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## PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

### IVC to Join 2023 Exchange Teaching College Cohort

IVC has been selected to join the CCC California Virtual Campus Exchange Teaching College as part of their June 2023 cohort.

#### CVC Exchange Aligns with Strategic Planning

##### SUPPORTING DISTRICT GOALS

###### IVC's Strategic Objectives

- Increase students who transfer or earn AAT
- Decrease overall units
- Increase retention & success rates
- Readdress institutional roles and capacities

##### SYSTEM-WIDE CHALLENGES



Most community college students never reach a defined end goal



Vision for Success



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Week of May 8-12



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May 21-27, 2023

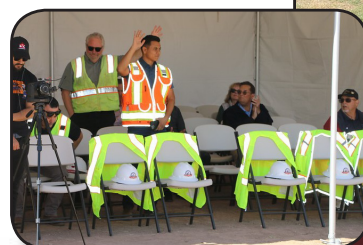


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### Groundbreaking Ceremony

Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Athletics Concessions Restrooms, Borderlink & Westside Lighting took place on March 22, 2023

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY  
**ATHLETICS Concessions & Restrooms**  
 Borderlink & Westside Lighting  
 March 22 | 2:30PM | Softball Field, Lot E  
 \*LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED\*  
  
**ANNIVERSARY**  
 IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE  
**SOFTBALL GAME**  
 3:00PM | IVC Softball Field  
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- ◆ Over Spring Break, the Public Relations and Marketing team won 1st place for Marketing Campaign at the CCPRO Community College Public Relations Organization 2023 Conference in Los Angeles.
- ◆ Team includes: Elizabeth Espinosa, Daniela Estrada, Yethel Alonso, Mike Nicholas



## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Imperial Valley College Emergency Preparedness - Active Assailant drill was held on April 5, 2023, for Students, Staff, and Administrators



## ACADEMIC SERVICES

- ◆ On March 13, 2023, a team from IVC presented the breakout session "Growing Pains and Gains: 8 Lessons from Building a Teaching & Learning Center & Weathering a Pandemic" at the 15th annual Best Practices Conference of the Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution of Educators (AHSIE).
- ◆ IVC's team included Dr. Cuauhtemoc Carboni, Elizabeth Kemp, Dr. Cerise Myers, and Xochitl Tirado.



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## STUDENT SERVICES AND EQUITY

### Child, Family and Consumer Science (CFCS)

- ◆ On March 31, 2023, CFCS held a "Concert on the Lawn with Greg and Steve" for Imperial County families with young children. There were approximately 475 in attendance.







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## STUDENT SERVICES

- ◆ Food Distribution held on March 15, 2023
- ◆ The team served over 300 families!



## STUDENT SERVICES

**DSPS Transition Fair was held on March 17, 2023 - over 400 students from all Imperial County high schools participated.**



Kudos to the entire team involved in planning this amazing event!

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*De Ellas.  
Para el Mundo*

Celebrating Latinas in STEAM



Linda Lara-Jacobo, Ph.D.  
Assistant Professor of Environmental  
Health at SDSU Imperial Valley

- Join us to celebrate Women History Month and the learn about the global contributions of Latinas in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math!
- Dr. Lara-Jacobo's research creates ties between health, the environment, equality of genders, diversity, indigenous engagement, and science diplomacy for a more sustainable future.

RSVP HERE:



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## DE ELLAS, PARA EL MUNDO

### CELEBRATING LATINAS IN STEM

March 20, 2023



## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT PANEL

March 22, 2023

*Women's  
Empowerment  
Panel*

Wednesday, March 22, 2023  
11 AM - 1 PM  
IVC Amphitheater  
Contact us: 760-355-6509



## Women's Empowerment Panel

Wednesday, March 22, 2023 | 11 AM - 1 PM | IVC Amphitheater | Contact us: 760-355-6509

My name is Barbara Reyes. I was born in Salinas, California and raised in this beautiful border town; therefore, I am a border girl. I have been teaching at Imperial Valley College since 2013. Before becoming a college professor, I worked for different non-profit organizations in San Diego County and in the Imperial Valley. I have plenty of experience working with diverse populations and communities. I am a proud daughter immigrant farm worker. My parents and grandparents were field workers in California for many years. My parents worked hard for me to finish my education, which paid off since I am the first in my family to graduate from college. I grew up in the city of El Centro. I went to Kennedy Middle School for junior high and I graduated from Southwest High School. After high school, I left home to attend California State University San Marcos. I completed my Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Spanish. I completed my Master of Arts in Sociological Practice in 2010. At the present time, in addition to teaching, I am also a mother to two strong and active girls. They do keep me busy! I am also the club advisor for the Sociology Club on campus.

