PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Passing of Rodney L. Smart, IVC Foundation Executive Director

Rod passed away on Monday, January 8, 2024, leaving a void that will be deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

As we grieve this immense loss, we celebrate Rod's extraordinary life and contributions to the Imperial Valley Community.

We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all those touched by his remarkable spirit.



Services will be held on January 22, 2024, at 2pm at Del Rio Country Club in Brawley



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Brawley Strong

We extend our deepest condolences and united support to the family, students, staff, and community of Brawley for their recent loss.

We have you all in our hearts and prayers during this difficult time.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Imperial County Board of Supervisors honor Dr. Lennor M. Johnson

On Tuesday, January 9, 2024, the Board of Supervisors recognized and presented a Resolution honoring Dr. Lennor M. Johnson for serving his country and the Imperial Valley Community.

Thank you all so much for the support!



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CETYS University Visit to IVC





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CETYS Visit

On Friday, January 14, 2024, we visited CETYS Universidad to see a potential site to host a recognition event for future IVC graduates.



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Major Kudos to

- Board President Isabel Solis
- Executive Director of Communication, Marketing and Public Relations
 Celeste Alvarez
- Director of Student Development and Activities **Yareli Rivera**

ACADEMIC SERVICES

IVC Tutor Expo 2024

- 15+ sessions attended by tutors over four days
- Faculty and admin attended as well
- Keynote speakers and presenters (thanks, Dr. Carboni!)

TOPICS INCLUDED: Professional Development, Inclusivity, Online Learning, Content-based Approaches, and More!

SPECIAL THANKS TO DIANA ROMAN FOR ORGANIZING THE 2024 EXPO!





ACADEMIC SERVICES

Public Safety Graduation & Pinning Ceremonies

Correctional Academy

- The Fall 2023 Correctional Academy held their graduation ceremony on Saturday, December 9th.
- 13 trainees graduated and several have submitted applications with the Imperial County Sheriff's Office.



ACADEMIC SERVICES

Public Safety Community Outreach



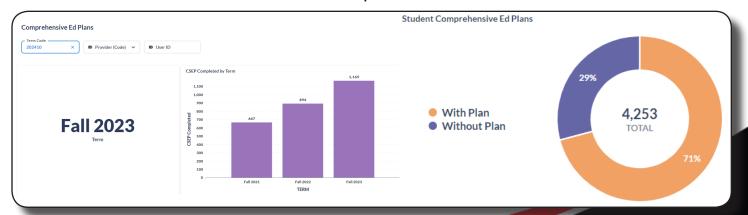
Fire Academy

- The Fall 2023 Fire Academy held their graduation ceremony on Monday, December 11th.
- 15 cadets graduated and all of them are either already working in the field or in the hiring process.

ACADEMIC SERVICES & EQUITY

Comprehensive Student Educational Plan (CSEP) Completion Rates

A special Congratulations to all our Counselors who continue to increase our CSEP completion rates.





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In December, members of the Student Equity & Achievement ESL Team conducted outreach at Calexico High School to promote IVC ESL classes to parents of high school students.

After the activity was concluded, the team received 57 calls and 27 emails from interested adults. Those potential students are invited to the upcoming Spring 2024 Prep Event scheduled for January 22, 2024.

Updates of Priority Legislation Community College League of California

- **SB 916 (Seyarto)** This bill would prohibit the campuses of CCC, CSU and UC from charging tuition or fees for Medal of Honor recipients and dependents of military and National Guard killed in action who enroll in an extended education course if the extended education course is being used to meet the requirements of undergraduate degree program.
- **AB 1160 (Pacheco)** This bill was amended to clarify that "drop for non-payment" policies remain intact, require colleges to establish a policy that defines standards and practices for the collection of institutional debt, establishes steps that colleges must take before sending a debt to a third party collector and moves the date for Chancellor's Office report to July 1, 2025.
- **AB 1818 (Jackson)** This bill would require each campus of the CCC and the CSU, and would request the UC, to allow overnight parking by a student attending its campus if the student uses the vehicle as housing, the student has a valid parking permit issued by the campus, and the vehicle is parked in or on a campus-owned and controlled parking lot or parking structure.





Livestream Blood Drive UB/UBMS Saturday Academy ESL Registration Event A Little Taste of Soul –Art Gallery Pioneer Day – Pioneers Museum Middle School Career Day Winter/Spring Registration Assistance UB/UBMS Saturday Academy

18 Jan.

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