

Budget Update

Democratic Leadership Budget Position

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Darrel Steinberg, Senator Pro Tem and Karen Bass, Speaker of the Assembly are recommending that the \$4.7 billion "rainy day" reserve be used to save the three programs that have been the cornerstone of budget disagreements between the Democratic leadership and the Governor. CalWORKS, Cal Grants and the Healthy Family Programs have been recommended for elimination by the Governor. Democratic

Leadership has determined this to be an opportune time to use the "rainy day" reserve fund to save the three programs.

The Governor disagrees with the use of the reserves to save these programs. However, it is widely accepted that for the Governor to win support from the Democrats he will need to save CalWORKS, Cal Grants and the Healthy Family programs.

Most knowledgeable sources in Sacramento believe a budget settlement is imminent. The Community College League of California and the California Community College believe that a budget "deal" may be reached between the legislative leadership and the Governor next week, and certainly by the end of June.

Student Fees likely to be increased

Special points of interest:

- CalWorks, Cal Grants and Healthy Families the Cornerstone of Budget Debates
- Student Fees to go to \$26 or Higher
- Use of Stimulus Funds Debated
- No Student Workers accept Work Study and Parking beginning July 1

Student and Faculty groups have been working hard to keep community college student fees at \$20 per credit, but they are likely to lose their battle. California Community College Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs has stated that the majority of legislators certainly support an increase in community college fees to at least \$26 per credit and possibly higher. \$30 per credit is becoming an amount that many legislators are discussing.

The California Community College System and CEO groups are currently stating that any fee increase should be reasonable. The amount \$22 per credit has been the systems position, but Capitol insiders believe that we will be unable to hold the fee increase at that level.

A key point in the argument to increase fees is that as many as 40% of community college students either receive a fee waiver or Financial

Aid that will pay for any increase in fees. While true, those AB 540 students who graduated from California high schools but who do not hold residency status will be forced to pay a higher fee that may lead to their inability to enroll in California Community Colleges.

PE and Recreational Classes still Targeted



The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges is optimistic that legislators understand the argument that specific target program cuts should be left up to the individual colleges and districts. However, the Governor's recommended cuts in Physical Education, Athletics, and Recreational class remain targeted for cuts in the 2009-2010 State Budget at this time.

On Friday, a legislative budget hearing heard from the Legislative Analyst who shared a Sacramento Bee news article that quoted students as saying they were taking a Pilates class at a community college because the \$10 fee that was charged was significantly lower than a similar class would cost in a local fitness club.

Community College
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officials believe we lost ground on the argument because of the testimony on Friday. They believe that the \$120 billion stimulus money that may come to the community colleges will either be used to backfill categorical programs or to backfill the loss of apportionment for PE courses but not both.

More to come next week on this controversy.

Student Workers Victims of IVC Budget Cuts

"All departments, divisions, and offices will lose student workers beginning July 1."

Beginning July 1, 2009 all student workers, excluding Work Study students and those employed through the use of parking fees, will lose their positions.

As a result of the reductions in the budget recommended by the Planning & Budget Committee and agreed upon by the Vice Presidents and the Superintendent/President all student worker funds

are being eliminated in the 2009-2010 District Budget.

Imperial Valley College is facing a \$5.9 million dollar budget problem in 2009-2010 and the Superintendent/President has determined that the budget must be balanced in order to "right the ship" now or suffer greater hardships in 2010-2011 and beyond. For the past two years, over \$2.6 million in salary

and salary related costs have been coming from reserves. This commitment has reduced the reserves from 27% to around 9% in two years, and left untouched would bring the reserves way below the 5% minimum requirement. Consequently, one of the areas cut in the budget are student employees.

More information on budget cuts will be announced next week.

Tentative Budget to be balanced

At the June 17th Board of Trustees meeting, the Superintendent/President will present a balanced budget. Since the Governor's May revise on May 28th, the Budget & Planning Committee and the President and Vice Presidents have met

frequently to reduce the District budget by \$5.9 million to balance for the 2009-2010 year. As a result, summer school and winter intersession have been cut in half and may face further reductions. The Brawley Extended Campus will be closed and

the other extended campus sites in El Centro and Calexico will face some reductions. Categorical programs have been sliced by 58.8% and, at least for now, CalWORKS employees have been informed their jobs will be lost to State Budget cuts.

Budget Reductions Highlighted

Since there is no "money tree" and the Imperial Community College District general budget is \$5.9 million out of balance when compared to the Governor's May Budget revision, a number of reductions are planned for fiscal 2009-2010 year. If the budget picture improves, budget reductions will be reinstated. In addition, IVC's categorical programs will be reduced

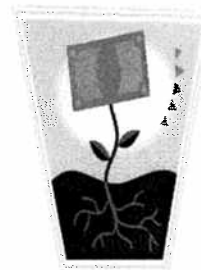
58.8% to meet the expectations of the Governor's May revision of the State Budget.

The May revision is being discussed at the time of this writing by the State Legislature and is believed to be a worst case scenario budget.

Additionally, IVC has committed \$2.6 million in salaries and salary related expenses to its reserve the last two years thus

leaving the reserve "well" dry.

The areas of the budget scheduled for severe reductions are summer session, winter intersession, classified overtime, faculty release time, student employment, supplies, and faculty committee pay. A final budget will be prepared in July and August.



Step Increases Saved for 2009 – 2010

Once the cornerstone of balancing the budget and a major issue in negotiations, step increases for all employee groups have been recommended to be saved for the 2009-2010 academic year. The tentative budget that will be presented to the Board of Trustees will include step increases.

The step increase topic may return in 2010-2011 negotiations with both

bargaining units and in the meet and confer sessions with administrators and members of the Classified Managers and Confidential Employee groups, if the State of California does not show significant improvements in revenue.

The Superintendent/President will recommend to the Board of Trustees that administrators and CMCA members receive step

increases for 2009-2010 and a .68% increase for 2008-2009 retroactive to July 1, 2008. This recommendation comes at an expense of budget reductions in Summer Session, Winter Intersession, Supplies, Classified Overtime, Staff Reductions, Attrition and Overloads, Student Employees, Extended Campus, and faculty release time and committee pay.

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Town Hall Meetings and Brown Bag Lunches Held

Since the April meeting of the Board of Trustees, two Town Hall meetings and two "Brown Bag" sessions have been held by the President, or, in the case of one of the "Brown Bag" sessions, a Vice President. At these sessions, the May Revision of the Budget

has been the topic of discussion. Dr. Gould has outlined to the staff the \$850 million cut in the community colleges and its impact on Imperial Valley College's general fund and categorical budgets.

The problem is compounded by the salary and salary

related expenditures charged to reserves. \$5.8 million will be reduced from the General Fund and \$2.5 million will be reduced from categorical programs for the preliminary budget. This is believed to be a worst case scenario.

Board of Trustees to Receive Balanced Budget

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The Superintendent/President will present a balanced tentative budget to the Board of Trustees at its regular meeting of June 17, 2009. The budget will be based on the May revisions proposed by Governor Schwarzenegger. The tentative budget that will be presented is \$5.8

million less than the Tentative Budget developed at the end of the Program Review process.

Cuts in the budget follow the recommendations of the Planning and Budget Committee and the President and Vice-Presidents. The reductions do everything

possible to continue the core of the Districts educational program which includes basic skills, ESL, general education, transfer courses, courses required for degrees and vocational certificates.

About Our Organization...

A balanced budget is a major change to budgeting at IVC. What used to be a 27% reserve two years ago, and an 18% reserve in 2008 and 2009, will be reduced to 9% at the end of the 2008-09 fiscal year.

Tough times lie ahead for the Imperial Community College District. A

balanced budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees for 2009-2010 and into the future. The "bucket" theory of budgeting and contractual will be a primary area of discussion within the shared governance process and contractual discussions in the coming year.





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August 2009

FALL CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 24

Preparations for fall semester have been underway for several months. We hope you will join us. Fall classes begin August 24 and a number of new sections have been added since the Fall Course Schedule was printed. Please check the IVC web site for schedule changes.

If you will be attending IVC for the first time, or have not been enrolled during the past year, you need to complete the online application before you can register. Go to www.imperial.edu and click on Application for Admission in the blue column on the left.

