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## PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

- Trustee Hortencia Armendariz, Dr. Lennox Johnson, and Celeste Alvarez at the ACCT National Summit
- February 9 – February 12, 2025



## February 13, 2025 IVC hosted the ANNUAL SDICCCA DINNER

# SDICCCA

SAN DIEGO & IMPERIAL COUNTIES COMMUNITY COLLEGES ASSOCIATION

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Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez visited IVC and the Lotus Living Community on February 7, 2025

## IVC FOUNDATION

Hall of Fame Nominations Now Open!



Recognizing outstanding IVC Alumni in business, healthcare, athletics, public service & more.

**Submit your nomination by March 10, 2025 at [www.bit.ly/IVCHOFnominate](http://www.bit.ly/IVCHOFnominate)**

Celebrate & support student success at this special event!

### SAVE THE DATE: IVC's 2025 Hall of Fame

Event Date: Saturday, May 3, 2025  
Location: IVC College Center

Ticket details coming soon!  
More Info: (760) 355-6113 | [ivcfoundation@](mailto:ivcfoundation@)  
Nominate by March 10, 2025 at  
[www.bit.ly/IVCHOFnominateimperial.edu](http://www.bit.ly/IVCHOFnominateimperial.edu)

*Save the Date*  
IVC's Hall of Fame Dinner

Join us for the Annual Hall-of-Fame Ceremony and Dinner



To nominate an IVC alumni go here! → [bit.ly/IVCHOFnominate](http://bit.ly/IVCHOFnominate)

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025  
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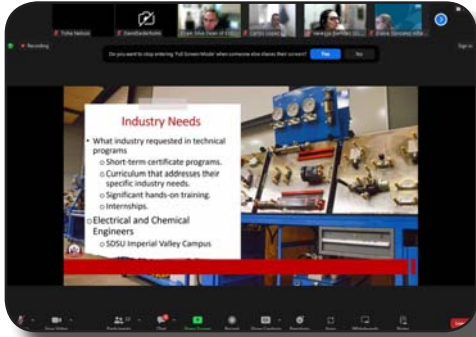


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## ACADEMIC SERVICES



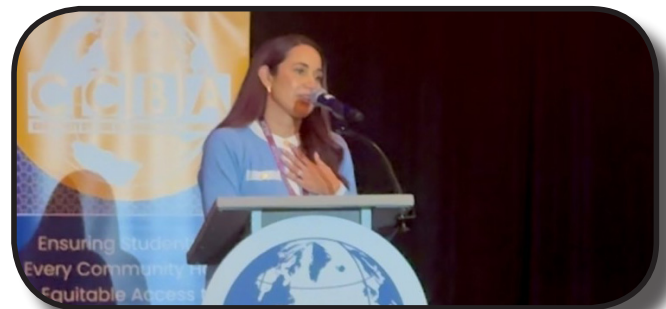
On January 16, Dean Silva spoke about U.S. Department of Energy Geothermal Energy from Oil and Gas Project

Dean Silva presented on January 28, in a session entitled Initiating a New Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Leader in 2025. On January 29, he presented in a session entitled *Safeguarding Jobs and Environments Workers Operate Within*.

On February 4, Dean Silva met with UABC Agriculture Department to develop new partnership.

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

On February 6th, Dr. April Mazon, the IVC Program Manager, was a featured speaker at the CCBA Conference held in Austin, TX.



### 2025 Debra D. Bragg Dissertation Award



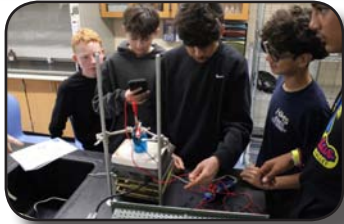
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## ACADEMIC SERVICES



### Middle School Career Week

From February 4th to February 7th, IVC, in collaboration with ICOE, hosted Middle School Career Days, drawing in more than 400 student participants in total. Middle school students took part in interactive workshops from a range of programs, including:

- POST
- Fire Tech/EMS
- Engineering
- Chemistry
- Cybersecurity
- MESA Center



A sincere thank you goes out to all faculty and staff who played a role in making this event successful! A special acknowledgment to our Dual Enrollment Ambassadors for being outstanding group leaders.



## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY



The Student Affairs Office took the lead in coordinating the Welcome Back informational booths for students.

This was a campuswide effort with employees coming together to volunteer time out of their day to assist students in navigating their way through campus.

Students were also greeted and given goodies.

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## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY



### Celebrating Black History Month

The Student Affairs Office in collaboration with the Associated Students Government, had a local artist create a Black History Month mural that is displayed in the College Center.

This mural will be displayed all month long in celebration of Black History Month.

Both the ASG and the Student Affairs Office has been working with the A2MEND program by bringing various events and performers to campus.

## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY



February 1, 2025, Student Affairs Office and Student Equity and Achievement hosted a Spring's New Student Orientation.

- Over 100 students and parents attended the event.
- Over six different workshops were offered including CSEP plans, financial aid and registration.





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## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### Upward Bound Career Exploration

January 25th, 2025

Upward Bound Classic and  
Upward Bound Math/Science Programs

- Provided various career exploration activities as part of the monthly Saturday Academy events.
- Activities included a 3-hour workshop on Forensic Science that provided engaging activities related to DNA extraction and protein detection.
- In addition, students attended a hands-on CPR training workshop. Students received an official CPR certification card for completing the training.



## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### TRiO College Access Professional Summit

January 31, 2025

Annual Higher Education Partnership Training coordinated by Upward Bound and Student Support Services TRiO staff

- The event was attended by over 90 higher education community professionals in the community and various IVC departments.
- The event provided numerous informative presentations by the Transfer Department, Student Equity, Admissions, TRiO Student Support Services, Financial Aid, MESA and the UCSD CA Medicine Scholars program.



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## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### A2MEND

January 16, 2025

- The A2MEND Program proudly hosted its First Annual Vision Board Party, and the turnout was nothing short of inspiring. Witnessing numerous students and community members come together to engage in this creative endeavor filled us with joy.

February 4, 2025

- A2MEND Program co-sponsored with Student Affairs and the Associated Student Government (ASG) to present the Taste of Soul Event. This lively celebration united employees in a dynamic cooking competition, highlighting the rich, soulful flavors that bring us together.

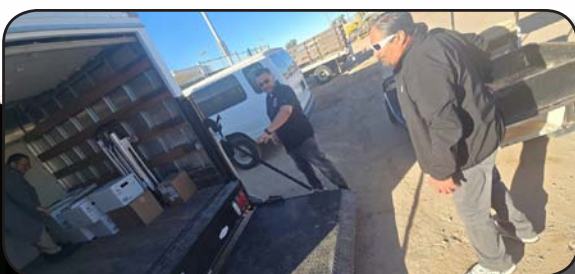


## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### Restorative Justice Program (RJP)

February 6, 2025

Restorative Justice Program prepared 700 textbooks and school supplies to be distributed to 310 incarcerated students at Centinela State Prison and Calipatria State Prison.



February 13, 2025 – Restorative Justice Program organized and hosted the orientation for the Nationally Recognized Inside-Out Program, which is offered each semester at the Imperial County Sheriff's Office.

- 18 students registered for the Spring 2025 PSY 120 course.



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## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### Financial Aid



#### Financial Aid Outreach 2025

- 1,600 high school students
- 500 students at general outreach events.



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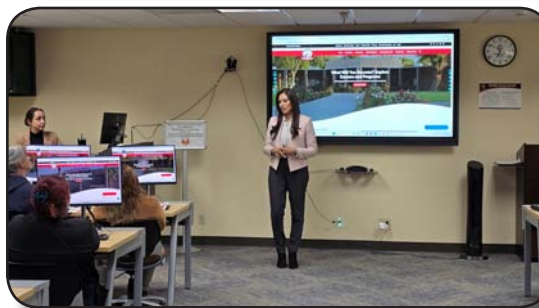
### Welcome and Outreach Center and ESL

The ESL Program participated in the 2025 Orientation Event

- The team provided assisted with admission applications, facilitating password resets, and resolving issues with applications stuck in the system.
- ESL created QR codes for the Student Services Syllabus as well as for each program and department on campus.
- This initiative was completed before the first day of Spring 2025, ensuring students have easy access to vital information.



