

# Where we are today: A glimpse of Imperial Valley College 2003

1. **Over the past four years**, Academic Services has increased course offering by 200 class sections, constructed a new Mathematics Lab and a new Reading and Writing Lab, along with developing partnerships between area high school districts and IVC.
2. **Applied Sciences** has become an integral part of many community organizations that are working to improve job training and economic development in Imperial County.
3. **Imperial Valley College's Nursing and Health Technologies Program** has graduated more than 1,000 nurses since it began in 1971. Most stayed in the local job market according to surveys. Partnerships also have been created with area hospitals, as IVC seeks to respond to today's critical nursing shortages.
4. **IVC piloted the first statewide nurse assistant training curriculum**, developed in collaboration with the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and Department of Health Services in 1990-91, which included a competency exam after completion. The exam was first administered in 1992 at IVC and continues.
5. **An average of 130 classes are taught in the Extended Campus** each semester throughout Imperial County. Classes are offered in local high schools as well as in three established centers in El Centro, Calexico and Brawley.
6. **The Imperial Valley College Small Business Development Center** is under the responsibility of the Extended Campus system. It has assisted many business owners in achieving success in acquiring funding for growth and expansion.
7. **The Spencer Library Media Center's** print collection includes over 50,000 books and over 400 periodical titles, as well as video tapes and compact discs. IVC currently has 19 classrooms with mounted data/video projectors, VCRs, and Internet wiring.
8. **The College Reading and Learning Association's International Tutor Certification Program** recently certified the IVC Learning and Tutoring Center as a Level 1 tutoring center. This means that every tutor who goes through the IVC training program receives a certificate that they are a certified Level 1 tutor. It also means that the program has a high standard of tutor training to better serve students.
9. **Through the Imperial Valley College Upward Bound Program** high school students experienced New York City on April 22 through April 28, 2003, during the 2003 Educational & Cultural Study Tour. Forty-one students from the seven County high schools visited Columbia University, the Statue of Liberty, the United Nations, Rockefeller Center, the World Trade Center Memorial Site, and attended two Broadway performances.

10. **In the 2002-2003 Academic Year, Orientation Classes** were provided to 700 students at Imperial County high schools. IVC Matriculation counselors saw 134 students in their adopt-a-high school program. Additionally, the GED staff administered 285 GED exams, and the Assessment staff administered over 9,000 placement tests. The HR 61 (Survival Skills for College Success) class, taught by Matriculation counselors, had a total enrollment of 72 students. The counselors also counseled about 1,500 students and served as presenters at many of the "parent nights" at the various high schools.
11. **During the 2002-03 Academic year, the Imperial Valley College Transfer Center** assisted over 700 students and held College & University Day, where roughly 3,000 attendees from Imperial County high schools (1,500) and IVC (1,500) learned about educational opportunities.
12. **In the 2001-2002 Academic Year, 311 IVC students transferred** to four-year universities. Sixteen went to University of California Campuses, including Davis, Berkeley, San Diego and others. Ninety transferred to other universities around the country, including Yale and Stanford. The other 205 went to California State University campuses around the state, including 174 transferees to San Diego State University.
13. **IVC District counselors** participate in monthly New Agent Orientation for the U.S. Border Patrol, promoting programs at Imperial Valley College. District counselors also participate in civic activities. and groups such as the Workforce Investment Board (WIB), elementary school councils, arts coalitions to save the music, and various other grassroots activities.
14. **Cesar Guzman, a counselor in the Extended Campus,** has taught citizenship classes since 1987. A total of 9,000 students have benefited by taking these classes, which have enabled them to apply and become citizens of this Country. The majority of these students have continued their education at Imperial Valley College.
15. **In the 2002-2003 Academic Year, 81.2 percent of all students** enrolled at IVC received some type of financial assistance. For the last 7 years (since reporting began), IVC has led the state in the percentage of students receiving Federal Pell Grants. The state average in 2001-2002 was 8.75 percent, while IVC led all colleges with 27.25 percent. This represents almost 3,000 students at IVC.
16. **The total number of dollars awarded to students at IVC in 2001-2002 through all assistance programs** was just over \$7.5 million, money that certainly helps students to achieve their educational objectives, while ultimately flowing back into the local economy.
17. **The IVC Financial Aid Office** provides outreach to each feeder high school in January and February of each year for the specific purpose of assisting high school seniors to complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and apply for Cal Grant. In 2003, over 66 percent of all seniors were assisted with an application, with one high school reaching 84 percent of their seniors.
18. **IVC's Extended Opportunity Programs and Services** serves over 1,100 first-generation college, low-income, at-risk students each year. EOPS students account for approximately 13-15 percent of the total student population, yet for the last two years EOPS students have made-up 28 percent of the graduating class. Likewise, EOPS students excel academically, making up 24-25 percent of the students on the President's Honor Roll each semester. The program annually transfers more than 50 students to four-year colleges and universities.