If you need assistance, please visit the Admissions and Records Office in the Administration Building #10 at the main campus, or the offices in Calexico or El Centro. For more information, call the main campus number at (760)352-8320.

The faculty has worked hard to develop a schedule of classes to meet a wide variety of student needs.

State budget constraints are preventing us from of-

fering all the classes we would like, so register as soon as possible according to the priority registration schedule.

Effective with the Fall Semester, enrollment fees have been increased by the State Legislature from \$20 to \$26 per unit. Please visit your WebSTAR account for additional information.

We are looking forward to seeing you this fall. For information on how you can receive financial assistance, please see the section below.



Imperial Valley College is preparing to celebrate 50 years of existence as a community college district in California and we want to gather some recollections of people who have attended IVC throughout the years. Who was your favorite professor? What was the most significant educational experience you had while at IVC? What role has IVC played in the education of your family?

Visit IVC's 50 years anniversary page on Facebook. Browse through our archive photo albums from the 1960's and 1970's. Let us know if you recognize anyone!

Financial Aid

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

IVC offers a full array of financial aid programs — grants, work study, scholarships, and fee waivers (we do not participate in the federal loan programs). These programs are available to both full and part time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. We have financial aid available to help you with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare.

Every year Imperial Valley College awards over \$12 million dollars to students, all in the form of grants or scholarships that do not have to be paid back. An additional \$2.6 million in fee waivers assists students with tuition costs.

Each year, over 80% of the students attending IVC, receive some type of financial assistance in the form of grants, scholarships, work study, fee waivers or book vouchers.

Distance Ed

<http://etudes-ng.fhda.edu/portal>

IVC is happy to offer students the chance to continue their educational goals online!

Our hybrid courses only meet face-to-face two or three times per semester, giving students a chance to improve themselves educationally while still leaving plenty of time to work, take care of family responsibilities, and enjoy life. The Help Desk is available for these courses. Please visit our website for hours of operation.

Our Counselors are available to help you develop a plan to reach your goals.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION

community.imperial.edu

Community Education provides alternative educational opportunities to Imperial County residents through non-credit (free) and community service classes. These are short term, fee based courses in areas of public interest. These classes are open to the entire community and are entirely supported by student fees. Some of the classes that we offer are Cooking Classes, Cosmetology, CPR, Quickbooks, Motorcycle Safety Training and a variety of online classes. You may sign up and pay for these classes through our website or in person. To learn more about this program visit our website: community.imperial.edu or simply give us a call at (760) 353-0490.

IVC now has social media accounts such as Facebook and Twitter to reach out to the community and generate awareness, connect with students, alumni and other people interested in the college. Please follow us and access the latest news updates.

MEASURE L EXPANSION PROJECT

The 70,000 square-foot centerpiece of Imperial Valley College's Measure L expansion project, a state-of-the-art science building, will be ready for occupancy in early 2010.

During 2008, more than \$25.2 million in contracts were awarded for the science building's construction and those contracts resulted in a direct infusion of nearly \$10 million into the Imperial Valley economy through work with local contractors. While more than 40 percent of all Measure L contracts have been awarded to local firms, the overall economic impact is even greater due to the fact that other contractors have been purchasing supplies locally.

With the downturn in the construction industry, the bidding process was very competitive during the year. The ultimate cost of the science building is expected to be approximately \$32.4 million.

The building is designed to provide a state-of-the-art learning experience in science and math as well as other subjects taught at IVC, in keeping with the promise made to voters in 2004 when they adopted Measure L.

IVC students currently use three 47-year-old labs for all science classes and those aging facilities limit the kinds of course offerings available to IVC students.

The new complex includes 12 labs (6 wet and 6 dry labs), each with specific designated use and state-of-the-art equipment. There will be two chemistry labs as well as labs designated for biology, anatomy and plant sciences. There will also be a new upgraded planetarium.

While the sciences will be a major focus in the building, its "smart classrooms" also will be home to a number of other subjects and its expansive lecture hall is bound to see a lot of campus as well as community uses.

While the science building is the most obvious Measure L project, other Measure L-funded projects have also been underway to modernize IVC. Bond proceeds have funded:



- new energy efficient sloped roofing on permanent buildings throughout the campus;
- new perimeter access roads;
- expanded parking to accommodate IVC's increasing student population;
- replacement of the sewer lift station to accommodate current capacity as well as future growth;
- a new gym floor playing surface and improvements to the track, women's soccer field, and women's softball field; and
- improvements to the plumbing infrastructure on campus by adding and replacing valves to the main 2010 Completion water line.



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AWARDS

RAFAEL SANTOS OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR AWARD

Imperial Valley College political science instructor Gaylla Finnell has received IVC's annual Rafael Santos Outstanding Professor Award. 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 2008-2009 Academic Senate to honor a faculty member for distinguished contributions to students.

"Ms. Finnell exemplifies the qualities that the IVC community has come to expect in the Rafael Santos Award winners," said Academic Senate President Dr. Bruce Seivertson. "She is a dedicated teacher and caring Political Science instructor. Additionally, she works tirelessly to improve both campus and community life through her extra curricular Student for Political Awareness (SPA) activities," he said.

Finnell also received the Arab Award, which is the highest award given by the Associated Students' Government.

The 27th Annual National Association of Hispanic Journalists Convention and Media & Career Expo in San Juan

Imperial Valley College journalism student Luis Flores was one of 18 participants selected for a very competitive week-long Student Campus in June during the 27th Annual National Association of Hispanic Journalists Convention and Media & Career Expo in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Flores received a fully paid trip to participate in the Campus.

"Luis is a talented, conscientious and diligent student and young journalist who is well-deserving of this recognition" said Gina Germani, IVC's journalism instructor.

The annual convention is the largest gathering of Latino journalists and media executives, a premiere networking conference where they assemble to discuss and debate the state of the news media and issues affecting the nation's Latino community.

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Bruce Page, Speech Professor

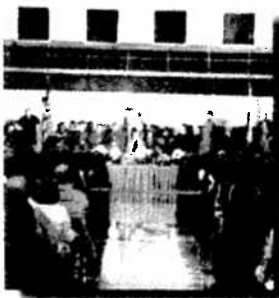
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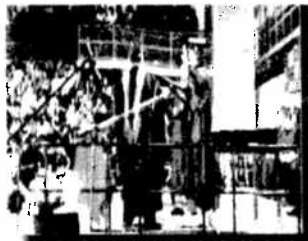
Gaylla Finnell, Political Science Professor

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

September: Jessica Waddell, Staff Secretary II
 January: Bruce Page, Speech Professor
 March : Rosalind Summers Accounting Technician
 April: Miriam Trejo, Student Services Assistant - Parking
 May: Jeff Cantwell, Director of Application Services

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY 2009





Donation by Cardenas Market

Imperial Valley College is one of four Southern California community colleges that will receive a portion of \$200,000 in educational scholarships provided by Cardenas Markets Scholarship Foundation Inc.

The Cardenas Foundation will be providing IVC with a scholarship fund of \$45,000-- \$15,000 annually for the next three years to assist economically disadvantaged students.

The foundation also has granted scholarship funding to three other community colleges that are located in the service areas of Cardenas Markets, including Mt. San Antonio College, Chaffey College and College of the Desert.

"We feel humbled to be able to make a contribution in support of the educational commitment of many students who would otherwise not be able to reach their educational dream," said Jesus Cardenas Jr., vice president of Cardenas Markets.

Students who receive the scholarships will be selected by the college and must meet minimum requirements established by the foundation:

- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0
- Demonstrate a sincere desire to pursue a college education
- Provide two recommendations from school counselors or administration.



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Emergency Text Updates

Keeping students, staff and members of our community SAFE is one of our top priorities!

NEW MOBILE ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE



Sign up is simple:
Text **IVC to 253788 (AlertU)** and reply **Y**
Or sign up online at www.alertu.org/ivc



IVC has activated AlertU, an emergency alert notification system that enables the college to send critical text updates to students, faculty, and staff during a campus emergency. AlertU will allow IVC to broadcast vital information, in real time, to the mobile devices of employees and the student body. This service is particularly important for those who may be in, or near, a crisis zone.

For this service to be successful, it is imperative to get all of our registered students, current employees and interested members of our community signed up. There are no fees to subscribers for enrolling in the service, however standard text message rates may apply.

