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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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Students:

Due to the current housing crisis and factors like the inability of financial aid to meet the full cost of attendance, community college students face increasing pressure to complete degree and certification programs in volatile rental markets defined by inventory shortages and rising rents. California finds itself falling deeper into a housing crisis that disproportionately impacts the

state's roughly 1.8 million community college students, who bear one of the worst rental burdens in the country.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month, which begins today, is an annual commemoration of the pivotal role women have played in American history. The national theme this year is "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories." Take a look at what's planned this month at IVC. [See Events »](#)



COLLEGE NEWS AND INFORMATION

IVC Women's Basketball Team Moves On To Regional Final

IVC's women's basketball team's season will continue after a big win on February 25 in the second round of the California Community College Athletic Association SoCal Regional Playoffs. The team had three players named to all-Orange Empire teams earlier this month. Freshman star guards Trasara Alexander and Kennedy Pucci were each selected first team all-conference and standout guard Emily Freeman was picked to the second team. Pucci was also named the defensive player of the year in the conference. The Lasers play Orange Empire rival and No. 1-seed Orange Coast on Saturday, March 4 in a regional final with a trip to the state tournament on the line. [Read More »](#)

DSPS Re-Named Disability Support Programs for Students

IVC's DSPS department has a new name, Disability Support Programs for Students. The name change has been in the works since 2017 as discussions throughout the state proposed having a person-first naming convention versus disability focused. In a survey of students in 2017, the college found that the majority of students do not view the terms "disabled" or "disability" negatively and in fact consider it something they proudly identify with. [Read More »](#)

Student Housing Town Hall Recording Available

IVC and District staff hosted an in-person and virtual Town Hall meeting on February 21 to discuss the feasibility, location, and application planning grant process for student housing to be considered at IVC. A recording of the meeting is available to watch if you were unable to attend. [View Meeting »](#)

CAANAPI Grand Re-Opening on March 9

Join us for the grand re-opening of the Center for Asian American and Native American Pacific Islanders, or CAANAPI, on Thursday, March 9. Join us for refreshments, giveaways, and spoken word performances. [Learn More »](#)

United Way E-Waste Recycling Event on March 11

Donate your used technology devices at the United Way's E-Waste Recycling Event on Saturday, March 11 from 8 am - 1 pm in Lot 5. Proceeds from the recycled items will support Orange County's United Way's work to ensure local undeserved students have the support they need to succeed. [Learn More »](#)

ASIVC Student Government Elections Begin March 13

Voting begins on Monday, March 13 for your new Associated Students of Irvine Valley College (ASIVC) leaders! Get to know the ASIVC candidates during the Candidate Meet and Greet on Wednesday, March 8 and the Candidate Open Forum on Thursday, March 9. Then, be sure to vote Monday, March 13 – Friday, March 17! [Learn More »](#)



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IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Financial Aid Week

Monday, February 28 — Thursday, March 2 | Noon — 3 pm

Student Services Center Lobby

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Financial Aid Priority Consideration Deadline

Thursday, March 2

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ASIVC Student Government Elections

Monday, March 13 — Friday, March 17

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College Fair

Wednesday, March 15 | 10 am - 1 pm

SSC Quad

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Summer 2023 Registration Dates Available in MySite

Monday, March 20

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