**Barbara Reyes**



**Gamalia Patton**

I was born in Brawley, CA and raised in El Centro, CA. I graduated from Southwest High School in 2001. I received an Associate's Degree from Calhoun Community College in Huntsville, AL in General Education and Pre-law, Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Minor in American Sign Language from Texas Tech University, and Master's degree in Marriage & Family Therapy from University of Phoenix and second master's in Education Counseling with a Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) credential from National University. I have been working as an EOPS counselor at Imperial Valley College for the past three years and enjoying every minute of it. I've been the co advisor with A2MEND for the past year. I love that I get to use my knowledge of counseling to assist students that I encounter with to reach their academic/personal goals. I enjoy riding my Harley with my husband, crafting, watching college football (I'm an Alabama fan. "Roll Tide"), being with family and friends. I love to eat tacos, pasta and soul food.



**Lupita Castro**

Guadalupe "Lupita" Castro is an Imperial County native who is proud alumna from Calexico High School, Imperial Valley College (IVC) and San Diego State University-IV Campus. She earned a master's degree in Counseling Marriage, Family and Child Therapy from University of Phoenix. Lupita is a California Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist with 13 years of experience serving the Imperial Valley. Her expertise is in youth and young adults, women, and couples. She has clinical experience in both public and private settings including Imperial County Behavioral Health Services, Juvenile Hall, K-12 districts, Imperial Valley College, San Diego State University-IV Campus, and Son-Shine Counseling. Lupita is currently employed as the Director of Student Health Services at IVC where she also serves as the Active Minds Chapter Advisor and Chair of the Behavioral Care Team.



**Kayla Kirby-Ramirez**

Transitioning from her life as a reporter and managing editor for a local newspaper, Kayla enjoys using her skills and knowledge of the community to connect with the community and help businesses thrive.



**Alexis Brown**

Alexis Brown is the current Assistant City Manager for the City of Imperial. Alexis has been part of Team Imperial for nearly ten years. During her tenure she has progressively worked her way up the management ladder holding the positions of Administrative Assistant, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, Management Analyst. Alexis also serves as the Deputy City Clerk and Public Information Officer for the City.



Moderated by

ASG President Itzel Landeros



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## STUDENT SERVICES

March 27 - April 7

The SEA Matriculation and Core Services Team assisted over **600 seniors** with the Abbreviated Student Educational Plan (ASEP) at Calexico High School.



## FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS DAY

March 28, 2023 - Over 130 students attended



**FINANCIAL AID AWARENESS DAY**  
 Tuesday, March 28

Join us for Financial Aid Awareness Day! Financial Aid Staff will be on-site to answer your questions.

*Information Available*

- FAFSA/ Dream Act Application
- Foster Youth/ Cal-Grants
- Federal Work-Study/ Scholarships
- College Resources
- Local Banks
- General Information