To subscribe and receive IVC text alerts, text IVC (your campus keyword) to 253788 (ALERTU) or sign up online through the widget on the school website, <http://www.imperial.edu>.

IVC encourages subscribers to program '253788' into their phone's contact list (address book) as 'AlertU' so they will recognize these messages as critical alerts from IVC. Alert U system will only be used in the event of emergency.

Subscribers' personal information will not be shared with anyone. You will never receive any mobile spam.

IVC has high hopes this system will minimize both risk and damage for our students and our campus in the event of a crisis or emergency.

For more information about AlertU, please visit Waterfall Mobile website at www.alertu.org.



We invite all staff to send us contributions via email (communications@imperial.edu) or through electronic forms that are available at www.imperial.edu/community

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Helping our Troops

Students for Political Awareness (SPA) would like to invite you to join us in our annual Halloween "Treats for the Troops" campaign. Our goal this year is to send over 2,000 packets of candy and letters to our troops deployed overseas.



YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING
HALLOWEEN CANDY!
(No milk chocolate, please!)

You can also help by doing the following:

- Make donations to IVC- SPA to help with the cost of shipping.
- Provide names and addresses of service men and women deployed overseas.

- Write letters to the troops, to include in the packets.

- Help package the treats on Friday, October 16th, from 3:30pm- 6:30pm at T.L. Waggoner Elementary School in Imperial.

Your donations can be delivered to Gaylla Finnell or to Room 807 at Imperial Valley College.

For more information contact Gaylla A. Finnell at 760- 355- 6511 or by email at

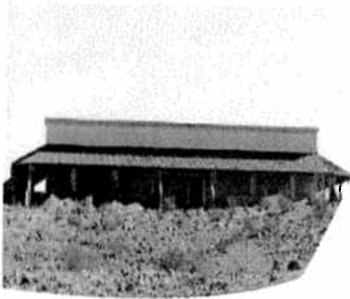
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ONLINE FACULTY AND STAFF DIRECTORY

- The new online directory draws information real time directly from IVC's Microsoft Active Directory (AD). This means that once a person's information is updated in the AD, it is also reflected in the online directory immediately. This online directory is also available on the Student Portal, so our students can find the needed information.
- There are two ways of obtaining phone numbers without accessing the online directory: Using the directory button on the ShoreTel phone. Your phone can display the entire campus directory. Using the "ShoreTel Call Manager" unified messaging system installed on your PC, it enables you to make phone calls with a simple mouse click (you don't even have to dial the number - for both internal as well as external calls).

These features may not be known to everyone, Larry Valenzuela (760) 355- 6189 is providing a training course if you are interested.

<http://directory.imperial.edu/>



Come Out to Honor Jay von Werlhof at the Museum October 24th

*"This is Your Life, Jay von Werlhof: A Symposium Honoring His Nearly
Forty Years of Anthropological Contributions of California's Deserts"*

Jay von Werlhof has been a fixture in California archaeology for over 60 years. He has graced the California Deserts with his presence for nearly forty of those years. In order to thank him for his contributions to archaeology and Native American studies, we are holding a symposium Saturday, October 24th, 2009 in Ocotillo at the Museum. The symposium is sponsored by your museum, ASMPARC, the Desert Protective Council, RECON, Tierra Environmental, Courtney Coyle, Attorney, the Coachella Valley Archaeological Society, Harry and Meg Casey, Mike Moratto, Sunbelt, Russell Kalderberg and Judyth Reed.

The day will be filled with papers and talks related to his significant contributions to the anthropology of the western deserts and his influence to the discipline of cultural resource management. Among the various topics we will be able to hear will be papers and talks on topics as wide ranging as the history of ancient Lake Cahuilla, the use of fish traps, early human occupation of the deserts, his influence regarding the development of the California

Site Stewardship program, his work with Native peoples, geoglyphs, rock alignments, the acoustics of petroglyph sites, and many other topics.

A sampling of presenters include Drs. Mike Moratto, Mark Allen, Mark Giambastiani, Jackson Underwood, Alan Gold and William Clewlow; other presentations will be made by Julie Burcell, Kish LaPierre, Judyth Reed and Bill Wight, Micah Hale, Chris Hardaker, Dave Singleton, Willie Pink and Preston Arrowweed. An open microphone will be provided to give folks an opportunity to tell stories or just to thank Jay for his contributions.

The keynote speaker will be world renowned rock art expert, Dr. David Whitley. He will talk at the lunch hour on the long term significance of Jay's work on geoglyphs. His talk is titled "Jay von Werlhof's Trail of Dreams."

Harry Casey will present poster boards with photographs of ground figures he has photographed over the years. Bill Eckhardt will have a poster board of recent management opportunities along the Lake Cahuilla shoreline.

As a very special treat, Jay's sons Mark and Erik are planning to be there and participate in the frivolity.

We will also be belatedly celebrating Jay's 86th birthday with a cake provided by Terry Weiner of the Desert Protective Council.

Please come out and enjoy the day.

Registration begins at 9:00 AM; the session begins at 10:00 am and concludes at 5:30. Registration costs \$10; lunch will be provided by Sal Guzman of Callexico. A donation of \$10 for lunch is requested. We will also have a donation box to deposit the money for the lunch and for any other generous contribution to assist in defraying the costs of the symposium. All remaining monies will be given to Jay to assist him in continuing his research into the anthropology of the Imperial Valley region.

We will also have books that will be available for purchase, including the *Festschrift* honoring Jay's contributions, his volumes on earthen figures and other books published by our own press. Diane Lindsay

will have books available from Sunbelt Press. There may be other authors with publications for sale also. The proceeds will assist with the Symposium.

For those wishing to assist in contributing to Jay's future research you can make a check to ASMPARC and either give it to Russell Kalderberg at the event or mail it to ASMPARC at 2043 Corte Del Nogal, Carlsbad, CA. 92011

The suggested dress for the day will be long sleeve blue denim work shirts.

Please RSVP to rkaldenberg@asmaffiliates.com or call Russ or Terry if you have questions. Russ at 307 772-9317 or Terry- Weiner@sbcglobal.net 619 342-5524 and leave a message with your telephone number. We need an approximate count of attendees by October 15 so we can order the right amount of meals.

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50 YEARS OF IVC!

Be part of the celebration!



Your \$15 purchase will greatly contribute to the fantastic IVC Tennis Program.

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Three members of IVC are teaming up for the Challenged Athletes Foundation Triathlon. We are raising money to fund challenged athletes.

Team IVC is back and ready for this inspiring and amazing athletic event. This year "Team IVC" is fortunate to have English Professor and Cycling Enthusiast, Brian McNeece, on the bike; participating in her first half marathon, Humanities Administrative Assistant Especial, Jessica Waddell on the run; and Toni Pfister, Exercise Science Professor and lover of aquatic activities, in the Pacific. Brian and Toni experienced a great tri a few years ago when they teamed up with a challenged athlete. This year it is PURE IVC!! We are appreciative of all support. CAF raises money to help people with physical disabilities pursue an active lifestyle through physical fitness and athletics. CAF's mission is clear: give those with the desire to live active, competitive lifestyles every opportunity to compete in the sports they love. Donations are tax deductible and we take cash, checks, or you can donate through our team website: <http://sdctc09.kintera.org/> and choose "sponsor fundraiser"

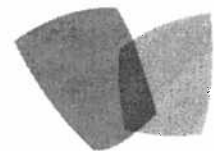
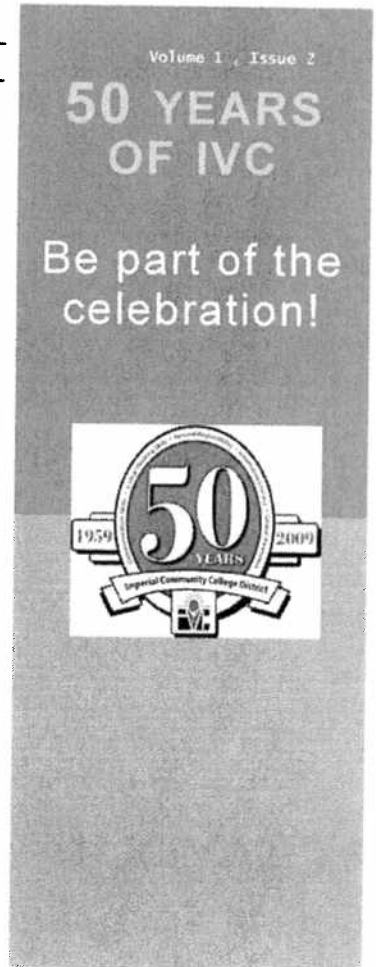
Thank you for your donation! Please remember that every donation counts, no matter the size. If you are able to come down to La Jolla on October 25, please plan on enjoying a day on the coast that is beautiful in every aspect!

