

GRADUATION 2013

The 2013 academic year has now ended and our first session of Summer School is well underway.

Our 51st Annual IVC Commencement featured the largest number of graduates in the history of our college. Of the 862 who petitioned for graduation, 362 participated in commencement: a 65

percent increase from 2012. The oldest was 56 years of age and the youngest, 20 years old.

About 40 percent of those who participated



were graduating with honors and another 10 percent graduated with distinction.

It goes to show that we have an excellent group of students on this campus and I want to thank all of our faculty and staff who work so

diligently every day to help our students achieve the educational milestones we offer here. Graduation is really "payday" for that effort.

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WILLIAM J. THORNBURG ADMINISTRATION CENTER

I was very proud to preside over the official ceremony renaming building 10 as the William J. Thornburg Administration Center.

Bill was the only person in the history of the college to be a student here, then a founding member of the Board of Trustees, then a faculty member and Academic Senate President and finally a Vice President. He saw this college through its formative years and continued his involvement, as a member of the Measure L Oversight Committee, through the dedication of the 2700 building.



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Victor M. Jaime, Ed.D and Mrs. Thornburg

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I want to thank all of the committees that set to work, shortly after his death last year, to develop this lasting memorial for Bill. And now, all of us who work in administration at IVC are reminded daily that we

have a responsibility of carrying on the work of Bill and the many others who laid the foundations of a higher education system in Imperial County.

The following are interesting links...

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Congratulations To HOPE DAVIS: Rafael Santos Award Winner



IVC music instructor and choral director Hope Davis has been named by the Academic Senate as the recipient of the 2013 Rafael Santos Award.

"It was with great pleasure that the Senate awarded this honor to a most deserving colleague, adding her name to the list of distinguished IVC professors who have also received this award," said Senate Secretary Frank Rapp in an All-Users post announcing the award.

Frank also quoted from Hope's nomination: "In addition to being an outstanding music professor at IVC, Hope directs several Imperial Valley vocal musical groups, hand bell choirs and performance chorales. She also gives private lessons to musical students in the Imperial Valley who can become outstanding teachers and performers, always adjusting her fee so that students can learn regardless of their economic status."

The nomination also noted that Dr. Davis "taught herself how to play the piano in her home country of Jamaica because her family had no money to pay a piano teacher. Due to her humble background and her persistence in achieving her goals, Dr. Davis is an incredible role model for IVC students."

The award was inspired by the late Rafael Santos, a 25-year IVC business professor who died in a traffic accident in 1999. The award is presented at the close of each academic year by the Academic Senate to honor a faculty member for distinguished contributions to students with the primary criterion being the recognition of teaching excellence.

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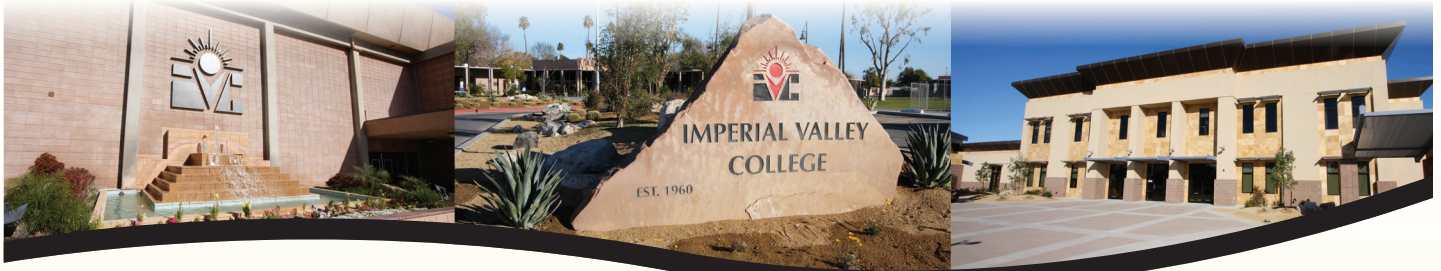
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AROUND CAMPUS

- The Board of Trustees has approved contracts totaling \$2 million for the modernization of the 900 building. Ninety-two percent of the funds have been awarded to local contractors. This project is being funded by the Measure J Bond Fund.
- The Admissions office has reported that the unduplicated head count for Spring 2013 as of Census Day was 7430. We have processed 2,165 applications for admission Summer and Fall 2013. Priority Registration for Fall 2013 begins July 8.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 30: Brawley Chamber Mixer, Brawley Inn, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

June 13: Imperial Chamber Annual Dinner, June 13, 2013, Veteran's Memorial Hall, Imperial

June 19: Imperial Valley Press Inaugural Athletes of the Week Awards Dinner, 6 p.m. Old Eucalyptus Schoolhouse, El Centro

June 20: 107th El Centro Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Meeting and Silent Auction. 6 p.m. Barbara Worth Resort and Country Club.

June 30: Imperial County Food Bank Bowling to Strike Out Hunger, Brunswick XL, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

July 4: Freedom Fest, Imperial Valley College



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