**\$100 Amazon Gift Card Drawing!**

**Location:** College Center  
**Time:** 11:30am-1:30pm  
 Free snacks and drinks!

Imperial Valley College  
 Financial Aid Office



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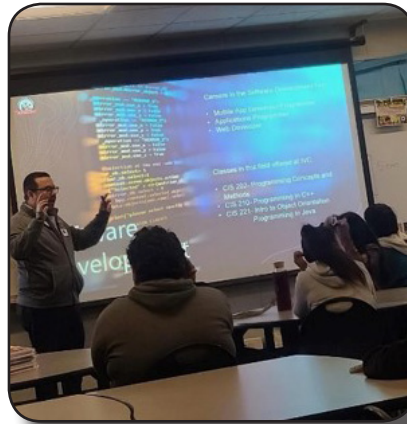
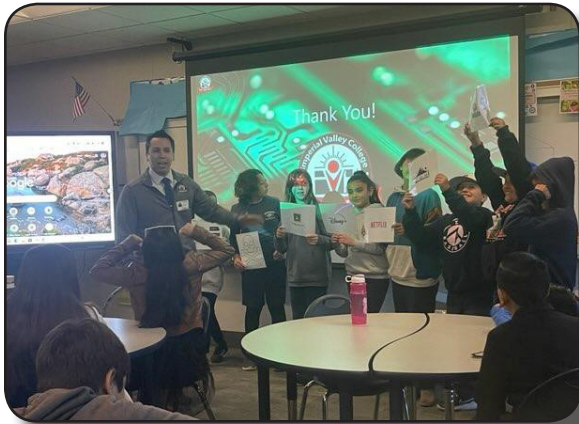
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## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

**Career Day Presentation at Harding Elementary held on April 4, 2023**

**Jonathan Singh & Bobby Moreno**

- ◆ Security Systems Specialist
- ◆ Senior Enterprise Systems Specialist



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

◆ **AB 260 (Santiago) Community Colleges: Part-Time Employees**

Would require the ratio of pay for part-time faculty members to be equal to their full-time colleagues. This is a requirement upon receipt of funds allocated for student success categorical programs and thus would not be a reimbursable mandate.

ACL Position: OPPOSE

CEO Board Position: OPPOSE

◆ **AB 472 (Wicks) Compulsory Leaves of Absence**

Among other items, would require schools and community colleges to fully compensate an employee for lost wages if that employee was placed on unpaid leave due to an investigation into criminal or administrative charges, but the investigation was found in the employee's favor.





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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: *Continued*

### ◆ **AB 1190 (Irwin) Part-Time Faculty Office Hours**

Would require community college districts to provide compensation for office hours to part-time faculty at an amount equal to one paid office hour for every 2 classes or more taught per week by the part-time faculty member or 40% of a full-time load and ½ paid office hour for every class or 20% of a full-time load.

ACL Position: OPPOSE

CEO Board Position: OPPOSE

### ◆ **SB 433 (Cortese) Classified Employees: Impartial Hearing Officers**

Would remove the authority of a school or community college board to subject an employee to disciplinary action for due cause. Instead, this authority would be delegated to a third-party official, agreed upon by both the district and collective bargaining unit. This does not apply to merit districts.

ACL Position: OPPOSE

CEO Board Position: OPPOSE

### ◆ **AB 252 (Holden) Student Athlete Protection Act**

Would create a regulatory agency empowered to investigate and manage California collegiate athletic practices related to student academic, mental, and physical health. Additionally, it mandates the creation of a degree completion fund for student-athletes that obtain an athletic scholarship.

ACL Position: OPPOSE

CEO Board Position: OPPOSE

### ◆ **AB 299 (Holden) Hazing: Institutional Liability**

Would make educational institutions, including community colleges, liable for hazing activities occurring within student body organizations affiliated with those institutions.

ACL Position: OPPOSE

### ◆ **AB 358 (Addis) Field Act Exemption**

Would exempt community college housing from the Field Act, which requires the Department of General Services to supervise the design and construction of school buildings, except upon request by the community college district.

ACL Position: SUPPORT

CEO Board Position: SUPPORT

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### ◆ **AB 610 (Holden) Transit Passes**

Would create a free student transit program by awarding grants to transit agencies for the costs of creating, designing, developing, advertising, distributing, and implementing free transit passes to persons attending certain educational institutions, providing free transit service to holders of those passes.

ACL Position: SUPPORT

CEO Board Position: SUPPORT

### ◆ **AB 1142 (Fong) CPEC 2.0**

Would establish the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education in California, composed of five public members appointed by the Senate, Assembly, and Governor. Among other items, it would be empowered to:

- Set performance targets for enrollment and completion statewide and by region.
- Conduct a review of statewide and regional gaps in enrollment, completion, and other matters.
- Review and make recommendations on how to create efficiencies in cross-segmental cooperation.
- Evaluate how each segment is responding to the goals outlined by the Governor in the 2022-23 budget.

