



Imperial Valley College

Economic and Workforce Development Newsletter

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Success Story



Sara Albanese, POST Graduate

It's never too late to begin or continue your education! Recently, a 70 year old female graduated from IVC's Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) program! She won the department's Leadership Award. After graduation, she worked a few months for the Brawley Police Department and now at age 73 is in the background check process for a job as a Radio Trainee in San Diego. She commented to Rhonda Ruiz that she does not need to work, but that she is just trying to keep her mind active, stay in shape, and be involved in the community. Rhonda Ruiz said that she saw Sarah do more push-ups than some of the 20 year olds! This should be inspiration to all of us that education is attainable at all times in our lives!

Public Safety Department

IVC, in partnership with Napa Valley College, offered a Level I IDI Academy Instructor Certificate course. POST Academy instructors are required to have this certification to teach in our RBC Level II and III classes.

Kathy Rodriguez is the new Admin of Justice FT temp instructor.



An unexpected proposal at an IVC event! Cadet Alberto Aguilar proposed to his fiancée at the POST Graduation on May 9th.

Business Department

Gordon Bailey completed the final CCNA course from Ohlone College and is now certified by the Cisco Academy to teach all 4 Cisco Discovery courses.

Alison Brock is now the new full-time Business instructor. Congrats!

VITA FILES YOUR TAXES FOR FREE!

Imperial Valley College partners with the IRS to offer Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). VITA offers free help to low and moderate income individuals and families (\$50,000 or less) by an IRS certified volunteer.

Business students volunteered 39+ hours at IVC and SDSU preparing free tax returns to our community in English and Spanish. Ethics, confidentiality, and high quality customer service played a huge role in this process. Students grew personally and professionally. The Dept. of the Treasury gave the students certificates for their outstanding public service contributed to our community.

[Flyer](#) [Certificate](#)

Exercise Science, Wellness, & Sports

Jim Mecate announced that IVC student Jalen Olguin was selected to the All-Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Women's Basketball First Team 12-13. Congrats, Jalen!

Andrew Robinson is now a FT temp and the Men's Head Basketball Coach. Donnye Ross is the new Women's Head Basketball Coach. [Enrique Lechuga](#) is a new FT temp; he is currently also a professional minor league baseball player. Sergio Lopez is now the Dean overseeing Athletics. Jim Mecate continues to be Athletic Director.

Industrial Technology Department

The Diesel Technician program was approved by the Chancellor's Office and we are now awaiting final approval from ACCJC.

A new Solar Photovoltaic and Thermal Technology program has been submitted to the Chancellor's Office.

The Alternative Energies program is still a work in progress, but is advancing very well.

Child, Family, and Consumer Sciences Department

The Book Vine for Teachers® Seminar

The Education Committee of the Early Care & Education Planning Council and the IVC CFCS Dept. presented The Book Vine for Teachers Seminar, which gave teachers tips on how to select children's books, conduct story time, extend stories, book formats, importance of reading aloud to groups, best books of the year, etc.

Environment Rating Scales (ERS) Seminar

The CFCS Department also held an Environment Rating Scales (ERS) Seminar. ERS are used in the Quality and Improvement Systems (QRIS) and are used as the main observational instrument to assess the quality of daily practices. The presentation was made by Dr. Thelma Harms, the Director of Curriculum Development at the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute and the Research Professor Emeritus in the School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Child Development students made presentations to a panel of experts of the evidence they have collected throughout all of their Child Development courses. The portfolios are a collection of evidence based on NAEYC standards, each class providing a different component of child development.

Apprenticeship Programs



From left: Michael Aguirre, Shawn M. Smail, Francisco Alcalá, Joseph Pumphrey, Stephen Martinez, Raul Morales, Allen Graham and Oscar Auyon.

Ten apprentices recently completed training thru the IVC/IID apprenticeship programs and successfully passed the exams thru the Department of Apprenticeship Standards validating their journeyman status: 5 Power Linemen, 3 SCADA/Telecommunications Technicians, 1 Relays Technician, & 1 Control Operator.

Renewable Energy



IVC has just been approved to be a registered North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) PV Entry Level provider.

Several administrators, faculty, and staff from the College attended the annual Renewable Energy Summit. A few interesting facts about renewable/alternative energy in Imperial Valley were learned.

- The valley's first commercial-size solar project was commissioned. (Tim Kelley)
- The millionth solar panel was just installed on one of the three large solar power projects now being built. (Tim Kelley)
- Currently, Imperial County has six major energy projects under construction. (Ray Castillo)
- We have \$2 billion in projects in the ground and under construction right now. (Andy Horne)
- There are 600 megawatts of solar projects under construction at this moment. (Andy Horne)

Imperial Valley College continues to train and educate the people in our community in the field of solar energy, and we are now expanding our programs to include other forms of alternative energy. These programs will replace the current Solar Energy specialization under Electric Technology.

Visit the Imperial Valley Economic Development Corporation (IVEDC) website for more info on current renewable energy projects in our local area. www.ivedc.com

Outreach

The Business Showcase was held in January and IVC participated once again with an exhibit, providing information and answering questions about our programs and services to the public.

IVC also participated in the Mid-Winter Fair. Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped at the informational booth.



