



# President's Update

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## PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

2024-25 CCCT Board Election Results

*Congratulations*  
to

**Trustee Hortencia Armendariz!**

Reelected for service for the  
California Community College Trustees (CCCT) Board

## PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

May 23, 2024 - Retirees & Employees Years of Service





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## ACADEMIC SERVICES



### Economic & Workforce Development

IVC Agriculture Students attended the USDA Nextgen Spring Student Summit - Learning 2 Lead Program(L2L)

Washington, DC

May 15 – May 17, 2024

## ACADEMIC SERVICES



### Career Services Center

The Career Services Center conducted a mock interview workshop on May 22, 2024. Students were able to see two mock interviews of students and provide feedback to their peers.

*Thank you to ASG for providing pizza & refreshments to our students!*



June 3rd, 2024

Atlas Installations provided a recruitment presentation of a summer internship opportunity to over 40 students from IVC.



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## ACADEMIC SERVICES



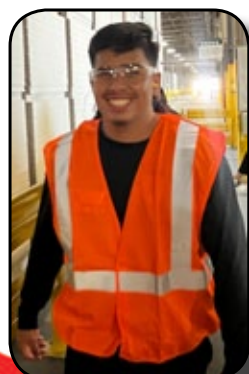
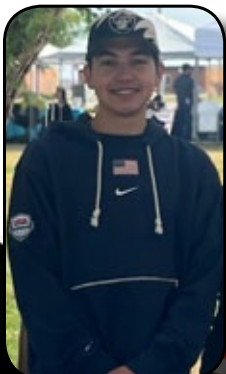
### IVC MESA Program

IVC MESA students recently visited USG Corporation and IID facilities and had the opportunity to spend a day with engineers and project managers, learning about the industry, and various career pathways. Special Thanks to Imperial County Transportation Commission for sponsoring transportation.



**Flex Your Start-Up Skills!**  
MESA Idea Accelerator Program

### IVC MESA Program



- Two **IVC MESA Pre-Engineering students** got selected to participate in the Summer MESA Idea Accelerator Program.
- Students will spend a week-long in San Francisco **Uber Headquarters** along with Uber Engineers and develop the idea.
- All travel and food expenses will be covered by the IA Program.

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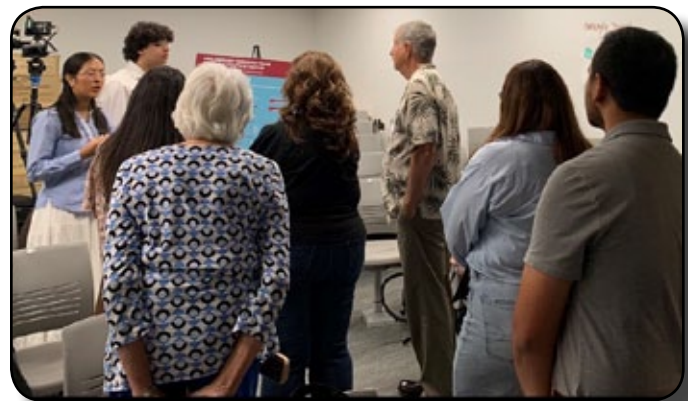
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## ACADEMIC SERVICES

### Economic & Workforce Development

May 21, 2024 - IVC students presented the initial findings of the UCLA Sponsored Lithium Student Survey



## ACADEMIC SERVICES

### Economic & Workforce Development

#### National Conference on Race and Ethnicity

Faculty and Staff attended the 38th Annual National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in Higher Education  
May 28-June 1, 2024  
Honolulu, Hawaii



Faculty Member Barbara Reyes with her former IVC student who was presenting his Master's thesis at the conference.



Left to Right: Arturo Marquez – Faculty; Victor Torres – Associate Dean of Workforce Development and Non-Traditional Instruction; Barbara Gallegos – Faculty; Suellen Gonzalez – Counseling Faculty; Dr. Sergio Pesqueira – EOPS/CARE/NextUP Coordinator; Dr. Andrew Sanchez – Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services



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## ACADEMIC SERVICES

### Economic & Workforce Development

May 29, 2024

IVC held a Groundbreaking Event for the new Automotive, Diesel, Art & Career Services Center



### Economic & Workforce Development



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## ACADEMIC SERVICES

### Economic & Workforce Development

#### IVEDC 2024 Economic Energy Summit

Dean Efrain Silva participated in the summit's workforce panel and provided an update of the lithium programs.



## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### ESL

#### English as a Second Language



Participate in bringing awareness for our non-native English speakers in social and cultural aspects of our community as we promote higher education for our ESL students!

*Enjoy*

- Community service activities
- Educational & cultural fieldtrips
- Meeting new people
- Develop leadership skills.

