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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

ICCD Board and Dr. Johnson attended the ICSBA Fall Mixer on September 24th.



PUBLIC SAFETY

POST Basic Consortium:

- On September 17-18, 2025, Brett Houser, Interim Dean, Jeff Caudill, POST Coordinator, and Rhonda Ruiz, Administrative Assistant attended the POST Basic Consortium where Imperial Valley College (IVC) was formally recognized for its outstanding performance in completing the Basic Course Review (BCR).
- Imperial Valley College was commended for its timely adherence to POST recommendations, implementation of Best Practices, and dedication to supporting other academies.
- This recognition highlights IVC's ongoing commitment to excellence in training future law enforcement professionals and strengthening partnerships across California.



ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



2025 USDA Nextgen Directors Meeting in Kansas City, MO on September 22-24, 2025

- Richard Luna attended the meeting with project leads nationwide to share progress, align with USDA objectives, and enhance student outcomes in agriculture and related disciplines.

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LIFT PROGRAMS

- On September 23, 2025, LIFT students visited the BHER Geothermal Plant Tour to learning about turbines, steam power, and instrumentation systems.
- On September 29th LIFT students, staff, and Career Services visited Cuyamaca Community College for the 10th Annual East County Manufacturing Expo.
- October 7, 2025 IVC held a local Lithium Employer Presentation. Airswift executives led the session to connect LIFT students with industry.



EWD - MESA PROGRAM



Janeth Corona, MESA Program Director attended the **MESA Program Director's Leadership Institute** in Sacramento on September 15-17, 2025.



MESA Students in Action!

IVC MESA students visited Earthrise Nutritionals on October 3, 2025



Higher-ed week and parent night on September 22-26. IVC MESA met with **local high school students** to promote STEM education and raise awareness of the academic support and services available through the IVC MESA Program.

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EWD - ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education Exploration Day

Friday, October 10, 2025

- The IVC Adult Education program hosted the Adult Education Exploration Day attended by Imperial Valley adult education students.



HUMAN RESOURCES

Student Employment

Athena Chavez, Student Employment Specialist participated in the **Sí Se Puede!** Student Employment & Work Study Workshop on **Tuesday, September 23, 2025**. This event highlighted resources, opportunities, and support available to students pursuing on-campus employment and work-study positions.



HUMAN RESOURCES

2025 ACHRO/EEO Conference September 22–26, 2025

- The HR Department attended the 2025 ACHRO EEO Conference, themed **"Unleashing the Superpowers Within."**
- The HR professionals participated in numerous workshops focused on equity, inclusion and key HR components, including legal updates related to Title IX.
- The conference provided valuable insights to enhance our practices and promote an equitable workplace.



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EOPS/CARE/NEXTUP Programs



- Our **Welcome Back Event** drew over **800 students**, with **718 receiving their first meal vendor card**—thank you to our amazing team for making it happen!
- **CARE welcomed 45 new students** and will host a yoga workshop to promote stress relief, resilience, and academic focus.
- **NextUp** celebrated its **first-ever Birthday Bash**—a new tradition we're excited to continue!
- EOPS/CARE/NextUp hosted four workshops this month to support student success.



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COUNSELING



- On September 16, counselors participated in a presentation from **SDSU** highlighting **academic majors and requirements for 2025–2026**.
- They also received important **financial aid updates** from **Lisa Seals**.

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Puente Program

On **September 17, 2025**, the **PUENTE Program** organized the **Pioneer Museum tour** for its students, offering them a meaningful opportunity to explore local history and connect with the community's rich cultural heritage.



STUDENT SERVICES & EQUITY

FYE/Promise Program



On **September 19, 2025**, Associate Dean Johnel Barron participated in the **ICOE Counselor Roundtable Kickoff** where he presented the **FYE/Promise Program** and delivered an inspiring motivational speech, encouraging counselors to support students' success and engagement in higher education.

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Basic Needs



The **CashCourse app** launch at IVC on **September 23, 2025**, led by John Moreno from Basic Needs, advanced financial literacy and empowered staff to guide students toward financial confidence.

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Student Affairs



On **September 23, 2025**, Student Affairs hosted a **Student Development Workshop** with Financial Aid, HR, and Career Services, teaching students about jobs, work-study, and employment opportunities; the workshop reached full capacity.



