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IVC Superintendent/President Dr. Lennor Johnson



Greetings Campus Community:

Welcome back to the Spring 2026 semester at Imperial Valley College. It is always energizing to see our students and professors back on campus. There is something special about watching students commit to improving their lives through education, and educators committed to paying it forward through their knowledge and expertise. There truly are not many things better than that.

Below are a few important campus updates as we begin the term.

Welcome Week: As new and continuing students return, let's ensure they feel seen, supported, and valued. Information tables will be located throughout campus, as in years past. If you have not signed up, I encourage you to spend time walking the campus and being present.

For many of our new students, navigating campus, locating classrooms, and connecting with departments can feel overwhelming. A friendly face, a quick escort, or a few words of encouragement can make all the difference. Let's make a strong first impression and reinforce our culture of care.

Accreditation Update: We look forward to welcoming the ACCJC visiting team to Imperial Valley College on Monday, February 23 and Tuesday, February 24, 2026. As we approach the visit, I invite you to participate in the following events:

Campus Forum

Monday, February 23, 2026
2:40 pm to 3:40 pm
Room 2734

All students, community members, board members, administrators, faculty, and staff, excluding President's Cabinet members, are invited to attend. This forum provides an opportunity to engage directly with the visiting team and share your perspective about our college, our culture of care, and the work we do in support of students.

Exit Report

Tuesday, February 24, 2026
11:00 am to 12:00 pm
Building 600, College Center

The exit report is when the visiting team provides remarks and preliminary observations from their visit. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

I am pleased to share that our Core Inquiry Report was successfully submitted on February 6, 2026. A very special thank you to Dr. Jia Sun, Dr. Melani Guinn, and Dixie Krimm for their leadership in guiding this effort. I also want to recognize Krista Byrd, Dr. Jose Carrillo, Dr. Cerise Myers, Xochitl Tirado, Learning Services, MESA, and our Student Equity and Achievement Programs for their meaningful contributions. This was truly a collective effort. Your work reflects our shared commitment to continuous improvement and student success.

As we prepare for the visit, please take a few moments to review your workspaces and shared areas. Removing unused boxes, excess materials, and nonessential items helps ensure our campus environment reflects the pride and care we bring to our work each day. Reviewing spaces early also allows our Maintenance team time to assist if needed.



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For more information regarding accreditation at Imperial Valley College, please visit the [Accreditation webpage](#).

Enrollment Update: We are currently at 2,932.31 FTES and only 2 percent behind last year. Considering that some students have not yet been added to the official count, we are in a strong position to meet and possibly exceed last year's performance once again.

Great job to our Deans, program chairs, outreach teams, and Student Services colleagues. Your hard work and intentional focus on access and student support are making a difference. Let's continue to push forward.

ACCT Conference Update: Last week, Trustee Armendariz, Celeste Alvarez, and I attended the Association of Community College Trustees conference in Washington, DC to learn about federal updates and to advocate for additional resources to support our students and mission.

One major takeaway is the addition of Workforce Pell. This could be a game changer for Imperial Valley College as we continue building and expanding our noncredit and workforce programs. The federal administration has signaled strong support for colleges that expand high quality career training and workforce pathways.

Thankfully, this aligns directly with our Vision 2030 goals and our growing focus on serving working adults, shift workers, and students who need shorter term, flexible training options.

Website: Advocacy & Government Relations Page: We have launched a new [Advocacy & Government Relations webpage](#), serving as a centralized resource for the District's legislative priorities, policy alignment, and student protection protocols. The page outlines IVC's strategic advocacy efforts at the state, regional, and federal levels, along with guidance related to student privacy and legal safeguards. Faculty, staff, and community members are encouraged to explore the page and complete the [Legislative & Advocacy Engagement Form](#) to request information, schedule engagement, or share policy initiatives that advance community college student success.

Law & Immigration Enforcement Protocols: IVC has established clear protocols to protect student privacy and ensure legal compliance if law enforcement or immigration-related activity occurs on campus. As outlined on the [Advocacy & Government Relations webpage](#) and guided by [AP 5017](#), [AP 5040](#) / [BP 5040](#), and [AP 3415](#), the college does not release protected student information without proper legal authority and review by the President's Office, and all enforcement-related requests must be routed there immediately. Members of the campus community should not engage with or intervene in enforcement activity and must follow established escalation procedures, including promptly notifying Campus Safety and the President's Office. Staying informed of these protocols is essential to safeguarding the rights, safety, and legal protections of the entire campus community.

Notice of Planned Facilities & Safety Assessments in March: We will host two routine, districtwide assessments in early March to support campus safety, compliance, and long-term facilities planning. From March 4–6, 2026, the District will conduct a Hazardous Materials Inventory (HMI) to ensure materials across campus are properly identified and documented. During the week of March 9, 2026, the Foundation for California Community Colleges will complete a five-day on-site Facility Condition Assessment (FAC), a review conducted every three to four years to evaluate building conditions and inform planning and reporting efforts.



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During these periods, members of the campus community may see consultants accessing various buildings and areas as part of these reviews. Both assessments are designed to be minimally disruptive and play an important role in maintaining a safe, well-managed campus environment. No action is required at this time; additional information will be shared if needed as the dates approach. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of campus safety and facilities stewardship.

Notice of Temporary Pathway Closure: Due to ongoing construction for the new Auto/Diesel Truck Technology, Career Services, and Art facility, the walking pathway located northwest of Building 1500 (Library and Student Health Center) and to the right of Building 1100 (Industrial Technology) will be closed to non-authorized personnel beginning today. This closure is expected to remain in place for approximately three months into the Spring semester. The temporary closure is necessary to ensure safety during active construction. Please plan alternate routes when traveling between these areas of campus and thank you for your cooperation as this important project moves forward.

Upcoming Community Outreach Events: IVC will be represented at several upcoming community events, beginning with the [El Centro Mardi Gras Parade & Street Festival](#) on Saturday, February 21, 2026, from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m., where the SEA outreach team will host an information booth and students within ASG and the Cheer Club will promote IVC on the parade float in collaboration with Student Affairs. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to support IVC's outreach booth at the [Calif. Midwinter Fair](#) from February 27 – March 15 (Wednesday–Sunday; closed Mondays and Tuesdays); with limited centralized overtime funds, we especially appreciate managers who have approved overtime or volunteered to ensure coverage. As we prepare for the fair, please review your area's outreach materials and contact communication@imperial.edu if updates are needed prior to distribution. Spring outreach will conclude with the Military and Veteran Success Center team representing IVC at the [El Centro Air Show at Naval Air Facility El Centro](#) on March 14, 2026, with an informational booth. We look forward to engaging with the community and sharing the many opportunities available at IVC.

Final Thoughts: I am truly excited about the start of the Spring semester. We are building momentum, strengthening our systems, expanding opportunities, and staying focused on access and success.

Let's continue the amazing work we do each day, increasing opportunity for our students and working collectively toward our larger mission, eradicating poverty in Imperial Valley through education and workforce development.

It is an honor to serve alongside you. Let's make it a great semester.

Warm regards,
Lennor M. Johnson, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President