

Niland Notes
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- All 14 participants have attended IVC.
- Video didn't sell them. Weren't impressed. (Just the facts, no sales)
- Transportation is major problem. Bus hours not conducive to students. Takes too long to get there. Only one bus running so have to take certain courses to make bus schedules. Transportation is better in the South End. One person stranded on main campus because of bus times. Had to wait three hours for next bus.
- Some Niland students attend Brawley external.
- UC systems recruit students, no PUSH for recruitment to IVC. Need more elementary recruitment.
- Students have difficulty getting classes. Has always been problem.
- Families find it easier to attend COD, only 17 miles more away.
- When they attend the classes are already full. Can't crash.
- Only two English classes at night and are always full.
- More evening classes.
- Why doing Master Plan? – Helping chart our course for the future.
- Chamber President says "These issues have continued for decades." Crowd agreed.
- Great opportunity for those who can be there full-time, but very tough for students from North End to get to classes.
- North End kids aren't known for scholastic achievement.
- IVC has strong nursing program, but what else????
- Kids do not read catalog materials they need to succeed.
No one is available in counseling.
- Make interaction with high school counselors and college counselors.
- No Child Left Behind push to get certificates for Instruction Aide certification – will have to be at IVC.
- Financial Aid – students receive cash and leave classes that are already full and don't empty slot for other students.
- Don't give cash – give credit/ vouchers. At the end they'll receive \$.
- No penalty for defaulting now, there needs to be. New structure formed.
- How many students accomplish goals of getting degree?
- More kids going to school now, climate changed to focus on education.
- More students coming in to college than graduating – creates problem.
- Focus on transferring degrees, but also people who want to brush up on skills: EMT, certificates, Spanish training, job training, nursing.
- People have difficulty seeing counselors during registration, have to call before 10am, but kids are in school so difficult to call. Seniors should be able to call later in the day.
- Proposed Saturday workshops about IVC. Orientation style.

- College should be committed to high schools. Needs better scheduling.
- North end students get left out, it's an oversight.
- North End and split, Brawley does not qualify as North End. North End extended campus in Brawley. Campus too small. Distance learning possibility.
- Students use Grossmont College for Internet. Need mobile learning center.
- Internet connect in public library to IVC.
- Students need interpersonal communication – too easy to cut classes on the internet.
- Instructors aide courses reimbursement. Books change too often, should stay for a while.
- Text book prices too high.
- Niland feels like step-child.
- Use Niland Library as internet satellite campus for IVC.
- IVC a necessity not a luxury.
- Students mis-informed about pre-requisites, delays graduation.
- Administration not good a connections connecting students to counselors.
- If IVC logistics better, school classes could help.
- IVC should promote something in summer. Math, or English to give students a start for college. AKA algebra academies, to prepare for colleges.
- Speak w/ 8th graders. Get involved in High schools.
- Calipatria has monitoring program for Niland kids when they come into high school, could use same thing for North End kids at IVC.
- Limited involvement of students giving back to community. – PB?
- Clinics, etc. kids coming back to community could put on displays.
- IVC good college, kids who haven't been to EC, Calipatria is considered a big town. IVC is good stepping stone.
- Slogan – didn't know about slogan.
- Getting classes is the #1 issue: English & Math.
- One English teacher wouldn't allow more than 25 kids in class. It's bad to have to wait to take classes. One student w/ star system tried 7 classes and only got one.
- Would like better screening process. Serious students who have not dropped classes should have priority. Students on financial aid and have history of dropping classes should be sent to end of registration list.
- Like teachers.
- Like basketball.
- For most part staff accessible/ laidback.
- COD is 17 minute longer drive, but can get all classes.
- Satellite at SDSU Brawley campus.
- IVC needs stronger Computer Science program.
- Access to computers minimal in home due to cost.
- Major lack of computer access. Students use computers at County branch library.
- Dynamics of valley changing. "We are at a crux."
- "You are hedging your bets – you want to ask for \$."
- Valley will have big retail sector – hedge bets that way.

- Language offerings, accommodate international trade.
- Students have other language in the home, is not always Spanish. In other words Japanese and Chinese.
- Thought needed for International Business programs.
- 1984 IVC had tremendous basketball team. Sports brings everyone together. Can sit anywhere, all seats empty.
- Melting pot – United.
- Recruit local athletes, not from east coast.
- Jill Tucker asset to valley ball program, recruits local students.
- Who works at IVC from Niland – recruit staff from Niland.
- Build sports program at IVC to feed into major university sports.
- Student-athletes need mentors, develop a mentor program.
- Students have stigma about going to IVC. Don't wait until senior year, put option out early. Utilize career days.
- IVC – YOUR BEST BET.
- Bring art programs to North End.
- IVC visits high schools with PERS groups. Expose students to art.
- Kids like the music/ recording studio, good selling point for students.
- If IVC had auditorium like Southwest would help arts programs.
- Contact schools – take students to campus.
- Find \$ for bus transportation for elementary students to tour IVC.
- It's easier to bring programs to students than students to programs.
- IVC student center has deteriorated and needs upgrade.
- 2131 very nice.
- Parking – having good people giving tickets.
- IVC has a fine facility. Beautiful today as was in 1963.
- Intersection 111 dangerous.
- Go double-decking for parking.
- Best nursing & worst student test rates.
- More parking ticket machines.
- Nursing or English wing main change & nice paint job.
- Morale problem because students aren't getting classes.
- Mail issue in Niland – lots don't get paper, mail is 3 days late.
- Get catalogs in mail. Do not get info they want prior to the event.
- Newspaper a good avenue – but articles are late.
- Have more TV spots.
- Community service representative for late-night shift.
- E-mail to school districts.
- Family resource centers in each town.
- Visit from IVC reps to schools for workshops.
- Didn't know about move from Brawley external campus to DVHS. Heard about through email.
- Have whole community of adults – needs to be on TV & email.
- Serve food, give dollar off coupons, entice people to read?

- Use work-study students to distribute outreach material.
- Schools are central point of drop-off.
- Evaluate small towns for networking capability.