Advisor:  
**Suellen Gonzalez**  
Specialist:  
**Lesly Tirado**  
*27 interested students so far*

### Upcoming ESL Events

Student Equity & Achievement  
ESL  
**PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>JUNIO</b> 26<br>2:00PM-4:30PM<br>Dentro de la biblioteca. Edificio 1500   | <b>Taller de solicitud de admisión</b><br>Te ayudaremos a completar la solicitud de IVC y responderemos cualquier pregunta sobre nuestros cursos de ESL.                        |
| <b>JULIO</b> 16 & 17<br>JULIO 16 9:00AM-12:00PM<br>JULIO 17 2:00PM- 4:30PM<br>Dentro de la biblioteca. Edificio 1500 | <b>Taller de registro de ESL</b><br>¿Estás interesado en inscribirte en los cursos de ESL? ¿Te podemos ayudar!<br>Tener la solicitud de IVC previamente completa de preferencia |
| <b>JULIO</b> 31<br>3 PM- 5 PM<br>Edificio 600 College Center   | <b>Taller de orientación de ESL</b><br>Evento de orientación de ESL donde aprenderás sobre todos los servicios disponibles en Imperial Valley College.                          |

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**Conversation Partners** workshops aims to provide ESL students with the opportunity to enhance their listening and speaking skills through group practice sessions. **During the Spring semester, we had over 100 ESL students actively participating in our group sessions.** Thank you to Learning Services and tutors for their continued support to ESL Students.



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## HUMAN RESOURCES

### DEIA Training - LASANA HOTEPI May 15, 2024



Lasana O. Hotep, a committed educator and entrepreneur known for developing strategic and practical solutions to address systemic inequities in educational, corporate, and community environments, visited Imperial Valley College for the second time to provide DEIA (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility) training. His session for the staff focused on the topic of "Becoming an Equity-Advancing Leader."

## Juneteenth Celebration Event May 15, 2024



HR staff participated in the Juneteenth celebration organized by the Social Justice Committee. This event was part of the festivities leading up to the official Juneteenth holiday on June 19th, marking the emancipation of the last enslaved African Americans in the United States on June 19, 1865. The HR team actively participated by setting up a dedicated table to engage with attendees, provide information about career opportunities, and demonstrate the company's commitment to diversity and inclusion.



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## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and Middle Eastern Heritage Month Celebration. May 18, 2024

The Human Resources team had the privilege of attending the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and Middle Eastern Heritage Month celebration.

The theme of this year's event was "The Struggle of Race and National Identity." This event was a vibrant celebration of the diverse cultures and histories that contribute to Imperial Valley College and the entire community.



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### Enterprise Services attending the 2024 Cybersecurity and Privacy Professionals Conference in Minneapolis.



Associate VP of Technology, Jeff Enz, at his last meeting as the President of Imperial Valley CITE.





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## STUDENT SERVICES

### Admissions & Records

June 5, 2024

Staff and Faculty attended the Credit for Prior Learning Training at Rio Hondo College



From left: Jeanette Espinoza, Edgar Lara, Vikki Carr, Cesar Supnet, Paige Lovitt



## HUMAN RESOURCES

### Financial Aid

IVC Financial Aid participated in Higher Ed Week II presenting and tabling at our local high schools as well as other local outreach events.



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## STUDENT SERVICES

### Financial Aid

#### College of Southern Idaho Site Visit May 22, 2024



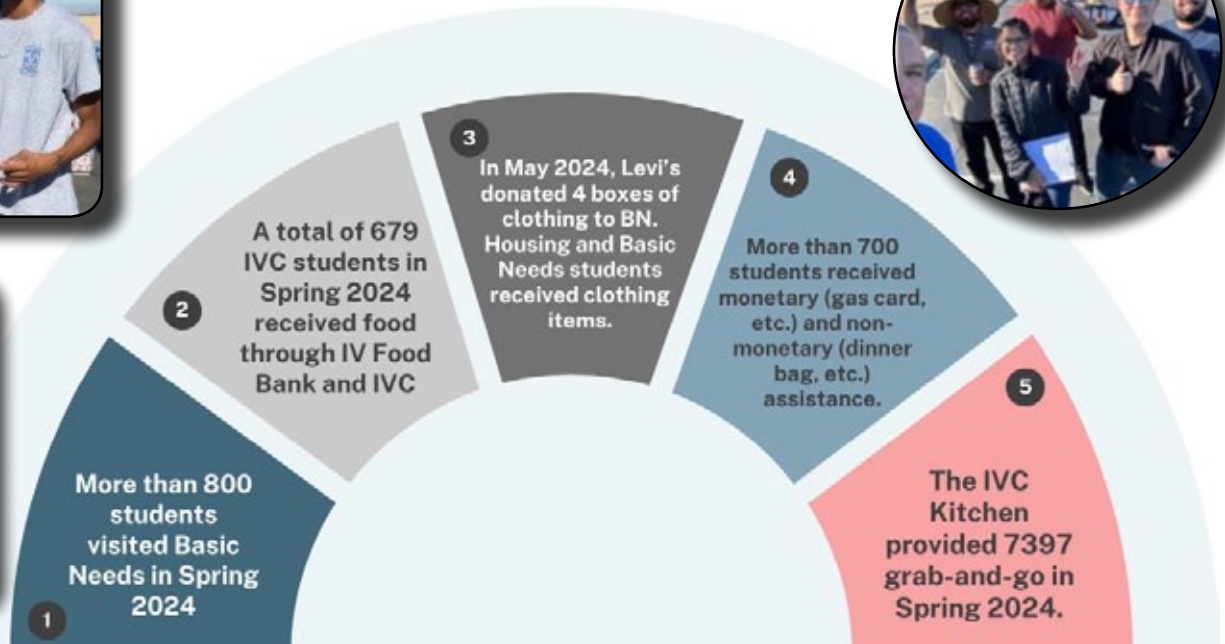
Five CSI Representatives visited our campus.