Team members: Toni Pfister, the swimmer: 1.2 mile chilly ocean swim
 Brian McNeece, the cyclist: 56 mile hilly bike ride
 Jessica Waddell, the runner: 13.1 mile hilly run

Student Learning Outcomes Monthly Meetings

**2009-2010 meetings will commence at 1:30 pm on the following
Wednesdays in Room 709 unless otherwise noted**

- September 23, 2009
- October 14, 2009
- November 11, 2009
- December 9, 2009
- February 24, 2010 (4th Wednesday)
 - March 10, 2010
 - April 14, 2010
 - May 12, 2010
 - June 9, 2010



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Information Regarding the H1N1 Virus

We are working closely with the county and state health departments to monitor flu conditions and make decisions about the best steps to take concerning our institution. We will keep you updated with new information as it becomes available to us. As you may know, flu can be spread easily from person to person. Therefore, we are taking steps to prevent the spread on campus, but, **we need your help to accomplish this.** Please visit our website for additional information.

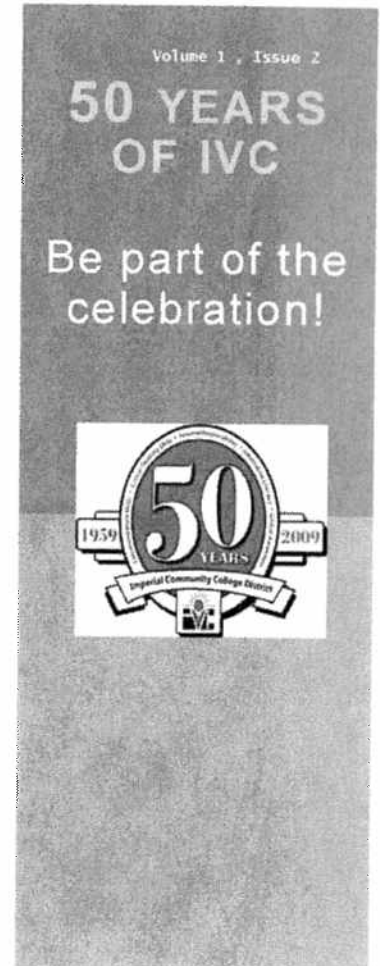
www.imperial.edu/flu

The American Red Cross presents new volunteers.

In a recent article of Adelante Valle., the American Red Cross presented new local volunteers. The volunteers are part of a new project "United We Serve"

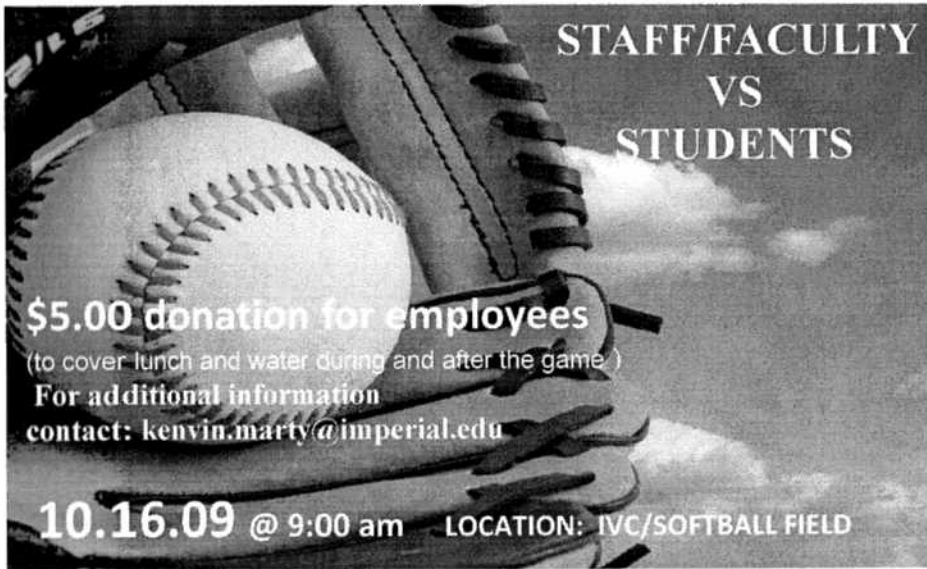
Some of the Volunteers are: Alexis Ayala, Graciela Cervantes, William Lewis, David Medina, Walter Nguyen, Isabel Rodríguez, Karen Rodríguez y Aaron Wilson

The group of volunteers completed a 15 hour course given by one of our faculty members, Eric Jacobson.



Adelante
Un paso al frente en información.

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**STAFF/FACULTY
VS
STUDENTS**

\$5.00 donation for employees
(to cover lunch and water during and after the game.)
For additional information
contact: kenvin.marty@imperial.edu

10.16.09 @ 9:00 am LOCATION: IVC/SOFTBALL FIELD

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**50 YEARS
OF IVC**

Be part of the
celebration!

NEW BUILDING TOURS

We have arranged for tours of the new 2700 building to be conducted each week beginning this Thursday for interested IVC faculty, classified and administrative staff members.

The tours will take place on a first-come first-served basis at 3 p.m. each Thursday. The limit is 10 per tour. [Click here to make a reservation.](#)



**CLICK ON THE ICON
FOR A SNEAK PEEK
OF THE BUILDING**



I'm retired-goodbye tension, hello pension!





IVC Campus Briefs

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ESL Students Protest Extended Campus Decisions

On October 12, 2009 approximately 60 students from the Calexico Campus protested the administration's recommendation to close the Calexico and El Centro campuses. This protest was followed up by a large group that gathered October 21 at our board meeting. Both protests were civil and are an indication of the concern felt by our students as we cope with serious fiscal issues. The issues being expressed by the students include lack of transportation to the campus, hours of operation to ensure working mothers, single-parents, and others could continue to take classes. Some students wanted to know why ESL courses would be cut and not other programs. Dr. Ed Gould assured the students that everything possible will be done to continue to offer ESL classes but in a more affordable manner. He explained that the El Centro campus is scheduled to close at the end of December and the Calexico campus at the end of June. The students wanted to know where they could take classes. Dr. Gould explained that talks are underway with local high schools and San Diego State University – Imperial Valley Campus and future location considerations would include local churches and other resources.

Dr. Steve Roeder has expressed an interest in discussing the possibility of IVC renting space at a low cost at the Imperial Valley Campus of SDSU. IVC also will be holding discussions with the City of Calexico. City Manager Victor Carrillo has offered his assistance in seeking a solution.

Retreat Brings Direction to IVC Changes

On October 6-9 the Vice-Presidents, Associate Dean of Human Resources and President retreated for 2 full and 2 ½ days to make decisions and recommendations on budget reductions, organization structure, and finalization of moves to the 2700 Building and the secondary effects of that move coupled with the elimination of the trailers on the east side of campus. All recommendations and decisions were scrutinized by addressing the planning priorities of the District and the realities of the Budget. The focus was on efficiencies and effectiveness while converting the organization from a small college structure to a mid-size college.

The highlights of the retreat were in the Superintendent/President's Report to the Board of Trustees on October 21st. They include, an administrative structure that allows for effective evaluation of programs and faculty, a review of faculty release times, moves to bring common services and activities in same spaces reducing the need for duplication of staff, and the focus on core resources. The major budget recommendation is the elimination of the Extended Campus programs being offered in lease facilities in El Centro, Calexico and Brawley saving the District over \$252,000 in lease agreements and considerable District financial resources for utilities, support staffing and janitorial and maintenance services. This controversial recommendation has brought student, faculty, and community criticism. The administrative recommendations are not final and will be discussed further with governance bodies. At this time a minimum of \$2.4 million needs to be cut from the 2010-2011 budget to meet the state and Board reserve minimums.

"...wild oscillation between...too much control... and too little control...is probably the secret to long-term effectiveness."

Tom Peters

"If you don't love leading, look...quickly for the nearest exit. Do not try to fake it."