On **September 22, 2025**, Student Affairs hosted a **lunchtime Loteria** event for Hispanic Heritage Month; over 77 attendees enjoyed taquitos and joined the fun.



On **October 8, 2025**, Student Affairs hosted a **digital civic engagement event in the College Center** where students registered to vote, viewed a presentation on prominent Hispanic figures, and enjoyed snacks.

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Transfer Center

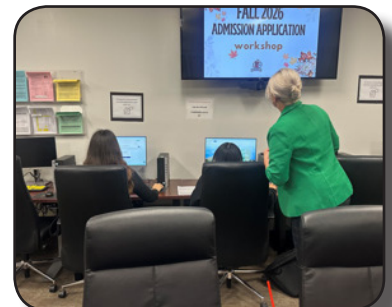


College & University Day

- On **September 25**, the annual **College & University Day**, welcomed over **500 students and 28 universities**. The event offered students valuable opportunities to explore transfer pathways and connect directly with university representatives.

Workshops

- The Transfer Center has continued hosting **admissions application workshops** to support students through the university application process and ensure they have the guidance needed to submit successful applications.



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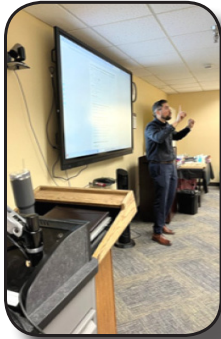
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Welcome Back Event



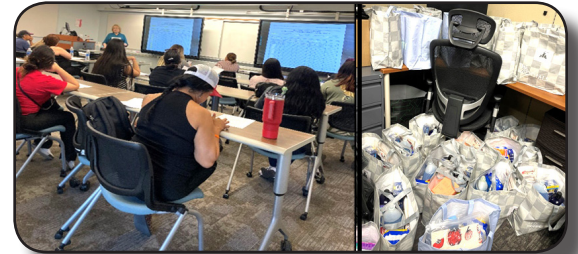
- Hosted a **Welcome Back** event focused on career exploration and assessments.
- **SSS Club participated in Higher Education Week** to promote first-generation student empowerment and degree completion.

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CalWorks Counseling

CalWORKs Forms Workshop

In partnership with the Imperial County Department of Social Services WTW Division, we hosted a CalWORKs forms workshop attended by 23 students who learned about completing county forms, transportation, and child care.



September is Student Parent Month!

To celebrate our student parents, City Hope provided thoughtful goodie bags recognizing their hard work and resilience.

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Lotus Living Student Housing Program

- Alma Orozco, Financial Aid Specialist provided **FAFSA support to 32% of Lotus Living residents on October 1.**
- Residents began **planning for the Harvest Festival (October 23)** at the first Event Planning Committee meeting.
- Director Sanchez-Reyna met with **Assemblyman Jeff Gonzalez and team to plan a Lotus Living Advocacy Video.**



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Financial Aid



IVC Financial Aid and ICOE partnered with the California Student Aid Commission to train local high school counselors on October 8; over 80 counselors and staff attended.

- **2025–26 FAFSA Race to Submit winners announced:** Central Union High School (large) and Holtville (small, 100% FAFSA completion).
- Both schools recognized IVC Financial Aid Specialist Alma Orozco for her key support in their success.

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IVC/ SDSU-IV Housing Project

IVC/ SDSU-IV Housing Project: The IVC/SDSU-IV Housing Project remains on track.

Interim Director Sanchez-Reyna continues to coordinate with SDSU-IV to meet all deadlines. The next collaboration meeting is scheduled for October 27, with an onsite meeting and tour planned for November 19, 2025.



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Student Health Center

The IVC Student Health Center and Legacy MD

Medical Group hosted the Fall 2025 Health Fair on September 30, serving 150+ students. Thirty-two received flu vaccines, and LVN students gained hands-on experience taking vitals.



The Breast Cancer Awareness Panel, held on October 2nd in the College Center, featured five panelists sharing their personal and professional insights. More than 80 students and staff participated in the event's open conversation.

On Thursday, October 2nd, the IVC Student Health Center invited the IVC Campus Community for a Group Ribbon Picture.