Some areas of interest:

- Institutional Effectiveness
- Courses/Programs
- Retention Faculty Rate
- Student Success Framework
- Advising
- Admissions & Records
- Financial Aid
- Title IX
- Student Housing
- Basic Needs & Resilient Scholars

### Financial Aid

#### Basic Needs Efforts



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## STUDENT SERVICES

### Student Housing Updates

- Ten housing residents graduated with a degree or certificate, while three will soon be transitioning out to serve in the Navy and Marines.
- The Student Housing Department expresses sincere gratitude to all who joined us in honoring our residents' achievements, making the event truly special.
- The tiny homes are currently getting a fresh coat of paint.
- The Lotus Living Celebration on May 29th, took place to honor all residents who are transitioning out of the program and beginning a new chapter in their lives.



### Military & Veterans Success Center

The MVSC provided students with grab & go meals during finals week.

During the month of May the MVSC had 231 visits.



| Reason for Visit      | Total Visits |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Computer Use          | 19           |
| Information           | 19           |
| Lounge/Study Area     | 32           |
| Supplies              | 5            |
| Snacks                | 76           |
| VA Benefits           | 8            |
| Counselor Appointment | 72           |
| <b>Total Visits</b>   | <b>231</b>   |

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## STUDENT SERVICES

### Student Health Services

#### May Mental Health Awareness Month

- IVC employees' mental health awareness ribbon picture
- Mental Health Panel of Experts  
20 attendees
- Mental Health Professional Career Day  
44 attendees
- Mental Health Stress Free Day  
38 attendees
- Mental Health & Foster Youth:  
Self-care-Canvas & Coffee  
150 attendees
- Fentanyl Awareness Event  
48 attendees



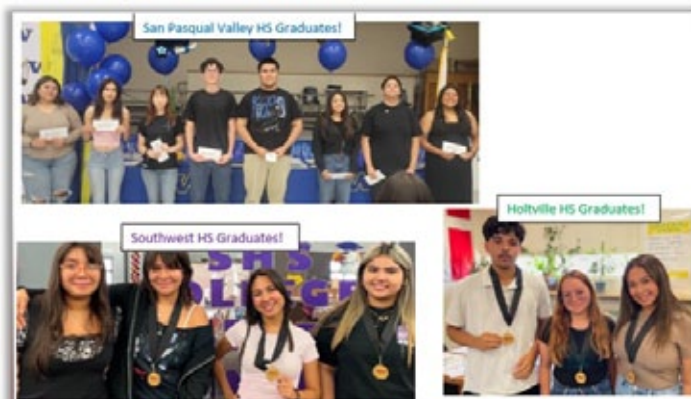
The TRiO Educational Talent Search (ETS) staff provided their annual Summer Bridge Seminar for their current 2024 Senior Graduates from various high schools in the Imperial Valley.

The three-day seminar provided valuable college information to assist incoming college freshmen.

Big thanks to all presenters!

**Congratulations to all ETS High School Graduates Class of 2024!**

### TRiO Educational Talent Search Summer Bridge Seminar



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CELEBRATING PRIDE: SAFE ZONE TRAINING

Enjoy food, refreshments, and performances while learning more about 2SLGBTQIA+ in collaboration with the Pride Center at San Diego State University!

In 2007, the late Carrie Sakai, Psy.D., and retired Professor Susan E. Cayleff, Ph.D. co-founded SafeZones@SDSU. Today, SafeZones is offered through The Pride Center and remains an imperative training resource for SDSU and campuses across the nation.

