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CAMPUS UPDATES

IVC Superintendent/President Dr. Lennor Johnson



Greetings Campus Community:

As we move further into the spring semester, I want to take a moment to thank everyone across Imperial Valley College for the continued dedication to our students and our community. Every day I see faculty, staff, and administrators working together to improve lives through education. Below are a few updates from across the college as we continue advancing our strategic priorities and our shared Vision 2030.

State of the College & Groundbreaking Ceremony Reminder: We will host the State of the College Address and groundbreaking ceremony for the new Public Safety Regional Training Center and new Maintenance, Operations, and Warehouse on Wednesday, March 25, from 2:30 p.m. The program will begin in Building 3200, Room 3201, followed by a ceremonial groundbreaking recognizing the start of construction for the Measure B-funded Public Safety Regional Training Center and the new Maintenance & Operations Warehouse. Read the full [press release here](#).

Administrative Services

Hazardous Materials Inventory (“HMI”) Conducted by Keenan & Associates: Our insurance broker will be on campus during this week starting March 16, 2026, to conduct the district’s annual HMI inspection. This mandatory inventory assessment supports the insurance carrier’s evaluation and determination of future insurance rates. Departments are encouraged to consider conducting a pre-inventory review of areas where hazardous materials are stored to identify and properly dispose of expired, degraded, or inherently waste-like materials. This proactive step will help promote a safer work environment for District employees and ensure that the resulting inventory is accurate, current, and manageable.

Gym Renovation and Field Improvements: The gym renovation is now scheduled for July to September 2027, shifting from the previously expected start this year. Baseball field upgrades, including new gravel, dugout painting, and fence repairs, continue as part of our commitment to high-quality athletic facilities.

Academic Services

ACEN Initial Accreditation Site Visit: IVC’s Nursing & Allied Health Department will host an Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) site visit from March 24–26, 2026, as part of the process to obtain initial national accreditation for the Associate Degree of Science in Registered Nursing Program. As part of the visit, a public meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, from 1–2 p.m. in Room 2131, where all community members may share comments with the accreditation team regarding the program.

Partnership Resource Team (PRT) Grant Update: Imperial Valley College’s Letter of Interest has been approved for the California Community Colleges Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) Partnership Resource Team (PRT) process, which will support planning and implementation efforts to expand noncredit programs and student support services. The college will begin coordinating with IEPI this spring to prepare for PRT campus visits scheduled for Fall 2026, where a team of experts will assist IVC in developing an Innovation and Effectiveness Plan to guide implementation and strengthen noncredit pathways for students.

Athletics Program Expansion and Student Support: This year, Athletics made significant progress with the launch of Men’s and Women’s Wrestling, the hiring of new coaches Kayla Leyvas (Women’s Volleyball) and Lluvia Montero (Women’s Soccer), our first soccer season under the lights, the hosting of the High School Sportsmanship Council, the addition of Athletic Counselor Beatriz Macias, and our first-ever Athletics Retreat. We continue to support more than 200 student-athletes each year through expanded programs and enhanced services. Looking ahead, new sports such as Women’s Flag Football and Men’s and Women’s Golf are being explored, and we are preparing for an August Athlete Orientation Day to provide student-athletes with key academic, wellness, and support resources.



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Student Services & Equity

Student Housing Update: We continue advancing plans to launch a new student housing opportunity on the San Diego State University Imperial Valley campus in Calexico, scheduled to open in Fall 2026. Weekly coordination meetings with SDSU are underway to align student services and marketing efforts, with targeted outreach campaigns planned for current students and local high schools. A Student Housing Forum will be held March 31 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. in Room 2131, and additional details are available on the college's [Student Housing webpage](#).

Human Resources

Emergency Contact Information Update: Human Resources is updating employee contact and emergency information in the Banner (HRIS) system to ensure records are accurate and employees receive important communications, including Regroup emergency alerts. Employees are encouraged to review and update their information during the temporary update window, which will remain open through March 2026. The update also allows employees to designate an emergency contact in accordance with California Senate Bill 294.

Foundation / Marketing and Communications

Carnegie Classification Update: We officially received the 2025 Carnegie Classification seal recognizing the college as an "Opportunity College and University" (Higher Access, Higher Earnings). The Marketing and Communications team will begin incorporating the new seal into upcoming branding materials, including updated business cards and Zoom backgrounds that will feature both the Carnegie seal and the college's Aspen Prize recognition.

IVC Foundation Hall of Fame Gala Reminder: The IVC Foundation will host the annual Hall of Fame Dinner Gala on Saturday, May 2, 2026, in the College Center (Building 600). The Foundation is currently seeking table hosts willing to invite and fill a table of eight with philanthropically minded friends for an evening dedicated to supporting IVC students, particularly those benefiting from the Basic Needs Center and the Lotus Living student housing community. To learn more about attending or supporting the event, please contact Todd Evangelist, Executive Director of the IVC Foundation, at todd.evangelist@imperial.edu.

Fair Outreach Appreciation: Thank you to all staff who supported the college's outreach efforts at the fair over the past three weeks, and a special thanks to the administrators who enabled their teams to participate through overtime funding or by volunteering their own personal time. Your outreach in promoting our Stay Connected survey helped us secure 691 emails and 461 phone numbers, including 210 potential students, 84 returning students, 153 alumni, 153 community members, and 33 prospective new IVC Foundation donors.

Final Thoughts: As we continue advancing our Vision 2030, it is important that we remain aligned, focused, and committed to the shared work ahead of us. Our recent leadership retreat reminded us that achieving our long-term goals requires not only strong strategy, but also strong collaboration and leadership across the institution.

I want to sincerely thank all of the faculty and administrative leaders who participated in the leadership retreat earlier this month. Your engagement, thoughtful dialogue, and commitment to strengthening our leadership practices will help ensure that we remain proactive, aligned, and focused on the success of our students and community.

Thank you once again for everything you do for Imperial Valley College and for the students we proudly serve.

Sincerely,
Lennor M. Johnson, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President