

Presidents Update #8

February 23, 2012



Transition Fair a Success

Imperial Valley College hosted its annual Transition Fair on February 17 in the lobby of the 2700 building (the “science building”) on the IVC main campus. IVC joined the Imperial County SELPA and the San Diego Regional Center to provide opportunities for students with special needs and their families to obtain information about adult programs . Thank you to all who helped coordinate this very successful event.

<http://www.ivpressonline.com/news/ivp-news-hundreds-of-students-visit-transition-fair-20120218,0,6176341.story>



Sundance visits IVC

Nearly 100 people attended a film workshop at IVC February 19, held by the Sundance Institute where experienced filmmakers offered their perspectives on nonfiction storytelling. The workshop, sponsored by IVC and the Imperial County Film Commission, was highlighted by a screening of a film titled “Reportero” at the Cinemark 14 Mall in the evening. It was a prelude to an even larger Sundance event that will be on campus in early May, Film Forward. That event will include screening of a number of Sundance documentaries and visits with the film makers. The Imperial Valley Film Commission, which will be holding its Film Festival back to back with Film Forward, is the lead agency. The Imperial Valley Press is also assisting in the sponsorships.

<http://www.ivpressonline.com/news/ivp-news-sundance-institute-workshop-draws-local-aspiring-filmmakers-20120219,0,2099703.story>

Around Campus

1. **FIRST STEP:** February 23rd through April 17th will mark the initial outreach efforts of the college's early access program, 1ST STEP, with the offering of Assessment/Placement testing to all local high school seniors.
2. **CAL GRANTS:** The IVC Cal Grant Drive ended February 16th after having provided all local high school seniors with the opportunity to file a FAFSA. Over 2400 students participated in the drive and over 1050 FAFSAs were completed and filed with Dept of Ed.
3. **ECONOMIC DRIVER:** As of February 6th, the IVC Financial Aid Office has disbursed over \$14.6 million in aid to deserving students for academic year 2011-12, dollars which funnel directly into the County's economy.
4. **REDISTRICTING UPDATE:** Our redistricting waiver request will be on the BOG agenda for their March 5-6 meeting and it will take several weeks after that for us to receive the paperwork that we get to the county.
5. **BASKETBALL:** IVC is ranked 15th and are in 2nd place in the conference.
6. **WALKING GROUP:** Walking Group #1 had a total of 57 participants. The 57 participants had a total of 25,994,471 steps. There were 8 people that had over 1,000,000 steps. Walking Group #2 has 100 participants (95 have logged in). The group goes from February 8 – May 7.

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