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IVC Superintendent/President Dr. Lennor Johnson



Greetings and Happy New Year:

I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful holiday break, one that I believe we all truly needed. In speaking with many of you and others, it is clear that the perks of working at Imperial Valley College are viewed as top-notch. We owe a great deal of thanks to our Board of Trustees for consistently supporting a healthy work-life balance for our campus community.

Vice President of Instruction Update: I am very pleased to share that our new Vice President of Instruction, Dr. Jules Johnson, has officially joined us, and we could not be more excited. Dr. Jules brings more than 30 years of academic and leadership experience to Imperial Valley College. I must admit, in just the past few days, I have already learned a great deal from them.

Over the next couple of weeks, they will continue meeting with campus leaders, faculty, and staff as part of their onboarding and orientation process. Please join me in warmly welcoming them to the IVC community.

Enrollment Update: I am excited to report that enrollment is up once again for both the Winter Intersession and the Spring semester. Winter enrollment is 12% above last year, and Spring enrollment is currently up 2%. Outstanding work, everyone.

While we did experience some technical challenges with Banner and single sign-on, these issues were resolved quickly and did not disrupt the enrollment process. Kudos to our IT team for their responsiveness and professionalism.

Water Repairs Update: As a follow-up to the update shared prior to Winter Break, the majority of scheduled water and wastewater system repairs have been completed. Weather conditions over the break impacted some timelines, and as a result, a limited number of remaining repairs will continue to take place over select weekends during the Winter and Spring sessions, when the campus is closed. These efforts will help ensure long-term system reliability while minimizing disruption to campus operations. Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility as this work is completed.

Bookstore Transition Update: Support will be available for ordering/purchasing bookstore related supplies, including Scantrons and select course materials, as well as for assisting students, faculty, and staff with bookstore questions. Select items will be available at the Library and Amy's Snack Shack. Additional coordination is underway to offer select items inside a vending machine at the 2700 building. To support students experiencing financial barriers, a limited supply of emergency items will be available through Student Equity and Achievement inside room 401. Work is underway to prepare the Library space for bookstore items and a help desk prior to the start of the spring term.

Federal and Advocacy Update: The college continues to monitor federal higher education developments alongside the Community College League of California and SDICCCA partners. Trustees and college leadership will participate in advocacy efforts in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. over the next two months, focused on stable funding, student affordability, and support for innovative programs.

At the federal level, the U.S. Department of Education has resumed negotiated rulemaking on institutional accountability and restarted wage garnishment for some borrowers in default. Recent federal actions affecting Minority-Serving Institution grant programs are also under review. The college will continue monitoring these developments and advocating for policies that support students and the community college mission.



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Immigration Enforcement: In light of all of the immigration enforcement activities across the nation, I wanted to re-share the following policies and procedures regarding student records. No District representative may release the contents of a student's record to any member of the public without the student's prior written consent, except for directory information as defined in these policies and procedures. All information requested pursuant to a court order or lawfully issued subpoena, or disclosures otherwise authorized by applicable federal and state laws must be referred to the President's Office as specified in each of the following procedures.

- [AP 5017](#) - Responding to Inquiries of Immigration Status, Citizenship Status, and National Origin Information
- [AP 5040 / BP 5040](#) - Student Records, Directory Information and Privacy

Campus Branding and Marketing Update: A friendly reminder that the college will soon launch a Branding Taskforce focused on developing a cohesive, college-wide identity, which will transition away from individual program logos. The first meeting is planned for the week of February 23–26. Those interested are encouraged to sign up using the [IVC Branding Taskforce Interest Form](#); participants will receive a calendar invite and additional details as the spring semester begins.

IVC Events Taskforce Update: The IVC Events Taskforce continues to meet weekly on Wednesday mornings, bringing together representatives from key areas including maintenance and operations, campus safety and parking enforcement, IT, student affairs, academics, and marketing to review upcoming events and ensure early coordination and alignment. As a reminder, employees may not rent or reserve campus spaces for personal or individual community use, as outlined in AP 6700. Community inquiries regarding space use should be directed to Student Services Specialist, [Miriam Trejo](#) for appropriate guidance and coordination.

Vision Board Community Event: The campus community is invited to the "THIS WILL BE MY YEAR!" Vision Board event on Thursday, January 15, from 3:30–5:30 p.m. at the El Centro Library. Open to students, employees, families, and community members, the event offers a chance to set intentions, build community, and kick off 2026 with purpose through vision board activities, a keynote speaker, food, and a kids' activity table. Sponsored by the A2MEND Program and Student Equity and Achievement, attendees are encouraged to [RSVP using the event link](#) and help spread the word by inviting friends, family, and future Desert Warriors to join.

Accreditation - Campus Readiness and Decluttering: The accreditation site visit is scheduled for February 23 and 24. As the visit, and spring semester approach, all areas are encouraged to declutter workspaces by removing unused boxes, excess materials, and nonessential items from visible areas. Clean and organized spaces support daily operations and reflect well on the campus environment.

The agenda and any additional details will be shared once finalized by the peer-review team.

Final Thoughts: Thank you for the incredible work you accomplished this past year. Together, we achieved so much, strong enrollment growth, submission of an outstanding ISER report, approval to launch a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Automation, securing multi-year funding to support our Foundation and the Lotus Living tiny home project, rolling out ReciteMe for accessibility and language translation, reopening the Planetarium, launching the IVC Promise Program, overhauling our water plant, enhancing campus safety through the installation of cameras across campus, hosting our second bi-national graduation ceremony, receiving an Aa3 rating for our General Obligation Bond from Moody's affirming the district's strong financial position, hosting our very first Spring Commencement, and so much more.

These accomplishments are why Imperial Valley College continues to be recognized as the number one college in the nation.



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Let's continue building on this momentum as we move into 2026. Together, we will take Imperial Valley College, and Imperial County, to new heights.

Kind regards,
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