Tom Peters

"Leaders provide access to a luxuriant portfolio of projects. Projects that challenge people to express their Innate Curiosity to visit (or indeed create) places that they (and their leaders have never dreamed of). And when the voyage bears fruit, leaders applaud like hell, stage "photo ops" and ring the church bells 100 times to commemorate the bravery of their "followers" explorations."

Tom Peters

"The first task of a leader is to keep hope alive."

Napoleon

Foundation Updates

Todd Evangelist has reached out to IVC by beginning discussions on the impact of the possible closure of Extended Campus sites and the impact of the State Budget on IVC and ways in which the Foundation can develop strategies to backfill the effects of some of the cuts. This is a very welcome change in direction for the IVC Foundation.

The first IVC Foundation Board Meeting with new Executive Director, Todd Evangelist was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. The Cash Audit of the IVC Foundation by Hutchinson & Bloodgood has been completed and the results were discussed at that meeting.

The IVC Foundation has decided on having regularly scheduled meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. These meetings will be one day before Imperial Community College District Board of Trustees meetings.

Todd has taken on the task of engaging each of the 60+ scholarship donors. His purpose is to meet with each of them and build a relationship so that the foundation can develop more gifts or donor referrals in the future. The donors had not been contacted for a number of years.

The Foundation will begin giving tours of the campus as part of the overall plan to introduce potential donors to IVC. The tours will begin with the 500 building and precede to the rest the campus and finished in a new 2700 building.

Grants Top \$2 Million Mark

In May IVC began its "grant chase" under the coordination Dawn Chun, Interim Director of Planning, Research and Grants Administration. Since that time IVC has received over \$2 million in grant awards. Dean Gonzalo Huerta, Dean Efrain Silva and ACCESO Counselor Martha Garcia of the primary authors of the grants that IVC has received. Gonzalo Huerta has recently been successful at negotiating increases in three of the grants submitted to the Imperial County Workforce Development Executive Committee. Project SET (Solar Energy Efficiency Electrical Technician) was increased from \$194,071-\$260,638, Project PIPE (Pipefitter Instruction for Profession in Energy) was increased from \$180,632-\$254,246, Project TIIP (Training for Industrial Instrumentation Professions) received \$299,975. A recent submittal to the California Clean Energy Workforce Training Program Grant entitled Project B-GREEN (Building Clean Retrofitted Energy Efficient Neighborhoods) received \$439,578.

Each of the above grants is allowing us to pay partial salaries of instructors and support staff previously paid by the general fund. This is part of the president's initiative to change the way IVC does business by increasing more dependency on grant funding while the State of California continues to diminish its contribution to the general fund.

Shared Governance Definition Coming

Academic Senate President Kevin White and President Gould have announced that they will be working together to develop a white paper defining shared governance on the IVC Campus. In order for all constituent groups to understand how IVC will implement participative governance in the District is an important part of the communications and expectations process of a campus. White and Gould will be using existing board policy, documents explaining the legal and real intent of AB 1725 and opinion papers will be combined with constituent group perceptions to

create a paper delineating the practices of "shared governance" on the IVC campus.

Strategic Plan Unveiled

The framework that will guide the future of Imperial Valley College has been published a 12 page document that was guided by the Strategic planning Committee. Vice President for Business Services John Lau is chair of this committee. Members include Academic Senate Representative Dr. Russell Lavery, Associated Student Government President Stephen Sciaky, Campus Operations representative Gonzalo Huerta, College Council representative Dr. Bruce Seivertson, Extended Campus representative Efrain Silva, Budget and Fiscal Planning Committee representative Betty Kakuchi and Technology Planning Committee representatives Dr. Robin Ying and Dr. Jim Fisher. The publication was put together by Mike Nicholas and Bill Gay and will be used to help tell our college's "strategic story." Goals that resulted from the college planning process are: (1) strengthen and expand support services to respond to changing student needs; (2) increase access to continuing in higher education opportunities; (3) enhance professional development; (4) adapt to a changing fiscal environment with a sound fiscal strategy; and (5) strengthen internal and external organizational communication processes.

Regional Outreach Effort to Be Launched

The San Diego and Imperial County Community Colleges Association and its Board Alliance will be launching a regional informational program that articulates the crisis our community colleges are facing.

Ed Gould is currently president of SDICCCA and Trustee Jerry Hart serves on the Board Alliance.

A letter, which will be signed by all regional Community College Board presidents including Carlos Acuna, has been prepared as an "Op Ed" piece for the San Diego Union Tribune and other publications.

The concluding paragraphs state: **"We can no longer passively accept the decisions made in Sacramento: to do otherwise would be a disservice to the thousands of students looking to improve their lives and our economy.**

Our community colleges are part of the solution to the fiscal crisis facing our state and nation. They are training the workforce that will lead us to energy independence, to quality health care and to safer communities.

Our region and state have faced tough times before and will emerge strong again. The speed and sustainability of that recovery may indeed be determined by the state's willingness to invest in our community colleges.

Only the Governor and the Legislature will decide if we will be there when you most need us. Our commitment is firm. Is theirs?"

Bill Gay and other SDICCCA public information officers will be meeting in San Diego Wednesday to flesh-out a broader outreach plan that will be reviewed by SDICCCA November 2.

"Screwing up is the essence of trying new stuff."
Tom Peters

"Innovation distinguishes a leader and a follower"

Steve Jobs



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Our Roller Coaster Budget

IVC has a "roller coaster" budget history over the past decade. False enrollment projections followed by severe reductions in force, followed by obscene reserves, followed by actual spending being less than budgeted has led to distrust.

We have improved enrollment management and budget projections to generate accuracy and budgetary accountability. As we have become more accurate with our budget projections we also know that we have much to be concerned about in the years 2009 – 2011. Unless we substantially change our business model to generate revenue from grants, contract education, and fund raising the budgetary projections look bleak. It is accurate to say the State General and Categorical fund allocations appear dismal.

Reserves are no longer available. Budget and Planning recommended, and the Board approved using the last of our reserves above the 6% board minimum. This is \$2.5 million in the 2009 – 2010 budget that will not be available in 2010 - 2011.

A story of IVC reserves:

- **2006 – 2007** resulted in a 27% reserve. This was way over the top and created distrust.
- **2007 – 2008** after committing to a budget that included salaries from reserves, the reserve was over 18%, but a still a reduction of 9%. About 90% of the budget was for salaries and benefits.
- **2008 – 2009** the ending balance resulted in a 12.76% reserve (2.29% better than budget) and a shrinkage in reserves of another 5.24%. And 91% of the actual budget was for salaries and benefits.
- **2009 – 2010** projected reserve is 6.37% which is a shrinkage of over 6% and more than 92% of the budget is for salaries and benefits. The reserve is exhausted.

This situation necessitates a two-pronged attack to balance the budget for the year 2010 -- 2011. The administration will present our sunshine proposal for negotiations at the November board meeting. The sunshine called for a reduction in salary in a classified area and significant givebacks from the faculty and/or salary reduction. The second prong is to generate new revenue primarily through local state and federal grants for the coming year. Today we have generated over \$2 million in grant funding and are able to shift one full-time faculty position and some classified positions to grant funding.

"The history of man is a graveyard of great cultures that came to catastrophic ends because of their incapacity for planned, rational, voluntary reaction to challenge."
Erich Fromm

"He who rejects change is the architect of decay. The only human institution which rejects progress is the cemetery."
Harold Wilson

At a Glance: How did we get to this point?

