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FALL SEMESTER OFF TO GOOD START

The Fall Semester is off to a smooth start and it is nice having a campus full of students again. As we neared the end of the first week of the semester, we had a 97 percent fill rate with an estimated FTES of 2,886. By the time you read this, it will have changed—we have

been edging up about a percent or two a day.

We still have some open classes and I want to sincerely thank our faculty members who have been allowing crashers. One caution: just take as many students as you can reasonably handle.

A SUMMARY OF POINTS FROM PRESIDENT'S "WELCOME BACK" REMARKS



Campus Communication

"In an effort to more effectively communicate those matters of interest to the campus community, we have begun to provide condensed summary notes of items we are able to share of Executive Council and Administrative Council meetings. My office will attempt to provide these summaries within 24 hours of each meeting through the campus all user. You will also notice a new look in my monthly updates which will continue throughout the year."

Cost Cutting Suggestions

"Sometime this Fall the Executive Council and I will be sharing our

plans for all the cost-saving suggestions you provided us with last Spring. Some ideas we may be able to implement immediately and others may be implemented over time. But know that your ideas are valued and will continue to be valued."

It's Been 50 Years...

"2012 marks the 50th Anniversary of the opening of our Imperial Valley College campus on Aten Road. While this may be a difficult year in terms of the fiscal crisis we all face in Education, we do plan on observing this 'milestone'"

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"Last year, I identified staff members who were number 1 on the seniority list from both the Classified and Faculty ranks and provided them with their own designated parking until they separate from the college. The senior most individual from the classified group continues to be Mirtha Galindo. With the retirement of Frances Beope from the faculty ranks, this year the faculty designated park-

ing space will go to Olga Artechti."

Upcoming Tax Initiatives

"The level of funding for California Community Colleges as well as other segments of Education is dependent whether or not the voters of California pass a Tax Initiative as proposed by our Governor. While the initiative is a political issue, we could collectively do much in the area of voter registration and encouraging all eligible individuals to participate by voting in November. Krista Byrd is also spearheading a campus-wide effort in this regard."

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IMPERIAL VALLEY UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP CLASSES BEGIN

IVUP opened Monday, August 20 with 102 students taking POLS 102, PSYCH 101, Environmental Science 110, and Child Dev. 104. In preparation for the launch of this innovative partnership of IVC, San

Diego State University and the Imperial County Office of Education, the partnership hosted an orientation session August 14 at the SDSU campus that involved parents as well as students. [Read More...](#)



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The 400 Building Modernization and Bus Terminal projects are completed and are open for the fall semester.

Meanwhile, we have received approval from the Department of the State Architect for the Career Technical Education Building. We are very proud of the fact that subcontractor bidding was conducted and the Career Technical project has received 72% local participation due to a very effective outreach program by Neilsen Construction. That means millions of dollars from Measure J will be going into our Valley's economy.

Actual construction of the Career Technical Building will start in September and is scheduled to be completed by February 2014.



AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM ACCREDITED



The Automobile Technician training program at Imperial Valley College has received certification under the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF).

NATEF is an independent, non-profit organization that evaluates technician training programs against standards developed by the automotive industry and qualifies programs for accreditation by ASE, the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

This is a significant accomplishment for our local program and I want to complement Dean Efrain Silva, our auto technology program director Jose Lopez and his staff for doing an excellent job in acquiring



this accreditation.

Training programs receiving the accreditation include Automatic Transmission and Transaxle, Brakes, Electrical/Electronic Systems, Engine Performance, Engine Repair, Heating and Air Conditioning, Manual Drive Train and Axles and Suspension and Steering.

"Although many educational institutions strive

for it, only a small percentage achieves this accreditation. Both the educational and automotive communities should be proud of your commitment to quality Automobile Training programs," said Patricia Serratore, NATEF President in her letter informing IVC of the designation. *More About This Story...*

President's Circle Established



To recruit the top students from Imperial Valley high schools, I have established a President's Scholarship Program that will award a full scholarship for tuition and fees to the top local high school graduates who attend Imperial Valley College. The President's Scholarship is designed to recognize outstanding academic achievement and help provide an incentive for these top students to attend IVC. With the current statewide community college tuition set at \$46 per unit, it is estimated that each year the scholarship will be valued at \$1,400 per student.

See www.GIVetoIVC.org and designate President's Scholarship