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# CAMPUS UPDATES

## IVC Superintendent/President Dr. Lennor Johnson



Greetings Campus Community:

I hope everyone is feeling energized as we move closer to the start of the spring semester. I want to share several important updates that reflect the strong momentum across our campus and beyond.

**Transfer Update, San Diego State University Imperial Valley:** According to SDSU, 121 Imperial Valley College students transferred to SDSU Imperial Valley this spring, compared to approximately 60 students last spring. This significant increase is a direct result of our Fall graduation initiative and intentional transfer-focused efforts. This progress strengthens transfer rates, supports bachelor's degree completion, and directly advances our shared commitment to mitigating poverty in Imperial County.

**Imperial Valley Transit Update:** The Imperial Valley Transit strike has officially concluded. Fortunately, there were no major commuting challenges for students, and the timing during intersession helped minimize any potential disruption. I appreciate everyone's flexibility and planning during this period.

**Enrollment Update:** As of 1/29/26 spring enrollment stands at 2,693.83 FTES, compared to 2,703.56 FTES at the same point last year, a difference of approximately 10 FTES. We remain confident that we will meet and exceed last year's performance once again. If achieved, this will mark nearly 20 consecutive terms of enrollment growth, including intersessions, an extraordinary accomplishment made possible by your collective efforts.

**Spring Semester Start Reminder:** The spring semester officially begins on Tuesday, February 17. Historically, several students arrive early, especially during the first week. If needed, leaders are asked to work with their teams to make appropriate schedule adjustments. Ideally, student-facing offices should be open and available by at least 7:30 a.m. to ensure we are ready to support students from the start of the day.

**CCLC Legislative Conference Update:** We recently participated in the Community College League of California Legislative Conference, where the San Diego and Imperial Counties Community College Association advanced several key priorities on behalf of our region:

- Increased flexibility in the 50% Law
- Establishment of a statewide Growth Fund
- COLA funding for Student Equity & Achievement and Strong Workforce
- Reinstatement of the \$60 million Strong Workforce allocation
- Additional funding for deferred maintenance

At the federal level, Congress recently established Workforce Pell under H.R. 1, with eligibility beginning July 1, 2026. This expansion is designed to increase access to high-skilled, high-wage, in-demand career pathways, and aligns closely with our workforce and economic mobility goals. Federal rulemaking is underway, and California's Governor has designated the Labor and Workforce Development Agency to lead state-level implementation. We will continue to monitor developments closely and advocate for policies that strengthen student access, program quality, and accountability.

**Federal Update: Government Funding & Accreditation:** According to ACCT's Government Affairs Office, Senate leaders and President Trump have reached a short-term federal spending agreement that maintains funding for key community college priorities within the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (LHHS) bill. While a brief partial government shutdown is expected due to timing of House action, Congress is expected to restore normal operations once votes are completed. Notably, proposed cuts to student aid and other critical programs were rejected, with most ACCT priority programs receiving level funding or modest increases for FY26; however, the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) faces a proposed \$10 million reduction, which ACCT has identified as a key advocacy priority moving forward. In addition, the U.S. Department of Education announced plans to advance accreditation reform through negotiated rulemaking this spring, aiming to lower barriers for new accreditors, streamline institutional transitions between accreditors, and place greater emphasis on student outcomes and educational quality.



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**Immigration Enforcement – Campus Reminder:** As immigration enforcement activity continues to receive national attention, I wanted to share a brief reminder of established procedures related to student information. Student records may not be released to the public without prior written student consent, except for limited directory information as permitted by policy. Any requests made through a court order, subpoena, or other legal authority must be referred to the President's Office for appropriate review and response. Employees are encouraged to remain familiar with these procedures to ensure compliance and the continued protection of student privacy.

- [AP 3415](#): Immigration Enforcement Activities
- [AP 5017](#) - Responding to Inquiries of Immigration Status, Citizenship Status, and National Origin Information
- [AP 5040](#) / [BP 5040](#) - Student Records, Directory Information and Privacy

**Accreditation Site Visit Reminder:** As the accreditation site visit scheduled for February 23–24 approaches and is now just three weeks away, the campus community is encouraged to begin preparing workspaces and shared areas. Taking a few moments to declutter visible spaces, such as removing unused boxes, excess materials, and nonessential items, helps keep our campus looking welcoming and organized. Clean, orderly environments support daily operations and reflect the care and professionalism of the Imperial Valley College community. The site visit agenda and any additional details will be shared once finalized by the peer-review team.

**National Counselor Appreciation Week:** This week, we proudly recognize National Counselor Appreciation Week. I want to extend a sincere thank you to our Counselors for the incredible work you do every day. Your guidance, care, and dedication play a critical role in helping our students navigate their academic journeys, overcome barriers, and achieve their educational and career goals. Your impact on student success is profound, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment to our students and our mission.

**Final Thoughts:** As we move closer to the start of the semester, I hope you feel proud of the work you are doing. Each of you is making a real difference in the lives of our students and in the future of our county. Let's stay focused on students, stay consistent, stay positive, and keep moving Imperial County forward, together.

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