February 2009

- Governor removed the .68% COLA (given by the Board at President's recommendation)
- Budget included no COLA but a 3% growth factor was allowed. IVC budgeted 2%
- Budget was dependent upon 4 of 6 initiatives on May ballot

May 2009

- All ballot initiatives failed
- Democratic Legislators wanted new revenues – Governor threatened vetoes of any new taxes
- June 2009 a balanced budget adopted by BOT Growth Eliminated

Tentative June Budget Highlights

- \$4.8 million was reduced from the Program Review and Budgeting process that resulted in the budget prior to the failure of the propositions on the May Ballot
- \$750,000 came (net) from retirements
- Winter and Summer were scaled down and faculty agreed to work for the \$55 per hour rate
- Non-credit offerings were eliminated except Music (they committed to raise their expenses) and ESL
- \$1 million in additional cuts were to be identified in the summer of 2009 and taken through the shared governance process in September.
- NO COLA was included and growth was reduced to 1% at the recommendation of the Chancellor's Office
- Reduction of Service Hours Occurred in the Library and elsewhere
- Brawley Extended Campus was closed

July 2009

- IVC honored contractual commitments for step increases
- President received a 3% raise (1st since his employment in April 2008)

August 2009

- Community Colleges receive another \$870 million in cuts from the legislature and Governor and categorical programs become dependent on a \$135 million bailout from ARRA funds. Only \$35 million ultimately materialized
- For the first time, a workload reduction was given cutting IVC's FTES cap from 7,200 to 6,900 thus significantly reducing the budget
- Since the Program Review generated budget was developed, \$8.1 million dollars had to be cut from the \$35 million budget. This is a reduction of approximately 23%

September 2009

- Budget committee recommends final budget that includes using \$2.5 million in reserves and lowering the reserves to 6.7% at year's end. President and Board Concur

At a Glance: What about the future?

- 2009 – 2010 may get a mid-year reduction in the budget according to California Community College Chancellor
- The 2010 – 2011 State budget is expected to be no better than status quo and may be worse

"There is a certain relief in change, even though it be from bad to worse! As I have often found in travelling in a stagecoach, that it is often a comfort to shift one's position, and be bruised in a new place."

Washington Irving

"In the best of times, our days are numbered anyway. So it would be a crime against nature for any generation to take the world crisis so solemnly, that it put off enjoying those things for which we were designed in the 1st place: the opportunity to do good work, to enjoy friends, to fall in love, to hit a ball, and to bounce a baby."

Alistair Cooke

"The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living, and the get-rich-quick theory of life."

Theodore Roosevelt

What this means to IVC

- *In order to balance the budget in 2009 – 2010, IVC budget expenditures must be reduced \$2.5 million at minimum.*
- *Unless new revenues are realized, or more cuts made, the likelihood of money available for increase in the salary and benefits area of the budget is, at best, \$0.*

What have we done?

- Aggressively sought federal and Workforce Development Grants: Over \$2.2 million received already and at least four salaries to date will be moved to those grants, more are expected.
- We have recommended the closure of Extended Campus Sites in El Centro and Calexico saving \$272,000 in leases – El Centro to be closed by 1/10 and Calexico by 7/10, unless we can work out a partnership with the City of Calexico.
- Lay-off notices will be given to Extended Campus staff members after an assessment of what staff is needed to assist in off-campus locations such as high schools, SDSU, etc.
- 13 classified positions and 3 faculty positions have been left unfilled.
- 3 Administrative positions have been either eliminated or reduced to classified manager positions.
- Faculty has agreed to the \$55 per hour rate for summer school 2009
- Classified has agreed to freezing positions.

Are the cuts enough for 2010?

The short answer is no! Savings to date to the budget may result in approximately \$900,000 - \$1.2 million in savings. The District will need to find, at minimum, another \$1.3 to \$1.6 million assuming a status quo budget for 2010 – 2011.

The District is looking at the elimination of Winter and Summer Sessions. Obviously there will be more information and negotiations may be difficult.

And More Threats Loom on the Horizon

The Chancellor is recommending a 3 mission future

- Transfer with a focus on lower-division major transferable classes
- Career and Occupational Programs
- Basic Skills - one or no more than two steps below college level
- Non-credit programs may be reduced or eliminated
- Courses that transfer as electives may be threatened

New Study: Californians Give Public Colleges High Grades; See Budget Cuts, Fee Hikes as Big Problems

SAN FRANCISCO, California, November 11, 2009—Californians give high grades to their public higher education systems, but they are worried about college costs and the impact of state budget cuts. These are the findings of a statewide survey released today by the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) with funding from The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation.

While strong majorities believe state budget cuts (70%) and overall affordability (57%) are big problems, far fewer (21%) characterize the quality of California public colleges and universities the same way. Despite significant budget cuts in higher education, at least six in 10 Californians give good to excellent marks to the California Community College (13% excellent, 52% good), California State University (9% excellent, 52% good) and University of California (13% excellent, 49% good) systems. These grades are nearly as high as they were in 2007 and 2008, when about two in three Californians gave positive ratings to the three branches. Today, parents of California

college students, current students, and alumni give the state's higher education institutions similarly high grades.

But residents have little confidence in the state elected officials who have authority over California colleges and universities. Californians give Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger a 28 percent overall approval rating that matches his record low in July 2009. They give the legislature an overall approval rating of 18 percent, near its record low (17%) from July. State leaders get even lower ratings for their handling of higher education: 21 percent for Schwarzenegger and 16 percent for the legislature. Both are new lows. And most Californians have very little (37%) or no (20%) confidence in state government's ability to plan for the future of the higher education system (8% have a great deal of confidence, 33% only some).

Progress Report: Calexico Extended Campus

Since the October board meeting discussions have taken place with Victor Carrillo, City Manager of Calexico, Grace Lee owner of the Calexico Extended Campus facility, Linda Barrientos, and Hildy Carrillo. Hildy is awaiting a proposal from IVC on a sponsorship program that could help defray some of the costs of operating the Calexico Extended Campus. Grace Lee has generously offered to lower the cost of the lease, and add approximately 3000 sq. ft. at no cost, and give ownership to IVC for the Foundation, intended in 15 years. The District will make a proposal to Grace by Friday, November 20th. Victor Carrillo has had conversations with Grace Lee, the owner of the Penny's building who is willing to convert the upstairs area for IVC for a long-term lease, and San Diego State University -- Imperial Valley campus. Additionally, city manager Carrillo will work with IVC to apply for some of the 20% RDA funds available for economic development and workforce training. Finally, city manager Carrillo will work with IVC and the developers in Calexico to see if a site can be designated for any future campus. There will be much more to come in future briefs and reports.

SDSU – IV Advisory Report

Much good news was shared by SDSU – IV Dean Stephen Roeder at the November 11, 2009 meeting of the SDSU Dean's Advisory Board. Dr. Roeder announced the following: the awarding of a ARRA grant, the formation of Parts Without Borders club, the purpose of the December Golf Classic, the last event of the 50th anniversary year the Soiree, a possible student housing project, a project on the Brawley Campus Site for a second Raleigh area high school, and a positive update about the 2+2 nursing program with IVC. He also shared that the Computer Science program has been given an extension by the West campus and that he will be providing a rationale to continue that 2+2 Computer Science program with IVC. He also explained the budget difficulties experienced by both the local campus and San Diego State University.

Student Town Hall Meeting

A student town hall meeting was held on Thursday, November 12, 2009. Most of the students' questions this time had to do with threats to programs at IVC. The students were informed of the possibility of participating in a regional student budget rally at Balboa Park on Friday, November 20th. In addition, explanations as to the status of the welding program and the ESL program in Calexico were given.

Title V – Progress Report

Internal evaluator David Trujillo from New Mexico joined three others for an update on the progress of the Title V 2+2 grant between San Diego State University and Imperial Valley College. Dr. Gould start out with a welcoming in a speech entitled "The Perfect Program and The Perfect Storm." He painted a picture of a very different an optimistic time when this wonderful program was created and he compared that time with the current less optimistic time. He reminded the audience of how important this program is to create professional jobs in the Valley and asked the group to never give up on the potential for these two wonderful programs to become model programs in articulation between IVC and SDSU-IV. The progress reports given by Dr. Lianna Zhao and representatives from each of the programs were very powerful. Yet the most important presentations of the day were from the students who have benefited from this articulation and those who are threatened by the possible closure of the Computer Science program. The students testimonials of the importance of local baccalaureate level education were exceptional in their message for the group to continue its hard work to make such programs available to the residents of the Imperial Valley was very motivating.

IVC Hosts CalPass Regional Meeting

On November 12, 2009 IVC hosted Dr. Shelley Valdez from CalPass and approximately 30 others from IVC and local high school districts. Every high school in the Imperial Valley except Calexico was represented. CalPASS is a nonprofit organization funded through various foundations to create seamless articulation K-16 in California. The CalPass database consists of the grades and progress of students throughout California who matriculate from public high schools to public many colleges and universities. The data they share leads to effective articulation. The IVC English and math departments are leading the articulation discussion between the local high schools in IVC. There matching those articulation requirements to those of the state University's and the University of California. The end result should be a seamless educational program between all segments of education California and students should find greater success in higher education as a result of these articulations.

