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COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION (CHEA)



Accreditation Site Visit for the Accreditation Council for Chinese Business Education - Taiwan

ACADEMIC SERVICES - MATH & SCIENCES (M&S)



- **Math & Sciences awarded \$3,750 scholarships to 18 Engineering/Stem students (fall 25) and 13 (spring 26)** from the Engineering Empower Grant with UCSD. Students are also going on a field trip to UCSD on May 15.

(EMPOWER Scholars are transfer engineering students who meet program eligibility requirements and are driven to take major strides toward their engineering careers by utilizing scholarship, mentorship, and academic resources provided to them.)

- You're Invited! Spring 2026 Math Festival with local high schools to take place on 5/22 at IVC. Join us in the College Center from 8:45-1:15 p.m.!



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ACADEMIC SERVICES - ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (EWD)

AgSTEP Kickoff, Friday, May 15, 2026

- Attendees included Karen Ross, Secretary of the California Department of Food & Agriculture.
- AgSTEP is a non-credit, skills-based program designed to assist farmworkers and others in upskilling as a response to automation and environmental



ACADEMIC SERVICES - MESA UPDATE



Isabella Mejorado
Undergraduate Student,
Chemistry, Imperial Valley College

IVC MESA student Isabella Mejorado was accepted into the Summer School for Silicon Nanotechnology (SSSIN) at UC San Diego! This prestigious Materials Science & Engineering research program will provide hands-on lab experience, mentorship, and exposure to cutting-edge silicon nanotechnology application in drug delivery.



On April 25th, the IVC MESA Director attended the annual partners meeting at the UCSD School of Medicine, accompanied by the 4th cohort of the IVC California Medicine Scholars.

Congrats, Janeth!
Congratulations to Janeth Corona IVC MESA Director for her appointment by Governor Newsom to the Salton Sea Conservancy Board.



On May 2nd, the IVC MESA Program participated in the 2nd Annual STEAM Family Event at Central Union High School.

ACADEMIC SERVICES - EWD

Adult Education Consortium Day

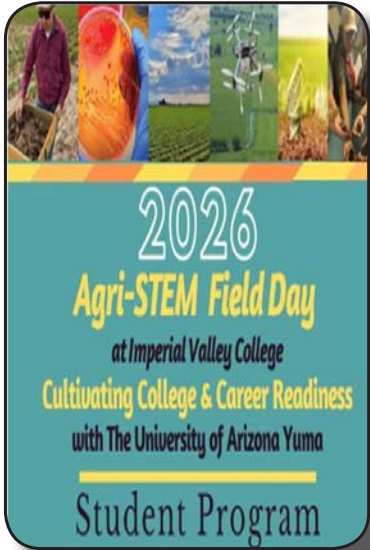
- On Friday, April 24, 2026, IVC proudly hosted its 5th Adult Education Exploration Day.
- Students from Adult Education schools explored three exciting pathways: Nursing, POST, and Auto Technology.
- Students also received valuable information from Financial Aid, Student Services, Counseling, and Admissions & Records.





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ACADEMIC SERVICES - EWD

Agri-Stem Field Day May 1, 2026

The Agri-STEM Field Day is a collaborative initiative between the University of Arizona, Yuma and Imperial Valley College, designed to highlight the diverse educational and career opportunities available within the field of agriculture.

For this year's Agri-STEM Field Day, we had approximately 135 students, both from local high schools and IVC Ag programs.



STUDENT SERVICES - EWD

HACU 15th International Conference San Antonio, Texas May 4-6, 2026



- The IVC Ag Learning to Lead program selected 8 IVC student to attend The HACU International Conference, which was held in San Antonio Riverwalk, Texas.
- The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Biennial International Conference brings together educators, administrators, staff, and students from around the world to share innovative practices and global perspectives in higher education.

STUDENT SERVICES - EWD

ICOE/IVC Strategic Alignment Forum May 1, 2026



IVC CTE faculty and high school CTE faculty met to discuss the alignment of common programs/pathways to maximize student success, completion, and transfer.



