



Imperial Valley College

Economic and Workforce Development Newsletter

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Success Story

Project B-GREEN II ended with a training completion rate of 82%! Martha Garcia, Coordinator, was pleased to share this success story.

B-GREEN has given me the confidence and skills necessary to work in the solar field in the Imperial Valley. I am looking forward to continue applying my training and skills to my current job and I am happy because this job provides for my family. I am a veteran and my military discipline has helped me gain the respect of my co-workers and supervisors.”
(Bernabe Valenzuela)



Bernabe Valenzuela,
B-GREEN student

“I started the Project B-GREEN II training program in January 2012. I attended the Tenaska Solar Job Fair in June 2012. Soon after completing the training I got a call from CLP to work as a general laborer for First Solar. I started working in summer 2012 earning \$13.50 and quickly got promoted to operator and started earning \$18.00. The training I have obtained from IVC’s Project

Public Safety Department



Andrea Stiff, POST graduate

Yet another one of our many success stories, Andrea Stiff, a graduate of IVC’s Peace Officer Standards & Training (POST) program, was recently sworn in at the City of Imperial as a full-time police officer (aka peace officer) for our very own city! Congrats!



POST Level III Students



POST Level II Students

A total of 58 students graduated in December from the IVC POST program! This includes students from both Level II and Level III.



The Public Safety Department hosted a celebration of the **United States Marine Corps Birthday** and **Veterans Day** to thank those men and women that have served in all the branches of services.

Exercise Science, Wellness, & Sports

“On behalf of both the IVC Men’s and Women’s Basketball Teams, I would like to thank everyone involved w/our Red/White Scrimmage & BBQ Social....It was yet another smoothly ran & successful event. In addition, we would like to thank everyone in attendance as well as we appreciate your support!”
Tyson Aye, Basketball Coach.



Tyson would like everyone to follow IVC games all season long! He announced that all IVC games will be broadcast live on 95.3 The Edge, and streamed live from www.953edge.com.



Games are also available at: <http://www.cccaamensbasketball.com/teams/46441-Imperial-Valley-Basketball-team-website>.

Click here to view the Spring 2013 sports schedules and fitness center hours for employees:

- [Men’s Baseball](#)
- [Women’s Softball](#)
- [Men’s Tennis](#)
- [Women’s Tennis](#)
- [Fitness Center](#)

New CTE Building

Construction for the new CTE buildings is well under way. They should be ready for classroom use by fall 2014. They will house a variety of instructional programs, such as Welding, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration, Administration of Justice, and POST.

Business Department



Gordon Bailey

We would like to welcome Gordon Bailey as the new CIS instructor who has begun to teach the new CISCO classes. Gordon was part of the classified management staff prior to this faculty position.

Industrial Technology Department



A workshop training session featuring the Vrtex 360 machine (Virtual Welding Training Unit) was offered in November. Gonzalo Huerta invited a Lincoln Electric regional training specialist to present the equipment and allowed students and guests to try the virtual welding machine. This technology represents the future in welding technology.

The IVC Automotive Technology Program received its final evaluation and is now NATEF certified!

Apprenticeship Programs

Nine (9) more apprentice students have completed all of the apprenticeship requirements, including taking the State journeyman exam. They are now awaiting their State recognition certificate!

After apprentices fulfill their requirements, such as the coursework, on-the-job training, and passing the State journeyman exam, apprentice students receive their Journeyman cards from the State of California, which are recognized throughout North America and Europe!

(www.iid.com)

The Imperial Irrigation District is a power utility provider; therefore, most courses include objectives in teaching electricity, transmission, and distribution systems.

Visit the IID HR website for possible apprentice position openings.

Child, Family, and Consumer Sciences Department

Foster Care classes are now being held at the main campus. Contact the CFCS office for more info.

Major/Certificate Programs

Industrial Technology faculty members are currently developing a new Solar Technician program to be certified. They are also redesigning the Building Construction Technology and Automotive Technology major and certificate programs.

Community Services

Want to learn something new? Community Service courses are open to the community. Click link for more info and to register.

<http://community.imperial.edu>

Spring 2013 Courses:

- American Sign Language
- Automotive Service Excellence
- Auto Wholesale Business
- Basic Makeup
- Motorcycle Safety Training
- Notary Public
- Sushi
- Traffic School



Looking to keep the kids busy over summer?

Want to keep their learning processes sharp?

The **Kids on Campus** summer program was a success. About 30 students participated. Classes were provided in art, robotics, critical thinking, Photoshop, and sports.



Student Artwork



Student Artwork



Vicky Figueroa and Annette Figueroa

Outreach

The Imperial Valley Joint Chambers of Commerce invites you to join them and other chamber businesses as an **EXHIBITOR** at the...

BUSINESS Showcase 2013

Thursday, January 10, 2013
4:00 to 7:00 pm • Imperial Valley Expo • Preble Building

This is an excellent opportunity to let others know about your business. For exhibitor information click on the Business Showcase link at www.ivjointchambers.com and download your application or contact Attorney's Bookkeeping Services at (760) 352-7164 for delivery of your application.