Congratulations to Team IV!

The Challenge Triathlon on Sunday, October 25, earned just over one million dollars to provide specialized equipment and athletic travel funds to athletes with disabilities.



Pictured: Jessica Waddell, Toni Pfister, Bruce McNeece



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Welcome Back!

Here's hoping you all had some relaxation since we last were together. We have some challenges ahead; but, we also have some very exciting opportunities as we introduce a new Science Building to the community and look to the future as we reorganize campus organizational structures and most importantly continue to empower our 9,000 students with education.

As things wound down before the Holidays, our campus community once again spread throughout our Valley to bring some cheer to those less fortunate.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE RESULTS: Mary Ann Smith announced the Food Drive for the Food Bank exceeded the IVC goal by 469 pounds. 4,128 pounds of canned food and \$740 was collected for the Food Bank this year.

The Behavioral & Social Science Division was the overall winner collecting 1,344.5 lbs of food. Mary Ann Smith gave special recognition to Bruce Seivertson for his "enthusiasm and support." The cash leaders were Science, Math and Engineering and the Administration Building with \$200 each. The Humanities Division won the Organic Award for most organic food donations, and the college brought in \$165 worth of recyclable ink cartridges with Upward Bound leading the way.

Mary Ann's efforts on behalf of those less fortunate are appreciated. IVC's generosity continues to impress.

6th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WISH LIST: Through the efforts of Gaylla Finnell and Students for Political Awareness, 203 children in the Niland and Bombay Beach areas were adopted for the holidays. The Christmas parties were held on Saturday, December 19th.

In addition to gifts, canned hams and baked goods were provided to families there and the Wish List Program was just one of the outreach efforts provided by SPA during the holidays. Students also wrapped gifts for 50 children in the Dream Builders Program as well as gifts and toys for approximately 75 children of our service members stationed at NAF El Centro.

"Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things"

Peter F. Drucker

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader"

John Quincy Adams

"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."

George Bernard Shaw

When you're finished changing, you're finished.

Benjamin Franklin

They also prepared holiday treats and letters for our Troops deployed overseas.

4th ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER. Students for Political Awareness and the IVC community again supported the 4th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner for the residents of Niland, the Slabs, and Bombay Beach. They served over 600 meals on Thanksgiving Day – 120 meals at Slab City, 120 meals at Bombay Beach, and over 360 meals in Niland. SPA and its outstanding faculty advisors are truly outstanding ambassadors for IVC.

SEASONS CELEBRATION: Thank you Jan Magno and Beatriz Avila for coordinating this year's Season's Celebration and Rick Webster for being DJ. Congratulations to all of the door prize and drawing winners!

EARTHQUAKE: The Valley was hit by a fairly severe earthquake shortly before the New Year and our campus, from all indications, escaped without any damage. This event, though, does serve to remind us that as citizens in "Earthquake Country" we have an obligation to be prepared for these eventualities.

Sadness

As the year closed, we also lost two former colleagues. We not only want to extend sincere condolences to their families but also want to salute the magnificent contributions they made to life at Imperial Valley College.

Betty Evans: Betty Evans, who died December 12th, served thousands of students in the awarding of financial aid from 1972 until her retirement in December of 1996. During her tenure she served in various capacities in CSEA and was one of the founders of the "Friendship Club" that continues to flourish with current and retired IVC members.

One of her daughters, Gail Parish, continues to follow in Betty's footsteps working with students in Financial Aid and in the leadership of CSEA.

In addition to Gail, Betty leaves behind two other daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and countless IVC friends.

A memorial service was held on campus December 17th and Room 2131 was filled with former colleagues and friends in a moving tribute.

Jay von Werlhof: Jay von Werlhof, the retired IVC professor who spent much of his career pioneering archeological studies of Imperial County deserts, died December 10th after battling a long term kidney illness.

Let us resolve to be masters, not the victims, of our history, controlling our own destiny without giving way to blind suspicions and emotions.

John F. Kennedy

"A wise man changes his mind, a fool never will"

Spanish proverb

Jay came to the Valley in 1973 when he was offered a job teaching archaeology, history, and Indian studies at the San Diego State campus and at Imperial Valley College.

He wrote many important books and articles on the archaeology and Indian history of the California Deserts and documented more than 10,000 archaeological sites in Imperial County. He was largely responsible for establishing the Imperial Valley College Desert Museum and was an emeritus director.

As an archaeologist Jay was very proud of his work with local Native Americans to save their history. Among many honors he received were the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Mark R. Harrington Awards from the Society for California Archaeology and a Congressional Proclamation from Congressman Bob Filner. He was also past president of the Society for California Archaeology.

Science Building Move

While many of us were preparing for a relaxing break, a massive undertaking was launched at the end of finals to move into the Science Building and prepare to begin using it during Winter Session. We owe a debt of gratitude Rick Webster and Kathy Berry and all of the team that made this happen. The English, Math/Science and Engineering Divisions are now housed in the 2700 building.

We will be holding a number of community events to celebrate the opening of this magnificent addition to our campus. On January 22, the "official ribbon cutting" will take place, followed by a hosted luncheon for community leaders and service clubs as well as those who worked on passage of Measure L in 2005.

When all of our campus community returns in February, we also will be holding a campus community reception in the building to show it off to those on our staff who may not have had the opportunity to take a close look at the building.

On February 11, the IVC Foundation will be hosting a Hall of Fame dinner in the building, celebrating the resurrection of IVC's Hall of Fame.

And on March 20, IVC will be hosting a major community open house in celebration of our 50th Anniversary.

Basketball Tournaments

Congratulations to our Men's and Women's Basketball programs for hosting two tournaments on campus during the Winter Break. The Imperial Valley Women's Basketball "4th Holiday Classic Tournament" was held December 18 thru 20 followed by the Men's Basketball Holiday Classic Tournament December 28 thru 30.

Our Women's Basketball Team beat Victor Valley College to claim the 3rd place trophy and Samantha Humphries was selected to the All-Tournament Team.

While our Men's team did not fare as well, our compliments to Coach Tyson Aye and his staff for developing a Holiday Tournament that is rapidly becoming a prestigious event in Southern California.

Accreditation Visit in December Unnecessary

Kathy Berry, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, was informed in late November that a site visit from the Accrediting Association for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in December would not be necessary. ACCJC staff accepted the report submitted by IVC on October 15 and congratulated the college for "being on the right track." Official word as to the accreditation status will be available after the Commission meeting in early January.

We again want to thank everyone who has worked so hard to make this happen.

California's Public Higher Education Leaders To Testify at Hearing On State's Master Plan

In a rare joint appearance, California Community Colleges Chancellor Jack Scott, California State University Chancellor Charles Reed, and University of California President Mark Yudof are expected to testify before a joint committee of the state Senate and Assembly as a comprehensive review of the state's Master Plan for Higher Education kicks off. The system heads are expected to detail how California's three-tiered public system of higher education has served as a model that has been admired and emulated worldwide, and how massive budget cuts are putting the state's public colleges and universities in jeopardy. The state's Master Plan review comes as it marks its 50th anniversary and the system leaders are expected to call on the legislature and administration to reinvest in higher education.

Staff Members Spouse Featured in Women Magazine

Amanda Martinez, the spouse of IVC employee Andres Martinez, is featured in December's *Valley Women Magazine*. This heartwarming article of passion and dedication to Andres and Amanda's daughter Cadence is a great read. IVC is simply proud of Amanda and Andres. The story of the Martinez's efforts to their daughter warms the heart and makes me realize that we should be grateful for every day we share with loved ones.

Not what you have, but what you see; Not what you see, but what you choose; Not what seems fair, but what is true; Not what you dream, but what you do; Not what you take, but what you give; Not as you pray, but as you live. These are the things that mar or bless The sum of human happiness.

Unknown Source

IVC Is Economic Engine for Valley

The final draft of an Economic Impact Report by Michael Bracken of the Development Group shows that Imperial Valley College is a major economic force in our region.

This report, available on our website, contains a wealth of information and data that we will be using as we pursue new grants and public support for additional campus modernization to accomplish our 10-year facilities plan.