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ACADEMIC SERVICES ARTS, LETTERS & LEARNING SERVICES (ALLS)

MAY 2026 Student Art Show

Juanita Lowe Art Gallery
BLDG 2800

ACADEMIC SERVICES – TUTORING SERVICES (ALLS)

- **Ana Garcia** attended the *Association for the Coaching and Tutoring Profession (ACTP)* annual conference. Library projects planned from conference attendance:
 - Creating an AI policy for the Tutoring Center
 - Improving our pilot Peer Mentorship Program for first-year students
 - Relabeling our mentor titles to academic coaches
 - Developing a faculty handbook for the Embedded Tutor Program
- The Tutoring Center applied to **renew College Reading and Learning Association certification**, which maintains high-quality and structured tutoring services.
- **18 tutors will be graduating this Spring 2026 semester**, and all of them will continue their educational journeys!



STUDENT SERVICES ESL FESTIVAL (ALLS)

- May 6, 2026, from noon to 2pm; and 6pm
 - Attendance: 174 for the day event; 40 for the night event
 - The event represents an opportunity for the community to come together to celebrate academic and student success.



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ACADEMIC SERVICES – LIBRARY (ALLS)



- Part-time librarian, Katy Farrell, organized a Blackout Poetry activity for the Library this spring.
- Blackout poetry involves an artist taking an existing text (newspaper article, page of a book, etc.) and blacking out many words, leaving the remaining visible words to create an original poem.
- Our Library is working to increase foot traffic and to create meaningful work-space for students.

ACADEMIC SERVICES – HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY

- The Nursing & Allied Health Department kicked off the month celebrating Nurse's Week (May 6-May 12), providing faculty and students with a fun treat each day, including a Coffee Bar and a Ramen Noodle Bar.
- The Public Safety's Fire Academy students participated in Hazmat First Responders Awareness and Operations training during the week of April 27-30.



STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

STUDENT AFFAIRS

- On April 16th Lavender Graduation was held in partnership with IV LGBT & SDSU-IV.
 - Over 70 people were in attendance including multiple graduate from around the Imperial Valley.
- On April 22nd Bi-National Recognition Ceremony was hosted at CETYs Universidad in Mexicali, B.C. México.
 - 53 participants and over 150 attendees.



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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

TRANSFER CENTER

- **National University Lunch & Learn** hosted by the Transfer Center on **Tuesday, April 2.**
 - Highlighting affordable online degree opportunities.
- **Tuesday, May 5,** the University of Arizona hosted **Future WildCat Day**
 - Event designed to simplify the admissions process for prospective transfer students.



STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

SEA - HOUSING PROGRAM

April 24, 2026, SEA staff participated in a guided tour of the SDSU-IV Housing Program.

- They were introduced to the new dorm-style living spaces that are expected to accommodate both IVC and SDSU-IV students.



IVC Staff presenting at Pathways to Equity Conference



APRIL 28	
8:30 a.m.	Networking Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Morning Welcome James Todd and Stacey Shears
10:00 a.m.	From Plans to Practice: Building an Integrated, Equity-Centered Strategic Plan at Woodland Community College Lizette Navarette, Ariana Velasco, and Kathy Sorensen
11:10 a.m.	College Breakout Session 1: College Team Planning on Topics from General Session 1
12:25 p.m.	General Session 2 - Charting the Warrior Way: A Disproportionately Impacted-Centered Approach



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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

SEA - Promise / FYE / SYE

April 2026, the **Promise Program** began recruiting high school students who met the eligibility criteria for the IVC First Year Experience Program.

- To date, received a total of **909 unduplicated Promise Program applications for the 2026–2027 FYE cohort**. This represents a significant increase in student interest from last year's recruitment efforts.



TOTAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

909
APPLICATIONS

OUTREACH IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS



APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY HIGH SCHOOL

CALEXICO HIGH SCHOOL	184
BRAWLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL	179
CENTRAL UNION HIGH SCHOOL	145
IMPERIAL HIGH SCHOOL	106
SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL	95
HOLTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	92



108 TOTAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED PRE OUTREACH EFFORT

801 TOTAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED POST OUTREACH TOUR

ONE VALLEY. ONE COLLEGE. STUDENT SUCCESS IS OUR MISSION.



STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

SEA - Matriculation and Core Services



April 2026, the Matriculation team completed its scheduled **visits to all Imperial Valley high schools**.

- The team assisted students in applying to IVC, completing IVC orientation, and creating an educational plan with an IVC counselor.
- As a direct outcome of these coordinated efforts, more than 2700 high school students applied to IVC for Fall 2026, 93% completed orientation, and 81% created an educational plan.

STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

EOPS / CARE



- EOPS provided over **\$68,000 in Academic Supply Grants** to eligible EOPS students during Spring 2026.
- Hosted a **Spring 2026 College Campus Tour** for 40 EOPS/CARE & NextUp students, visiting: CSUSB, Cal Poly Pomona, CSUN, USC, CSULB, CSUSM, and UCSD.
- Celebrated the retirement of **Rosario Garcia** with EOPS/CARE staff, friends, and family honoring her years of service.
- CARE program offered student support workshops and events, including:
 - Financial Literacy Workshop
 - Annual Día del Niño Event in collaboration with CalWORKs Aspire
- EOPS/CARE student outcomes as of April 2026:
 - 69% enrolled in 12+ units
 - 92% completed fewer than 70 DA units
 - 92% have a completed CSEP on file
 - 86% maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher
 - 95% have a 50% or higher completion rate



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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

SEA

May 11, 2026, SEA hosted the **President's Tea** at the College Center to honor full-time students with a GPA of 3.5 and higher.

Approximately **90 students attended** and had the opportunity to discuss their academic goals, share strategies for success, and reflect on their ongoing efforts toward a brighter future.



STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

Student Health Center

Drug & Alcohol Awareness Event

April 30, 2026

- Hosted by the Student Health Center in collaboration with Campus Safety
- Students learned about the risks and consequences of drug and alcohol use
- Over 100 students attended the event and got to enjoy food served, as well as received resources from community agencies.

Mental Health Awareness Month Kickoff

May 6, 2026

- The Student Health Center launched Mental Health Awareness Month with the annual group ribbon picture to promote awareness and support for mental health

Mental Health Panel & Career Day

May 7, 2026

- Over 90 students attended the event
- Students connected with mental health professionals and community agencies
- Opportunities included employment, volunteer positions, and internships

De-Escalation & Threat Assessment

Training

May 8, 2026

- Hosted by the Student Health Center in collaboration with Campus Safety
- Training focused on promoting a safer campus environment
- More than 60 faculty and staff members attended the sessions



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STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

SEA - Basic Needs

April 17, 2026, the **Basic Needs** held their **monthly food distribution** in collaboration with the IV Food Bank, helping more than 100 students and their families.

May 13, 2026, AT&T, in collaboration with the IVC Foundation and Basic Needs, donated 33 new laptops to IVC students who, during intake appointments, checked in and expressed both a need for a laptop and financial challenges. Dr. Davis, Dir. Sanchez-Reyna and two students expressed their gratitude to AT&T for supporting IVC students



PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE



The new IVC Newsroom landing page serves as a centralized hub for college and district news, developed by the Imperial Valley College Public Information Office. The page highlights student success stories, campus updates, events, and community partnerships while showcasing the impact of Imperial Valley College across the region.

To learn more visit:

<https://www.imperial.edu/newsroom>

IVC FOUNDATION UPDATES



The 2026 Imperial Valley College Foundation Hall of Fame Gala honored inductees Tammy Summers, Karla A. Sigmond, John Cabanilla, and Crispina Calsada while bringing together approximately 230 community supporters for a record-breaking evening.

The event raised an anticipated net total of approximately \$83,000 to support Imperial Valley College student scholarships and programs.

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IVC Foundation's *Celebration of Life*

for Hector Lopez is
Saturday, March 30th at 11 a.m.
in the College Center

Family, Friends and the Greater
Imperial Valley College Community


Celebration of Life

Dr. Hector Lopez
Imperial Valley College - Vice President for Student Services
— 1981 to 1999 —

Saturday, May 30th, 2026
at 11:00 AM

IVC's College Center
380 E. Aten Road, Imperial, CA 92251

Attire: As an ode to Dr. Lopez, we encourage men
to wear their favorite Guayabera shirt



EVENTS



- May 21 – Spring 2026 Gradfest
- May 21 – Lotus Living Commencement Ceremony
- May 21 – Communication Club: Comm Night
- May 22 – IVC Math Festival 2026
- May 27 – Spring 2026: May Mental Health Awareness Month
- May 28 – Retirees & Employees Years of Service Celebration
- May 28 – End of Year EOPS/CARE Celebration
- May 29 – 2026 Spring Awards Banquet
- June 4 – CARE: End of Year Celebration
- June 4 – Police Academy Graduation
- June 5 – Correctional Academy Graduation- Spring 2026
- June 6 – Rising Stars Graduation
- June 10 – PUENTE End of Year Celebration
- June 11 – Inside Out End of the Semester Ceremony
- **June 13 – Spring 2026 Commencement Ceremonies**