Welcome to SPA

Students for Political Awareness was formed in 2004 by a group of IVC students concerned with issues facing our communities and nation. They asked their Political Science instructor what they could do to educate their fellow students about the issues and how to present their concerns to the government. Mrs. Finnell agreed to help the students. This is a unique club of diversity, but with solidarity of purpose -- to make a difference on campus and in the community. The club strives to bring awareness of political and social issues to the students of IVC and to the greater community.

Club Information

- ✓ Meetings are every Thursday at 3:00pm in Room 303.
- ✓ Those interested in joining SPA should contact Club Advisor Gaylla Finnell at 760.355.6511 or gaylla.finnell@imperial.edu

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Helping our Communities through Service

Operation America

Students do several projects throughout the year in support of our troops and veterans. Campaigns include:

- “Treats for the Troops” Halloween candy and letter project with the Girl Scouts of Imperial County.
- “Operation Easter Bunny” Easter candy and letter project.
- “Operation Sunblock” summer care box project.

Operation Democracy

Students do several projects throughout the year to encourage civic participation.

Operation Northend

Students volunteer in the communities of Niland, the Slabs, and Bombay Beach throughout the year. Projects include:

- An annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner for the residents of Niland, the Slabs, and Bombay Beach. With the help of the community, students serve over 600 meals on Thanksgiving Day.
- An annual Christmas Wish List Program that provides wrapped gifts of new clothing and toys to over 200 children.
- Monthly delivery of food boxes and commodities from the Imperial Valley Food Bank.

Operation Dream Builder

Students tutor children weekly at the Sweet Home Missionary Baptist Church in El Centro. The vision of The Dream Builders Program is to help break down the barriers of poverty, racism, and violence which are blocking the success of our youth by following the six steps for nonviolent social change promoted by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Through a community tutoring/ mentoring program, the students strive to create a community in which our youth realize that their dreams are attainable.