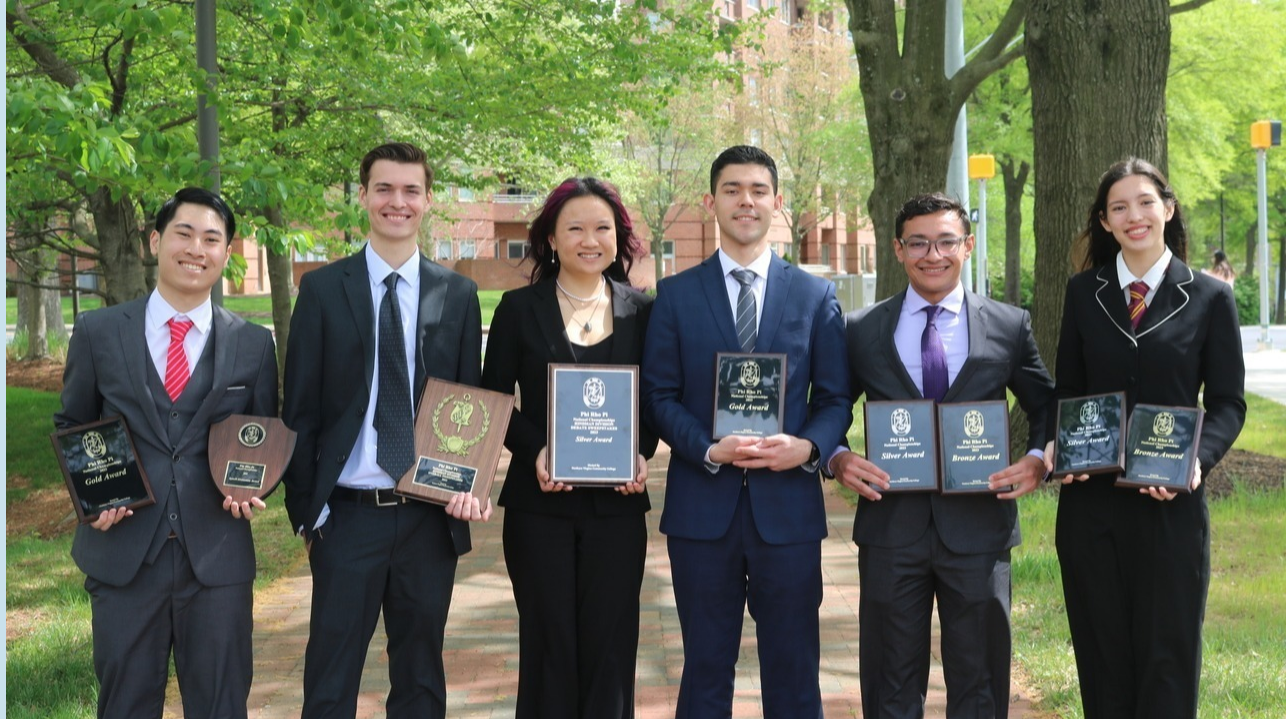


IVC's First DEIA Day

In recognition of [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility \(DEIA\) Awareness Month](#), IVC held the college's first [DEIA Day](#) on April 14. There were 108 attendees for the half-day event, which was held both in-person and virtually. The event featured conversations with Asian American Pacific Islander scholar

Dr. Robert Teranishi, Native American Studies Professor Dr. Heather Daly, the Guided Pathways Humanities Completion Team, and a panel of students who shared personal and touching stories about their lives and experiences at IVC.

If you missed the event, a recording of the presentations will be available soon and will be sent out via email. [See Photos »](#)



COLLEGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

IVC Speech Team Makes Triumphant Return to National Championships by Winning Double Gold Sweepstakes Awards

The [IVC Speech Team](#) competed at the [Phi Rho Pi National Championship Tournament](#) in Bethesda, Maryland from April 9 - 16. Six students represented IVC at the competition; because of their individual successes at the tournament, IVC's team was awarded the gold medal in debate sweepstakes and in overall sweepstakes in the Hindman Division. This marks the 13th occasion that IVC Speech has been named Phi Rho Pi National Champions. [Read More »](#)

IVC Students Take Home Awards at Computer Game Development Competition

Four teams from IVC's [Interactive Media Arts \(IMA\)](#) program were selected as finalists in the 12th annual Institute of [Electrical and Electronics Engineers \(IEEE\) GameSiG Showcase](#), which took place on April 16. Abiel Montes won the

first-place trophy, and a group of 10 IVC students won a special award for best cinematics. [Read More »](#)

EOPS Students Meet with Representatives in Washington DC

Students from IVC's [Extended Opportunity Programs and Services \(EOPS\)](#) had an unforgettable experience on a recent trip to Washington DC. During the trip, the students had the opportunity to meet with congressional representatives from Senator Feinstein and Senator Padilla's offices, as well as congressional representatives from the offices of Katie Porter, Mike Levin, and Young Kim. [Read More »](#)

Black Student Success Scholars Tour Historically Black Colleges and Universities

IVC's Office of Student Equity and [Black Student Success Scholars](#) took 12 students on a five-day Historically Black Colleges and University tour recently. The group visited five Historically Black Colleges and Universities, including Howard University, Bowie State University, Morgan State University, Delaware State University, and Lincoln University. [Read More »](#)

Puente Program Hosts Mendoza Family Distinguished Lecture Series

IVC's [Puente Program](#) hosted the first [Mendoza Family Distinguished Lecture Series](#) at the Writing Center on April 12. Guest speaker Gustavo Arellano spoke about "A Mexican in Orange County: Thoughts on a Life and Career in La Naranja." He spoke candidly about his life in Orange County, where the best foods are in the OC, and his experience as a writer for the OC Weekly. If you would like to watch his inspiring lecture, see the [Instagram Live](#) posted by [IVC Puente Program](#). [See Photos »](#)

Men's Volleyball Team Wraps Regular Season With Big Road Victory

With Orange Coast (OCC) already having clinched at least a share of the Orange Empire Conference (OEC) title, the Irvine Valley men's volleyball team needed a victory last Friday on the road to keep pace. The Lasers did just that, beating Santiago Canyon to take their place alongside OCC at the top of the OEC standings and earn a co-championship. The win also secured the first conference title for first-year head coach Rory Jones. The team hosts Moorpark on Friday, April 21 at 6 pm in the first round of the state playoffs. Admission is free. [Read More »](#)



BUILDING ON THE BASICS: IVC COMPUTING COURSES CREATE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS

When it comes to launching a life in a new country, basic language skills can speak volumes. Lingyi ‘Lynn’ Zhou knew, in order to build a better future for her family, she’d need to start with a sturdy foundation. For the determined immigrant, who made the move from China to the United States in 2014, that meant gaining confidence, expanding her tech skills, and most critically, improving her English.

That’s when Zhou learned about the abundance of opportunities at Irvine Valley College supporting non-native English-speaking students. Thanks to the noncredit Adult English as a Second Language (AESL) courses, students like Zhou can learn English at their own pace, whether they’re at a beginner, intermediate, or advanced level. [Read More »](#)

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Fall Class Schedule Available

[See Fall Classes »](#)

Fall Registration Times Posted in MySite

Monday, April 24

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Sexual Assault Awareness Week

April 24 — 28

[See Events »](#)

National Library Week

April 24 — 29

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IVC Cares Spring Meal Distribution

Thursday, May 4

11 am — 1 pm

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GAP4+1 Business Leader Speaker Series: Dr. Travis Michael Hearne

Friday, May 5

12:30 — 2 pm

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