### ◆ **AB 506 (Fong) Ethnic Studies**

Would require the CSU to collaborate with the Chancellor's Office and the CSU Council on Ethnic Studies to develop a process to approve community college ethnic studies courses as fulfilling CSU graduation requirements.

ACL Position: WATCH

### ◆ **AB 811 (Fong) Repeatability**

Would increase the number of times a student may take a credit course for which they received a substandard grade up to five times. Students who received a satisfactory grade would be permitted to repeat a course up to at least three times for personal enrichment.

### ◆ **AB 634 (Ward) CDCP Programs**

Would require CDCP courses to be funded via a positive attendance funding count or on a census date basis, depending on when and how often the course meets either in person or online.

ACL Position: SUPPORT

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- ◆ **AB 247 (Muratsuchi) Education finance: school facilities: Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2024.**  
Would place a school facilities bond of an unspecified amount on the ballot in 2024 for only K-12 and community colleges.
- ◆ **SB 28 (Glazer) Education finance: school facilities: Public Preschool, K-12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2024.**  
Would place on the March 2024 ballot a bond of \$15.5 Billion. The CSU, UC, and CCC would each receive \$2 billion.
- ◆ **AB 1541 (Fong) Student Advisory Vote**  
Would give each student member of the Board of Trustees of a community college district an advisory vote.
- ◆ **AB 1542 (Fong) BOG Member Compensation**  
Would increase the pay of each student member of the Board of Governors to \$4,000 per semester via the Student Success Completion Grant.  
ACL Position: SUPPORT
- ◆ **AB 680 (Rubio) Non-Resident Tuition**  
Would expand the non-resident tuition exemption to students who (1) completed 60-semester units of credit or 90-quarter units of credit in a California community college or (2) attained an associate degree for transfer.  
ACL Position: SUPPORT
- ◆ **AB 1540 (Fong) Non-Resident Tuition**  
For purposes of validating non-resident tuition status for undocumented students under current law, this bill would authorize higher education institutions to accept an affidavit provided to the California Student Aid Commission as part of the students' financial aid application.
- ◆ **AB 461 (Ramos) Fentanyl Test Strips**  
Would require each CCC and CSU campus and request the UC to: 1) stock and distribute fentanyl test strips at their campus health centers, 2) include information about the use and location of fentanyl test strips in established campus orientations, and 3) notify students of the presence and location of the test strips.  
ACL Position: WATCH

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

### ◆ **AB 1524 (Lowenthal) Access to Drug Testing Devices**

Would require the CSU and CCCs to stock free drug testing devices, defined as test strips, stickers, and straws designed to detect the presence of controlled substances, at a designated and accessible central location on each campus.

ACL Position: WATCH

### ◆ **SB 234 (Portantino) Opioids**

Would require every CCC, CSU, UC, and independent institution campus to (1) maintain unexpired doses of naloxone hydrochloride or any other opioid antagonist on its campus at all times, and to (2) ensure that at least 2 employees are aware of the location of the naloxone hydrochloride or other opioid antagonist.

ACL Position: WATCH

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Apr. 27: Celebrating Black Student Success**
- ◆ **Apr. 29: 60th Anniversary Gala and Hall of Fame Dinner**
- ◆ **May 3: Mental Health Awareness 2023**
- ◆ **May 5: Imperial Valley Lavender Graduation**
- ◆ **May 18: Mental Health Career Fair 2023**
- ◆ **May 20: IVC First Step Event**
- ◆ **May 25: Employee Years of Service & Retirees Celebration**



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## THE ASPEN LIVE STREAM

Thursday, April 20

9:00 to 11:00 am

LIVE STREAM

**2023  
Aspen Prize  
Ceremony**

Thursday, April 20  
12 - 2 pm ET

# ASPEN PRIZE

FOR COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE EXCELLENCE

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## Tune in to the live stream of the 2023 Aspen Prize ceremony!

What distinguishes the nation's top community colleges, and which will be named the best of the best? Join us on **Thursday, April 20** to find out the winners of the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.