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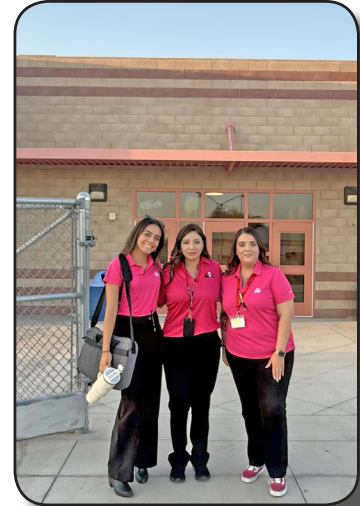
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Welcome & Student Success Center

On **October 8, 2025**, Welcome & Student Success Center Staff assisted community members with IVC applications at Seeley School Gym.



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Career Services Center



Genaro Ayala joined LIFT students at Cuyamaca College for the East County Manufacturing Expo on September 30.

On Oct. 14 & 15, the Career Services Center hosted the annual Nursing & Allied Health College and Career Days 2025.

NURSING & ALLIED HEALTH

COLLEGE AND CAREER DAYS 2025

If you're studying nursing, allied health, pre-nursing, medical sciences—or just curious about where a healthcare career can take you—this event is your chance to explore your future!

- Why Should You Go?
 - Connect with hospitals, clinics, universities & healthcare programs
 - Learn about jobs, transfer programs, internships & training
 - Get insider tips directly from employers
 - Win free prizes (each booth brings giveaways)
 - Take the next step in nursing, allied health, pre-nursing, medical sciences & more

TUESDAY, OCT. 14 & WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Imperial Valley College
380 E. Aten Rd., 2100 Lawn Area
Imperial, CA 92251

PRE-REGISTER VIA **Handshake**
<https://bit.ly/2025NAHAI>

If you need assistance with Handshake, please contact the IVC Career Services Center at (760) 346-5273

On **October 8**, Career Services Staff participated in the **Bridges to Employment** collaborative workshop alongside D.O.R., Options for All, and the San Diego Regional Center.



October 2025 Career Development Workshops

OCT 07	Effective Resume Writing
OCT 09	Effective Resume Writing
OCT 16	Interview Preparation
OCT 16	Interview Preparation
OCT 21	Workability Skills Part 1
OCT 23	Workability Skills Part 1
OCT 28	Workability Skills Part 2
OCT 30	Workability Skills Part 2

Scan to Register

<https://bit.ly/2025NAHAI>

Throughout **October**, the Career Services Center team conducted **Career Development Workshops** for students. Topics included **Résumé Building**, **Interview Preparation**, and **Workability Skills**.

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ASG'S COMMUNITY PEP RALLY & FIRST HOME WRESTLING MATCH



EVENTS REPORT

- Oct. 15: Nursing & Allied Health Career Day
- Oct. 17: Food Distribution
- Oct. 20: Fentanyl Awareness Panel
- Oct. 20: Law Enforcement Seminar
- Oct. 21: DSPS Deaf Awareness Event
- Oct. 23: IVROP Senior & Junior Campus Tour
- Oct. 24: Adult Ed. Summit
- Oct. 28: Bi-National University Day with Mexican Consulate
- Oct. 29: National Domestic Violence Awareness Day
- Oct. 31: Annual Halloween Costume Contest
- Oct. 31: Preschool Trunk or Treat
- Nov. 03: Basic Needs Resource Fair
- Nov. 04: Dual Citizenship Session by Mexican Consulate
- Nov. 08: VetART California Creative Economy Working Group
- Nov. 11: Veteran's Day Celebration
- Nov. 12: Student Thanksgiving Luncheon

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

OPPOSED BILLS PASSED

- AB 1028 (Fong): Community colleges: temporary employees

OPPOSED BILLS FAILED

- AB 90 (Jackson): Overnight student parking

SUPPORTED BILLS FAILED

- AB 537 (Ahrens): California Community College Promise
- AB 731 (Fong): Pupil instruction: dual enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways partnerships

SUPPORTED BILLS PASSED

- AB 323 (Fong): Strong Workforce Program: work-based learning opportunities
- SB 761 (Ashby): CalFresh student eligibility

SUPPORTED BILLS VETOED

- AB 1400 (Soria): Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program (amended to add priority for Inland Empire, add co-authors, and amend down to 10 districts)