19. **The IVC Admissions Office** provides transcript and verification information with a 24 hour turnaround for about 25,000 requests per year.
20. **IVC has an extensive program that serves students with disabilities**, both at local high schools as well as at IVC. They receive priority registration, as well as note-taking services, tutoring, test proctoring, extended time, and distraction free environment, if needed. They also receive academic counseling by specially trained counselors.
21. **The IVC Information Systems Department** is leading in the conversion to SCT Banner, a \$3.2 million computer system that is adding major efficiencies in how the college serves its students and employees.
22. **The IVC Purchasing Department** has established a fleet of vans to be used to satisfy the transportation needs of the College, a move that has saved the college over \$25,000 per year in rental costs.
23. **The IVC Business Office** has had only one person added to its staff in the past 15 years, even though the College's budget has more than doubled (\$17 million in 1988 to \$40 million in 2003). This has been possible by utilizing technology to simplify processes and student help to assist in the handling of the additional work.
24. **Imperial Valley College is one of the few** (if not the only) colleges that have a fully operational wastewater and water treatment plant. Most other colleges receive these services from a city.
25. **During the past two years, the IVC Maintenance and Operations Department** has coordinated about \$1.2 million in projects. Some of the major projects have included upgrades to the water treatment plant and installation of a New Reading/Writing/Language Lab Building.
26. **Valley Jazz, the Imperial Valley Master Chorale and Imperial Valley College Chamber Singers** are all classes offered by the IVC Humanities Division.
27. **IVC's Public Safety Program** has an 87% degree/certificate completion rate. It also offers an excellent Reserve Peace Officer Program certified by California Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST).
28. **Every current Chief of Police** in the County, as well as the Imperial County Sheriff have either started their education at IVC or have taught at IVC.
29. **Law Enforcement Courses** for advancement, and as mandated for continued professional training in law enforcement and corrections, are offered by IVC collaboratively with local and state agencies. Outstanding adjunct faculty bring expertise and experience from their careers in law enforcement, courts or corrections.
30. **The IVC Child, Family and Consumer Sciences Department** is currently working with San Diego State University Calexico to bring the Child Development Bachelor Degree to Imperial County.
31. **An Early Childhood Conference**, sponsored by the IVC Child, Family and Consumer Sciences Department is held each year at IVC. Last year, 416 people attended the conference.

32. **IVC's Preschool and Infant Center** is licensed to provide care for 94 children ages 0-5. The centers provide care to students who meet the low-income requirements free of charge. Parent education is also provided to parents of children in the centers.
33. **The Foster Care Education Program** at IVC provides quality education and support opportunities to caregivers of children and youth in out-of-home care so that these providers may meet the educational, emotional, behavioral and developmental needs of children and youth. The Department of Social Services relies on the IVC program to do all the Imperial Valley Training. The program provided Foster and Kinship providers with a retreat weekend in Julian this year. The retreat had workshops for foster youth, foster teens, and providers.
34. **The Kinship/Relative Caregivers Program** is especially designed for relatives who are caring for children of family members. IVC provides the training for the entire county and for the Department of Social Services.
35. **The IVC Independent Living Program** trains youth in foster care and emancipated foster youth to develop the skills and competence needed to become self-sufficient. It has been awarded a contract from the Department of Social Services to provide educational services for foster youth ages 16-21. The program provides computers to foster youth who graduate high school, take an IVC summer computer workshop, and enroll in higher education. It also provides scholarships as well as emancipation packets to foster youth who are 18 years of age. Last year, IVC distributed 13 computers and awarded 15 scholarships. It also gave nine emancipation packets, consisting of a \$500.00 shopping trip with the director to get dishes, utensils, pots and pans, bedding, towels and other things to begin life on their own. The program also provides students with opportunities that may not otherwise have, such as a trip to Universal Studios (which the students planned), the Julian retreat, and hiking above Palm Springs.
36. **A state-of-the-art sound recording facility** has been installed in a former storage area of the music building, thanks to the contributions of several local businesses, the IVC Foundation and the work of IVC Music Professor Dr. Van Decker. As a result, IVC is in the process of developing several new classes that will provide students with training in sound recording techniques that will provide them with job-ready skills in the recording and movie industries. The IVC Foundation contributed \$3,000 to the effort, money that was used to purchase equipment. Gordon's Carpets donated carpeting that significantly improved the appearance of the studio as well as the acoustics in the room. Clark Baker Music of El Centro and the Guitar Center of La Mesa donated some equipment as well as provided discounts on other purchases.

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