



# President's Update

April 2026

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## PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

March 28, 2026  
THE ICCD BOARD HELD  
A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING/RETREAT/  
STUDY SESSION



## ACADEMIC SERVICES

IVC Ag Students attended Yuma  
Agriculture Summit  
February 17-18, 2026



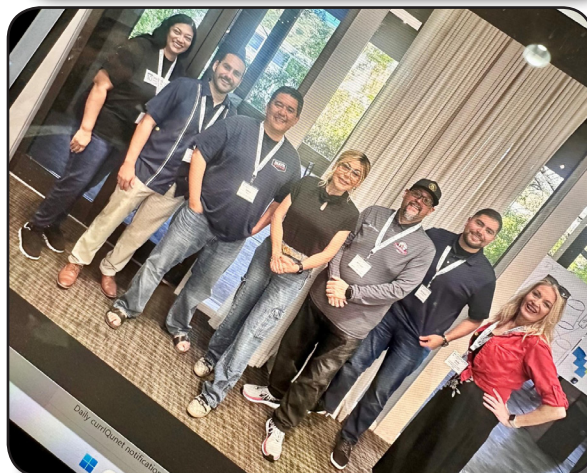
## ACADEMIC SERVICES & STUDENT SERVICES

### *Leading from the Middle*

Dean Hector Garza (ALLS) and Dr. Allyn Leon (Math), Eduardo Pesqueira (NextUp Counselor/Coordinator), and Oliver Zambrano (Institutional Research) participated in *Leading from the Middle at CalPoly Pomona*, March 18-21, 2026



Dr. Garza & Dr. Leon will present with Oliver Zambrano and Eduardo Pesqueira at the *40th Annual Conference of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)*, Oct 31-Nov 2, 2026 about their work to rebrand guided pathways!



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## ACADEMIC SERVICES

March 28, 2026

Dr. Daniel Ortiz was recognized by Los Amigos de la Comunidad and State Senator Steve Padilla during El Movimiento Celebración in Brawley, CA



(photo by Hannah Larson, The Desert Review)

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

IVC Lithium Force Training featured by Michigan State University

FIELD MANAGERS

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

EXPANSION ITAC QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026



**INSIDE THIS ISSUE**

- Construction updates at Columbia Gorge CC
- Imperial Valley workforce feature and student spotlight
- Subrecipient highlights and program updates

**Expansion ITAC Office Hours**  
Expansion ITAC Field Managers are offering monthly office hours to provide direct support and answer any questions from centers. This is a chance for centers to share feedback, connect with peers, and access real-time guidance. More information on scheduling and participation is included later in this newsletter.

**Expansion ITAC Annual Meeting 2026**  
The Expansion ITAC Annual Meeting is tentatively proposed to be in Salt Lake City in July, with final details still to be confirmed. This annual gathering provides an opportunity for centers to connect, collaborate, and engage in strategic discussions to support program goals. Additional details, including finalized dates and logistics, will be shared as they become available.

**Welcome Message from the Field Managers**

As we move through this quarter, we're excited to share updates that highlight the continued growth and impact of the Expansion ITAC network. This edition features progress on Columbia Gorge Community College's construction efforts, showcasing important steps forward in expanding training capacity. We also spotlight Imperial Valley College's industry-aligned workforce initiatives, along with a student success story that reflects the strength of its training pathways.

In addition, we highlight two subrecipient accomplishments at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and share insights from HARC on their recent blog post. We also include updates on monthly office hours and scorecard reporting to support continued alignment across centers. Together, these stories reflect the collaboration and steady momentum building across our network, and we're grateful for the dedication each team brings to this work and overall mission.

Industrial Training and Assessment Centers

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## ACADEMIC SERVICES

### LIFT Industry Showcase March 30, 2026

Industry partners attended the LIFT Industry Showcase, engaging directly with students through discussions about advanced manufacturing careers. Their participation strengthened collaboration with the college while highlighting workforce opportunities and industry expectations.



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## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

March 30, 2026

The Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee toured the new Auto Technology building



## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### Student Health Center

March 18, 2026

Student Health Center hosted a Suicide Prevention Awareness event

- Over 100 students attended to access resources and learn about crisis mental health support
- Presentation facilitated by Sure Helpline Crisis Center staff
- Covered suicide facts and myths, how to help someone in need, and available community resources
- Associated Student Government provided coffee and donuts for attendees, including those who stayed for the presentation



## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### Transfer Center

SDSU-IV Transfer Fair on March 19th

- Approximately 178 students attended
- Representatives from multiple SDSU departments present
- Included Admissions, Financial Aid, and SDSU Global Campus
- Provided students with transfer information and resources



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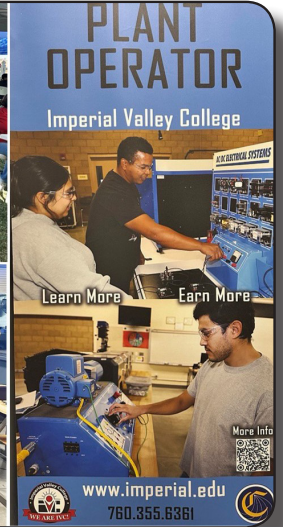
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## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