Questions? Email [studentaffairs@imperial.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@imperial.edu)

#### RSVP REQUIRED:

Limited capacity  
June 26th, 11-1:30 PM  
Room 2734



### INFORMATIONAL LITHIUM PRESENTATION

Thursday, June 20, 6pm-7pm

You're invited to join BHE Renewables and Occidental for a community presentation to learn more about their recently announced joint venture for environmentally safe lithium development.

Hosted by Imperial Valley College  
Imperial Valley College Auditorium  
(Room 2734)  
380 East Aten Road  
Imperial, CA 92251



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- Free parking and refreshments provided.
- Accessibility accommodations and Spanish interpretation services will be provided as needed.
- The presentation will be followed by opportunities to connect with company representatives.



## STUDENT SERVICES

### Community College League of California Bills Updates

#### AB 1160 (Pacheco) Student Debt Collection

- Expands existing law that prohibits withholding transcripts from students due to owed debt to include diplomas as well.
- Requires colleges to grant a one-time exemption from an enrollment or registration hold on a current or former student on the grounds that the student owes an institutional debt.
- Requires colleges to implement any “drop for nonpayment” disenrollments before disbursing financial aid refunds or electronic transfers, and students shall not otherwise incur any institutional debt for tuition or fees associated with the term when dropped for nonpayment.
- Prohibits engaging a third-party debt collector before 180 days have passed from the first communication from the institution of higher education requesting payment. • Requires specific reporting from colleges.
- Prohibits colleges from collecting debt through tax offsets. This effectively ends the Chancellor’s Office Tax Offset Program (COTOP).

*Concerns:*

- Implementing a system to track the one-time exemption will be expensive and lead to a loss of revenue.
- Some colleges disburse financial aid before the school year starts, so students can have money to buy books and pay for course-related costs. This would prohibit colleges from disbursing financial aid early.
- The definition of institutional debt is vague and does not consider debt for prior semesters, only future and current semesters.
- Colleges currently use COTOP to regain lost funds from student debt, not third-party debt collectors. Colleges would no longer be able to use this resource.

*Overall:* This bill would lead to increased costs for colleges, create an administrative burden, and remove the main mechanism colleges use to regain funding lost due to unpaid student debt.

*Location:* Senate Education Committee, May 29th hearing

*CEOCCC Position:* **OPPOSE**



## END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

### ESL Festival

The annual event, hosted by the ESL Department in collaboration with Student Equity & Achievement Program (SEA) on May 6, 2024.

Celebrated the work and success of students learning English as a Second language in both credit and non-credit courses held at the college and throughout the Valley at our partner locations.

Over 120 students attended. Leticia Ochoa, Financial Aid Specialist and former IVC ESL student gave the keynote address. Dr. Sanchez also spoke congratulating students on their achievements.

The program, which saw significant decline during the pandemic, is on target to surpass pre-Covid numbers.

A big Thank you! to our Outreach Team Gina Alvarez, Clarissa Chipress, and Sara Gonzalez. To RJP and SEA student workers Liz, Eddie and Karen for their assistance in making this festival a success.





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## END OF THE YEAR EVENTS



*Bi-National Recognition Ceremony*



**IVC's inaugural Bi-national Ceremony was held on May 16, 2024 at CETY's Universidad, Mexicali Campus. Over 60 students participated in the ceremony. IVC hopes to have more student participate in the ceremony next year.**

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## END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

### Student Support Services Recognition Ceremony 2024

May 16, 2024

We celebrated  
105 Graduates!



*Congratulations to our TRiO SSS Graduates!*

## END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

### 2024 Puentefied Ceremony

The Puente Program hosted their 6th annual Puentefied Ceremony on May 30, 2024.

Twelve (12) certificates of completion were awarded.

Eight (8) graduating Puentistas were recognized with their Puente stoles.



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## END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

### ASG Spring Awards Banquet

On May 31, 2024, the ASG hosted their annual Spring Awards Banquet.

Over 70 students were recognized for their academic excellence and leadership roles at Imperial Valley College.



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## END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

### Economic & Workforce Development

Plant Operator Completion Recognition Ceremony happened on May 29, 2024



### Nursing & Allied Health



The RN Pinning Ceremony was held on June 6, 2024.

A total of 41 students graduated: 17 from the LVN to RN bridge program and 24 from the traditional RN program.

An employment signing was held before the ceremony with 12 graduates joining Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District and 11 joining El Centro Regional Medical Center, along with other local clinical partners.



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## END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

### Health & Public Safety - POST

June 5, 2024, the Police Academy Graduation Ceremony Class #7 was held

32 graduates.

Of the 32 cadets, 20 are either employed or in the hiring process with local law enforcement agencies and agencies in San Diego and Riverside County.



## Commencement 2024

Over 750 students walked in the two ceremonies on June 8, 2024

This is the largest class of participants to date.

We would like to thank everyone who assisted in making this a memorable day for our graduates!