Photo by IVPress

The Applied Sciences Expo was a success! Joe Espinoza and Patricia Robles coordinated the event. The IV Press featured a story calling it "IVC Expo Encourages Youth to Think About the Future."

http://www.ivpressonline.com/news/ivc-expo-encourages-youth-to-think-about-the-future/article_2d13fa1f-6b82-55f7-b7cf-a1859d2f1ede.html

Two videos were made that feature IVC Career Technical Education programs and the benefits of attending IVC. These are used to promote IVC CTE programs to our community, in particular high school students that are ready to begin their higher education.



The IVC "Are you Prepared to Make a Living" CTE video tied for third place in a Community College Public Relations Organization competition in the College Promotional Video category. Watch video here → <http://bcove.me/pr7ocg15>

See other category winners here → http://ccprocalifornia.org/events/2013Conference/CCPROWINNER_S2013.pdf

Regional Consortium



Visit the San Diego/Imperial Counties Regional Consortium website for information on educational and economic development services throughout the region. The website also includes a list of future professional development events.

<http://www.gcccd.edu/sdic-regional-consortium/default.html>

Community Services



IVC is proud to announce its recent certification as an Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Test Center. You can register for the ASE exam at www.ase.com.

IVC was also just approved to be a NABCEP PV Entry Level Provider and will be a test center.

The test center is open to the public. Please contact Vicky Figueroa at (760) 355-6303 for additional info.

<http://community.imperial.edu/ase.html>

New CTE Buildings

The two new Career Technical Education (CTE) buildings should be ready by mid-spring 2014! Classes in the new buildings should be ready for either summer or fall 2014.

Perkins Title IC CTEA Grant

The Perkins Career Technical Education Act (CTEA) 2013-2014 grant application has been approved! This grant makes it possible for many of our CTE programs to improve in effectiveness and scope, updated technology, professional development, and many other services to our CTE students.

The grant has purchased a lot of equipment used for training in this program, including a brakes washer for Auto Tech, trinocular microscopes for Water Treatment Systems, and a rescue saw and full motion rescue randy for Fire Technology. Many faculty members were able to attend professional development trainings as well.

The Imperial County Fire Department is currently hiring five cadets from the current IVC Fire Technology program. All five are going through background checks. They just recently hired another 6 from last year's academy!

Grants such as this one make training and education of CTE programs possible, therefore, increasing employment in our community, while hiring our own locally trained and educated population!

HUD Grant

The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant has ended and will not be awarded again. All of the Business Resource Centers that provided computer and other free services to our community have closed (Brawley, El Centro, Calexico, Niland, and Westmorland).

National Science Foundation Grant (Alternative Energy)

Rick Johnson, our consultant for the National Science Foundation Grant, wrote an article called Articulating Success Within the Community. Click link to read more about the National Science Foundation Grant and our accomplishments in the renewable energy industry. [Article](#)

SB70



The Robotics Summer Camp was held from July 22nd through August 1st. Martha Garcia coordinated the camp. She invited 15 students from low income families. The children were exposed to Imperial Valley College and learned about robotics, computer science, and attended the University of California, San Diego and the Air and Space Museum in San Diego. At the end of the camp they held a demonstration event where they showcased what they learned and the projects that they completed with the robots. There is no doubt that they learned a lot in the area of STEM!



The SB70 Grant also provided funds to the Agriculture Department that will be used to be able to take used oils (bio-oils) from our campus cafeteria and convert it to diesel fuel.

Congratulations



Congratulations to our retiree Jorge Guluarte, who served as the Tool Room Technician for 15 years!

Good luck to Tyson Aye, Exercise Science, Wellness, and Sports instructor on his new journey.

Upcoming Events



Sports Games. [Sports Schedules.](#)

Women's: Basketball, Soccer, Cross Country, Tennis, Softball, Volleyball.

Men's: Basketball, Soccer, Cross Country, Tennis, Baseball.

College & University Day/ Career Fair, Monday, October 7, 2013, IVC Gymnasium
[Exhibitor Registration Form](#)

Business Showcase, January 2014, IV Expo, Imperial

Mid-Winter Fair
March 2014, IV Expo, Imperial

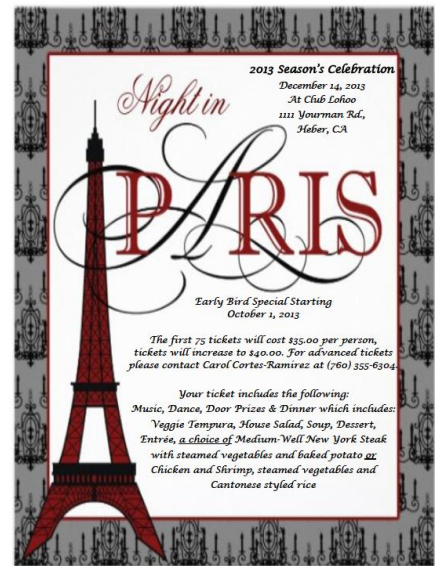
[Renewable Energy Summit,](#)
March 12-14, 2014

Capital Readiness Workshop,
April 2014 (unconfirmed)

Applied Sciences Expo, April 2014, IVC (in front of 2700 building)

Child Development Promotion Ceremonies (Preschool and Infant/Toddler Care Center), May 2014, IVC

POST Graduation, December 2013 and May 2014, IVC Gymnasium



[IVC Season's Celebration](#)
Saturday, December 14th, Club Lohoo, Heber

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**Part-Time Faculty
and Consultants**

The EWD Division also has a large list of part-time faculty and consultants that are not named here. We'd like to thank them for being part of our team.

**Have a Great
2013-2014
Academic Year!**