Imperial Valley College is anticipated to produce a gross economic impact to the Imperial Valley Region in excess of \$5.936 billion between 2009 and 2021. This represents an average economic impact of approximately \$456.6 million each year. These impacts include those generated from current and planned construction, potential new construction, operations, incomes from currently enrolled students and additional earning power of students that have been enrolled at IVC since 2000.

The report also shows that 14% or 1 in 7 jobs in the Imperial Valley have some connection back to Imperial Valley College. This number includes direct employees of IVC plus students who also are employed (either full time or part time) and a projection of the number of graduates from IVC since 2001 engaged within and employed in the workforce.

Public Supports Your Efforts

A recent telephone survey of Valley voters indicates strong support of the work you are doing here. The survey, taken in early December, shows that more than two thirds of the respondents think IVC is headed in the right direction and more than three quarters (77 percent) feel we have need for more funding.

We will be taking a more in depth poll to dig beneath these numbers to understand them and decide whether it is correct timing to seek approval of a new bond measure.

No matter how this comes out, though, all of our faculty and staff should feel confident—even in these difficult times--that your hard work and dedication is recognized by our local voters.

Did you ever see an unhappy horse? Did you ever see a bird that had the blues? One reason why birds and horses are not unhappy is because they are not trying to impress other birds and horses.

Dale Carnegie

SPA Receives Grant for Computer Lab

IVC Students for Political Awareness has been awarded a \$17,000 grant from the AT&T Foundation for the development of a computer lab for its Dream Builders Program, a community tutoring program in El Centro. The AT&T Foundation supports programs that help students successfully complete high school and prepare them for college or the workforce, especially nontraditional and underserved students. The computer lab funded by the AT&T Foundation Grant will provide the children access to technology and greater educational opportunities. The Imperial County Office of Education is joining Imperial Valley College in this project, and will provide educational and technological support in the design and maintenance of the facility.



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"Do not follow
where the path may
lead.
Go instead where
there is no path and
leave a trail"

**Harold R.
McAlindon**
(also attributed to
Emerson and others)

Let the games begin...

The Governor has launched the budget season with relatively good news for higher education.

But whether that holds is totally up to conjecture. And after visiting with legislators in Sacramento this past weekend, it became evident that the initial higher education budget is overly optimistic.

The proposed budget includes a 2+ percent increase in growth, which is positive news for us. But, for the first time in my experience, it also includes a negative COLA—less than a half percent for the Community College system. While this hits K-12 harder, it opens an interesting precedent that bears watching.

There are also very disturbing proposals to cut categorical programs. And the Governor also is once again proposing to do away with Cal Grant B. This is a very important resource for low income IVC students. We have about 1,100 students in this program and it would devastate their education if it were eliminated.

While the initial budget does not have any fee increases included, I think it is only a matter of time before they go on the table during budget negotiations.

Education has fared much better in this initial budget than social services and other state general fund expenditures. Rest assured this will be a very intense budget season and as mentioned above, this is only the openers.

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Millions and millions of Copies

In our "turning over rocks" to find areas where we can cut costs, we have discovered that there may be a potential area of reduction in the number of copies we produce on campus annually. Mike Nicholas and Bill Gay have put together estimates showing that we make more than 5 million copies a year. That represents a ream of paper for each of our 9,000 (headcount) students. I have requested that our "Greening Committee" spearhead a campus wide effort to reduce copies.

There is no intent to restrict or hamstring faculty in printing material for courses they teach. But there can possibly be simple solutions—such as adopting a consistent font size for course syllabuses, using more digital rather than hard copies, making better use of the Docutech or—conversely—eliminating the Docutech and having more copy machines in departments.

This is part of a broader effort to rethink everything we do. Budget crises are difficult times. But they also provide opportunities to re-engineer our systems and find efficiencies that in good times may be low priority but are still areas where we waste taxpayer funds.

Ribbon cutting, Feb 4th, 11th and 25th events

More than 200 community members attended the January 22nd ribbon cutting for the Science Building. The event provided us an opportunity to thank the community for

"Leadership: The
art of getting
someone else to do
something you want
done because he
wants to do it"

**Dwight D.
Eisenhower**

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

John Quincy Adams

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy"

Martin Luther King, Jr.

funding Measure L as well as recognizing both campus and community Measure L workers and those of our colleagues who made that building operational during Winter Break.

This is the first of a number of community events to celebrate the opening of this magnificent addition to our campus.

On February 4, we will be holding a reception for Imperial County educators and school board members in the building's lecture hall. This event will be from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

On February 11, the IVC Foundation will be hosting a Hall of Fame dinner in the building, celebrating the resurrection of IVC's Hall of Fame.

When all of our campus community returns in February, the Foundation will be holding a campus community reception in the building to show it off to those on our staff who may not have had the opportunity to take a close look at the building. That event will take place at 10 a.m. February 25.

And on March 20, IVC will be hosting a major community open house in celebration of our 50th Anniversary.

This building's opening has gone very smoothly, thanks to the hard work of many people.

Hall of Fame designees

A campus/community committee Hall of Fame Committee has been working with the Foundation to rejuvenate our IVC Hall of Fame. This committee is also laying the groundwork for development of an IVC Alumni Association. As mentioned above, the Hall of Fame ceremony and dinner, as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration will take place 6:30 p.m. February 11. Tickets are on sale for \$30 each at the Foundation Office.

The committee, which consisted of Jean Montenegro, Gail Parish, Robertta Burns, County Supervisor Mike Kelley and Steve Cato, has selected six new Hall of Fame members. They include:

Ron Jessie A former Pro Bowl receiver, Ron Jessie played for the Los Angeles Rams and two other teams during an 11-year NFL career. He attended IVC, played football and also ran track.

Dr. T. Kenneth James Dr. Ken James is a Calexico High School graduate. He enrolled at IVC in the fall of 1968 and transferred to the Arkansas State University where he earned his Bachelor's degree. While at IVC he played baseball and continued doing so for ASU. He returned to the Valley, taught for the Calexico School District and later moved into administration. Recently Dr. James retired as the State Secretary of Education for Arkansas. A position he was appointed to by then Governor Bill Clinton and served through several state administrations.

Doug Harvey Doug Harvey attended El Centro Junior College (pre-cursor to IVC) in the late 1940's and spent a distinguished career as a Major League Umpire for over 30 years. He has been selected into the 2010 class for Baseball's Hall of Fame.

Randy Palomino Randy Palomino attended IVC in 1968, played football and was a JC All-American. He spent his career as a teacher (1975 to 1994), Assistant Principal (1992-2002) and Superintendent 2005-2008.

Stan Arterberry He retired in July 2008 after six-year tenure serving as Chancellor for West Valley-Mission Community College District and more than 35 years in higher education. He spent 20 years as a community college CEO. In 2008, he was awarded the Harry Buttimer Distinguished Administrator Award from the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA).

"Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude"

Thomas Jefferson

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will"

Vince Lombardi

Jim Duggins Jim Duggins attended IVC in the early 70's and played basketball for the college. Jim developed a very successful and award-winning construction company. He also has been an enthusiastic supporter of the IVC Athletics Department and has spearheaded efforts to support a mission in Loreto, Mexico through an annual fishing derby: "Fishin for the Mission." Established by Ray Duggins in 1961, Duggins Construction Inc. is one of the elite construction companies in the Imperial Valley. In 1987, Jim Duggins became the president of DCI. Jim began to promote the company in the Imperial Valley as a commercial construction company and began to build commercial and industrial projects.

Congratulations Rick Goldsberry!

Rick Goldsberry, our EMS Coordinator, is not only a fine instructor. He is also a great humanitarian and this was recognized January 12 by the Imperial County Board of Supervisors as Imperial County's Medical Reserve Corps 2009 Volunteer of the Year. Rick was honored for his work in advocating for disaster preparedness and for his efforts in teaching CPR and Emergency Response Team courses to the Medical Reserve Corps and other volunteers. Rick also has volunteered all over the world in providing Emergency Medical Service. He has been in Japan and in Latvia several times.

Capping all of this off, Rick deployed to Haiti January 16 with a team of medical workers for a two week mission to provide assistance to that beleaguered country.

He is part of a 5 member team of emergency physicians and nurses who are taking medical supplies, as well as tents, sleeping bags and other support items, and will be working under very austere conditions. The team was based upon their prior experience in working in disasters, either nationally or internationally.

We are very proud of you, Rick.