The IV Joint Chambers of Commerce held the annual Business Showcase on January 10th and IVC participated as an exhibitor to showcase programs and services available to the community. Representatives from different areas of the college were present. We would like to thank the student ambassadors for their assistance! They represented IVC very well with smiles and friendliness. The student ambassadors that helped were Alejandra "Alex" Garcia, Erika Arredondo, Matt Jones, Andrea Montaña, and Kelly Lugenbeel.

6th Annual Renewable Energy Summit

IMPERIAL VALLEY:

The Power Of Opportunity

The 6th annual Renewable Energy Summit will be held from March 13-15, 2013 at the Barbara Worth Resort.

Applied Sciences Expo

The annual Applied Sciences Expo is scheduled for Thursday, April 18th and will be held outside between the 2700 and 1100 buildings. Please encourage your students to stop by!

EXPERIENCE THE Magic!

MARCH 1-10, 2013

California Mid-Winter FAIR & FIESTA

IVC is considering participating at this year's Mid-Winter fair. The fair will be open from March 1-10.

Regional Consortium

The community colleges in California are organized into ten economic regions. These regional groups, or consortia, provide leadership for colleges and are designed to integrate and coordinate economic development and vocational educational programs and services, among other things. Efrain Silva serves on the Workforce Development Council (WDC) as the occupational dean representative from IVC. The WDC meets monthly in San Diego.

Visit the Region 10 website: <http://www.gcccd.edu/sdic-regional-consortium/news-events.html>

Perkins Title IC CTEA Grant

Chuck Wisely has been IVC's project monitor for many years and he has recently decided to move on to bigger and better things. His wonderful personality and great assistance will sure be missed. He will be replaced by Dr. Carol Jong.

Some activities funded this academic year with Perkins CTEA funds include professional development, such as instructors attending the CA Automotive Teachers Conference and the CCC Early Childhood Education Conference.



Perkins CTEA was also able to improve the resources available in the Water Treatment Systems Department by purchasing supplies and equipment, such as trinocular microscopes.

Other activities include the purchase of software, such as Eureka, The California Career Information System, and much, much more activities that help our programs to better help our students.

HUD Grant



A "Marketing in the Age of Social Media" seminar will be held at IVC on Friday, January 25th from 12-4 pm. It is for businesses, aspiring entrepreneurs, students, and anyone in management wishing to learn more about tapping into social media. It's free, but space is limited. Visit www.imperial.edu to register.

Funding for the HUD program is scheduled to end on February 28, 2013.

National Science Foundation Grant



Work is in progress to begin a Renewable Energy program here at IVC. A Renewable Energy Program Advisory Committee has been formed and is actively participating in advising the consultants in the needs of the community.

SB70



Middle School Participants

Another STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) academy for junior high students in the CalWORKs and Foster Care programs was organized by Martha Garcia. Students spent a day at IVC in workshops of varied disciplines.



Middle School Participants

The students had the opportunity to go on a fieldtrip to UCSD. They got a guided tour of the campus and were able to speak to actual university students and ask questions about the campus, programs offered, and university life in general.



Middle School Participants

They also visited the Ruben H. Fleet Science Center in San Diego. The students got hands-on experience and learned about a variety of science facts, while having a good time. They enjoyed watching Tales of the Maya Skies in the IMAX theatre. For some, this was the first experience of this kind. We hope these experiences will encourage the students to become more interested in their education, have a positive image of IVC, and to continue on to post-secondary education.

Workforce Development Training Program Grants

The SMOG students have finished their courses and are in the process of taking their ASE exams.

The Dental Assistant II students are in their 2nd semester of coursework.

EMT II students have completed their coursework and are in the process of fulfilling their internship requirement.

CTE Transitions

Over 230 students from some local high schools were given Credit by Exams in the areas of health, business, building construction, computer information systems, administration of justice, and agricultural engineering technology. About half of the exams were completed successfully. Upon successful completion of the exams, IVC registration, and payment, students earn College credit for the courses.

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Dr. Martha Garcia** for completing her doctorate degree in Educational Leadership: Community College/Post-Secondary. We are extremely proud of her accomplishment.

Professional Development Opportunities

Please visit the Regional Consortium's link to view professional development opportunities related to career technical education and workforce development. <http://www.gcccd.edu/sdic-regional-consortium/news-events.html>

Upcoming Events

Mid-Winter Fair
March 1-10, IV Expo

NAF Air Show
March 10, Naval Air Facility

Renewable Energy Summit
March 13-15, Barbara Worth Resort

Applied Sciences Expo
April 18, IVC Main Campus

CCCAOE Spring Conference
March 20-23, Oakland

Kids on Campus Summer Program
TBD, IVC Main Campus

Robotics Summer Camp
TBD, IVC Main Campus

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Have a happy
2013!

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**Part-Time Faculty
and Consultants**

The EWD Division also has a large list of part-time faculty and consultants that are not named here. We'd like to thank them for being part of our team.