March 20, 2026

*Resilient Scholars and Next Up programs collaborated with IVROP to host a Career Expo for Foster Youth*

- Students explored various career pathways
- Learned about IVC programs
- Connected with local businesses and community organizations



## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

March 20, 2026

*Basic Needs and the IV Food Bank hosted their monthly food distribution*

- Provided essential items to **over 100** students and their families



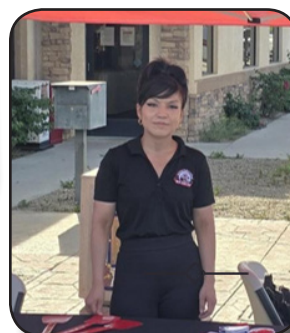
## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

*March 21, 2026: Took part in the resource table at the Blues, Brews and BBQ event in downtown Imperial*

- Promoted Imperial Valley College and encouraged prospective students to enroll and learn about available services

*March 25, 2026: Took part in the ICAN Event at Calipatria High School*

- Promoted the upcoming SDSU-IV housing program (opening Fall 2026)
- Provided overview of the application process and eligibility requirements
- Shared photos of dorm-style housing



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## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



CCI Network Partnership Tour

March 2026 Presentation at the American Association of Hispanic in Higher Education, Inc.



Student Services at CSSO Spring 2026 Leadership Conference

## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

March 27, 2026:

### VISION ALIGNED REPORTING (VAR) CONFERENCE

- Received updates on new reporting regulations
- Reviewed programs required to report
- Gained detailed guidance on reporting costs, interventions, interactions, and category classifications



Early Data Insights Fall 2025 Student-level Data



93  
Colleges that reported Fall 2025 student data



2,111,270  
Total non-direct aid student interventions\*



222,426  
Unique students served across all programs and colleges



\$411  
Average amount of direct aid per student across all programs and activities

## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### EOPS/CARE REGION 10 CONVENING

#### EOPS/CARE Leadership Conference (Region 10)

- Selected **10 students** to attend a leadership conference at UC San Diego, where they toured campus, participated in workshops, explored resources, and networked with peers.
- Students also became eligible to apply for a **\$500 EOPS Rising Star Scholarship**.





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## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### CAREER SERVICES CENTER

**Career Education Expo – March 26, 2026** In Partnership with Economic & Workforce Development (EWD)

#### Event Highlights

- 98 Exhibitors (64 Agencies | 34 IVC Departments/Programs)
- 1,300 Attendees (Middle School, High School, Adult Ed, IVC Students)
- Employment Alley – On-campus jobs & workforce resources for IVC students
- K9 Demonstrations – City of Brawley & City of El Centro Police Departments

#### Acknowledgements

- Maintenance & Grounds Crew
- Campus Safety
- EWD Division Staff & Faculty
- Staff & Student Volunteers
- Career Services Center Team
- Dean Brett Houser — K9 Demonstration Coordination
- Matthew Suamataia — First Aid Tent Support



## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### STUDENT HOUSING

**March 31, 2026: IVC hosted the Student College Housing Forum** in Room 2131.

Provided information on upcoming student housing at the San Diego State University Imperial Valley Calexico campus

- Included an overview of the new student housing community
- Highlighted housing features and amenities
- Reviewed eligibility requirements
- Offered opportunity for attendees to ask questions and connect with program staff



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## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### STUDENT AFFAIRS



*Student Affairs Office collaborated with ASG and the Music Department on the first Lawn Concert Series On April 1, 2026.*

- Student Affairs staff gave away free blankets to students who presented their IVC student ID card
- Student Affairs Office is developing an incentive plan for students who have their student ID card

## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY



- **Admissions & Records Conference Representation** at the **April 2026 CACCRAO** Conference in Sacramento, supporting professional development and best practices.
- **Winter 2026 Graduation Update**  
The Evaluators Team awarded **105 degrees**, ensuring timely and accurate processing in support of student success.

## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### DISABILITY SUPPORT PROGRAM & SERVICES



- **DSPS Adult Education Workshop**  
Facilitated an Adult Education Workshop at the People First Conference in partnership with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.
- **DSPS Assistive Technology & Alternate Media Workshop**  
Facilitated a workshop focused on Assistive Technology and Alternate Media to support student access and success.

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## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### FINANCIAL AID

- **Financial Aid Money Management Event** on **April 1**, serving ~100 students through a hands-on **"Game of Life"** budgeting activity.
- Students engaged with local banks, credit unions, and campus partners, gaining practical financial skills and resources for future success.



## STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

### STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY SPRING RETREAT

On **Thursday, April 2nd**, over **140 Student Services and Equity colleagues**, alongside **Academic Deans**, came together at ICOE for the annual Spring Retreat. Guided by this year's theme, **One Goal, One Team: Transfer**, the day fostered a strong sense of collaboration as teams worked collectively to set goals and engage in meaningful conversations focused on strengthening transfer pathways for students. The retreat was both energizing and impactful, reinforcing our shared commitment to student success and completion.