ESL, along with the Welcome and Outreach Center team, also participated in the United Domestic Workers (UDW) Registration Event, assisting over 80 new students.







## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

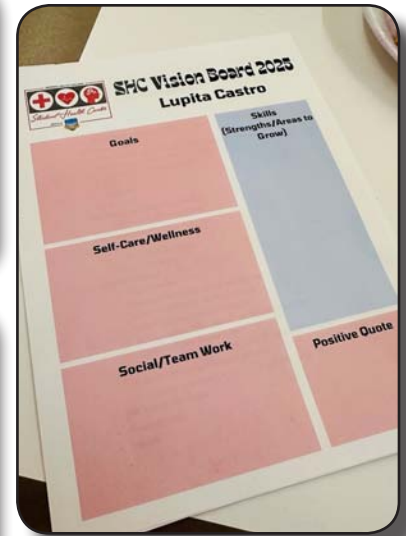
### Student Health Center

January

- Human Trafficking Awareness month.

February

- Facilitated an "I am in Control" workshop via Zoom for students.
- Provided students with tools to assist them in this time of change.
- Spring 2025 Strategic Planning meeting.



## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY



### EOPS

Winter Distribution for EOPS/CARE/NEXTUP was a great success! This event was for our students who met the required unit threshold and remained compliant with program services.

We served around 607 students!



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## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### EOPS/CARE/NEXTUP

Our EOPS/CARE students got together to make cake pops and connect with one another! A sweet way to build community and support each other along the way. A huge thank you to our #1 baker, our amazing EOPS Counselor Edgar Rios!



• **CARE** in collaboration with Grand Canyon University, is opening doors to explore bachelors and higher education opportunities to our CARE students!

• Each month, **Nextup** distributes Vendor Card to eligible students, providing an opportunity to access various services and resources essential for academic success. Remember to check your email for any Nextup-related notifications to stay informed.



## TITLE IX

### 2025 ATIXA Winter Symposium



January 27-31, 2025

- The District Title IX Administrators attended the 2025 ATIXA Summer Symposium in Henderson, NV.
- Training provided in-depth, in-person certification and professional development, enhancing their expertise in Title IX compliance and case management.
- Attendees engaged with colleagues and expert faculty.
- Gained valuable insights and strategies to strengthen the District's commitment to fostering a safe and equitable educational environment.



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## HUMAN RESOURCES

### 2025 CCC Registry Job Fair



Imperial Valley College participated in the 2025 CCC Registry Job Fair on January 25, in Los Angeles, where hundreds of job seekers explored faculty opportunities with colleges across the state. The event was a great success, providing valuable connections and recruitment opportunities.



## HUMAN RESOURCES



### Spring 2025 New Hire Orientation

The Spring 2025 New Hire Orientation was held on **February 6, 2025**. 14 new hires joined the IVC team and participated in an informative session covering essential employee information. Administrators also delivered presentations to welcome and guide the new employees as they begin their journey at IVC.



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## EVENTS



- Feb. 19: IVC Men's Baseball vs. Barstow College
- Feb. 19: IVC Men's Tennis vs. San Diego City College
- Feb. 21: Black History Month Paint & Vibe
- Feb. 21: Virtual Workshops – Know Your Rights and Emergency Preparedness
- Feb. 25: Black History Month Panel, Manhood and Masculinity
- Feb. 25: Black History Month Celebration
- Feb. 26: 2nd Annual Basic Needs Resource Fair
- Mar. 1: IVC Men's Tennis vs. College of the Desert
- Mar. 1: IVC Men's Baseball vs. San Diego Mesa College
- Mar. 6: IVC Health and Wellness Festival
- Mar. 11: Women's History Month Celebration
- Mar. 12: Suicide Awareness Event
- Mar. 15: MESA Day
- Mar. 21: DSPS Transition Fair
- Mar. 25: State of the College
- Mar. 27: Career Education Expo

