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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

John C. Hernandez, PhD

Colleagues:

On November 10, the South Orange County Community College District will observe Veterans Day, a national holiday, recognizing veterans for their service and sacrifice. Although this designated day of remembrance is symbolic, it also serves as a reminder of the importance of finding ways to demonstrate our

year-round commitment to our student veterans and to honor and recognize our employee veterans.

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IVC Foundation Breaks Giving Day Record Second Year in a Row

The [IVC Foundation](#) hosted its fourth annual Giving Day. The event surpassed last year's record by raising more than \$105,000 from 220 donations, which is 58% more than last year. PRO IVC matched over \$21,500 during the event. The funds contributed will be invested in the students and programs of IVC through scholarships and enhanced learning opportunities. [See Photos »](#)



COLLEGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

IVC Honors Filipino American History Month

This past month, IVC honored Filipino American History Month (FAHM), culminating with an event in the quad. The campus community enjoyed a traditional Kulintang music performance, explored local community resources, and ate delicious food to learn more about Filipino American culture. [See Photos »](#)

Students Connect with Employers and Career Resources

On October 25, IVC's Job Fair returned with over 20 employers on campus recruiting students for a variety of jobs. Employers in attendance included the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the City of Santa Ana, the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, and the Internal Revenue Service. The Orange County Workforce Solutions Mobile Unit was also on-site, offering free access to personalized career guidance, tools for job searches and applications, and educational and training opportunities. [See Photos »](#)

IVC Alumnus Recognized as Distinguished Alumni Honoree

IVC alumnus Advaith Thampi has been named one of three recipients of the prestigious California Community Colleges (CCC) 2023 Distinguished Alumni Honorees. Thampi who currently serves as a Stakeholder and Engagement Liaison for the Department of Veterans Affairs; Board of Veterans Appeals will be honored at a luncheon ceremony on Nov. 17. [Read More »](#)

IVC Speech Wins 27 Awards Across Four Forensics Tournaments

IVC Speech kicked off their competitive season by earning 27 awards across four forensics tournaments. The team made its return to competition at the

PSCFA Warm Up Invitational on September 30 and October 1. Seventeen colleges and universities participated in the two-day event hosted by El Camino College. [Read More »](#)

Pumpkin Carving and Painting Event

ASIVC got into the Halloween spirit early this year, by hosting a pumpkin carving and painting event on October 25. [See Photos »](#)

Women's Volleyball Team Wins 10th in a Row

The Irvine Valley women's volleyball team won its 10th straight match Wednesday night at home, defeating Santa Ana, 25-17, 25-11, 25-20, at home in an Orange Empire Conference match. IVC, ranked No. 6 in the state, improved its record to 16-2 overall and 10-1 in conference. [Read More »](#)



DESIGNING A FULFILLING FUTURE: GRAPHIC DESIGN STUDENT ALEXIS HOWARD

When Alexis Howard first entered the Irvine Valley College graphic design program last year, she had no idea that within just a few months she'd be working with her first professional client: the sportswear company Slunks, which recruited her for a major design launch. For Alexis, it was a hard-fought victory on an educational journey marked by self-discovery and transformation, perseverance, a passion for creativity, and a commitment to personal growth.

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IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

First-Gen College Student Celebration

Monday, November 6 | 11 am - 1 pm | SSC Quad

[RSVP to Attend »](#)

UCI Health & IVC Blood Drive - **Only a few appointments left to fill!**

Tuesday, November 7 | 10 am - 3 pm | SSC Quad

[Make an Appointment »](#)

Veterans Day Ceremony

Thursday, November 9 | 10 am - 2 pm | SSC Quad

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Veterans Day Holiday — Campus Closed

Friday, November 10

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