

# LASERFOCUS

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STUDENT EDITION

Veterans Services Center Sound Off Project | Veterans Day Ceremony  
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Celebration | College Corps Fall Symposium | Men's and Women's  
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## **Sound Off: Stories from Veterans and Military Dependents at IVC**

The Veterans Services Center officially unveiled the “Sound Off” comic book during the Veterans Day event on November 9. Sound Off is a [photo-story blog](#) and [comic book](#) of veteran and military-connected students sharing stories from their life experiences. Faculty Tutor Max Evans served as editor for the project, former IVC professor Nathan Cayan created the comic book illustrations and

served as artistic lead. Contributing artists were Cassandra Perez, Kelly Tieu, and IVC student Joyce Wen. [Read More »](#)



## COLLEGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **IVC Honors Veterans at Annual Veterans Day Ceremony**

On November 9, IVC's Veterans Day Commemoration featured the presentation of colors by the U.S. Army Southern California Recruiting Battalion, and an instrumental rendition of the national anthem by students Alex Lopez, Manny Sandoval, and Paul Vu. Following the unveiling of the Sound Off project, student Jorge Henriquez shared his story of enlisting in the Marine Corps and then transitioning to college at IVC. Student Isabella Cortes shared her story of being a dependent of a veteran and the challenges she faced along the way. The event included a resource fair and a luncheon provided by Cox Cable Company and the IVC Foundation. [See Photos »](#)

### **Second Annual IVC/Saddleback Student Research Symposium**

The IVC and Saddleback Honors Programs held their 12th Annual IVC/Saddleback Student Research Symposium on November 3. Students from both colleges convened at IVC to share 59 oral and poster presentations of their research on topics including inequitable access to public transportation among community college students, AI-driven prediction for early detection of diabetes, and college students' use of disposable vapes. [See Photos »](#)

### **IVC Holds Annual First-Generation College Student Celebration**

On November 6, IVC held its annual First-Generation College Student

Celebration. Attendees heard from guest speakers First Generation Student Club Vice President Yair Rivera, Academic Senate President Rebecca Beck, and President John Hernandez. The event concluded with an optional presentation, “Transfer and University Opportunities for First-Gen College Students,” provided by the Transfer Center. [See Photos »](#)

### **College Corps Orange County Fall Consortium**

IVC hosted the 2nd annual College Corps Orange County Consortium Fall Symposium on November 4. The gathering included fellows from IVC, Concordia Irvine, and Vanguard University. The event included speakers LaVal Brewer CEO President of South County Outreach, and IVC President John Hernandez, who offered words of encouragement. The day's highlights included workshops on time management, financial literacy, mock interviews/professional photography, and successful conflict resolution strategies. [See Photos »](#)

### **Men’s and Women’s Basketball Teams Capture Tournament Titles**

The Irvine Valley [men's basketball team](#) staged a stunning comeback to capture the tournament title at the 27th Annual Irvine Valley College Classic on Saturday night. The team trailed, 32-20, at the half but rallied for a stunning 68-66 win over Cerritos.

The [women's basketball team](#) won three games in a row to capture the Riverside Community College EOS Tournament over the weekend. The Lasers defeated Pasadena City, 66-59, in the final of the event on Saturday at RCC. Both teams play again tonight as part of a doubleheader. The women’s team takes on Rio Hondo at 5 pm with the men's team battling San Diego Miramar at 7 pm.

## **IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES**

### **Free Flu Shots**

Friday, November 17 | 10 am - 2 pm | Health and Wellness Center

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### **Media Preferences Survey: Chance to Win \$100 Amazon Gift Card**

**Last Day to Complete Survey: Sunday, November 19**

[Complete Survey »](#)

### **Thanksgiving Holiday - Campus Closed**

November 23-26

## IVC Cares Winter Food Giving Event

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

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