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CAMPUS UPDATES

IVC Superintendent/President

Dr. Lennor Johnson



Greetings Campus Community:

I hope this message finds you well. Here are a few important updates from across the college:

Enrollment Update: Enrollment for the fall semester exceeded expectations. We finished at 3282.42 FTES, compared to 3,183.17 FTES last year, which is a great start to the academic year. We are well positioned to achieve our enrollment goal for the year, and retention also appears to be showing positive results. Great job to the entire campus community for welcoming and supporting our students.

Program Review and Budget Enhancement Process: Our program review and budget enhancement process is underway. Initial submissions are due September 26. When submitting budget enhancement requests, please keep in mind our campus priorities and Vision 2030, as items will be prioritized based on their alignment with the strategic plan while keeping us fiscally responsible. Thank you in advance for submitting thoughtful program reviews and budget enhancement proposals that reflect both student and institutional needs.

Vice President of Instruction Recruitment: The Vice President of Instruction recruitment process is underway, and we are excited to be partnering with Academic Career and Executive Search firm to strengthen our candidate pool and ensure a robust process. Initial results appear to be promising. More information about this position, including a detailed overview of the recruitment process, is available on our website. You can access it through the black bar at the top of each page or directly [\[here\]](#).

9/11 Acknowledgement: Last week, we paused to honor and remember the lives lost on September 11, 2001, a reminder of resilience, unity, and the strength of community that guide us at Imperial Valley College. I want to thank ASG, Student Affairs, the Maintenance and Operations team, IT, Public Safety, and all who supported this very special event as we acknowledged our fallen heroes.

We had a strong summer enrollment, so year-to-date we are on pace with last year. Please continue encouraging students to check the class schedule, meet with an advisor, and register for classes. Every full-time equivalent student counts.

Government Affairs & Legislative Developments: We continue to stay engaged with our state and federal partners, and this past week brought significant developments:

- **Federal Update:** MSI Funding: On September 10, the U.S. Department of Education announced it will end approximately \$350 million in discretionary funding for Minority-Serving Institution (MSI) programs, including Title V Part A (Developing HSIs) and Title V Part B (Postbaccalaureate Opportunities). These funds will be redirected toward other federal priorities. Mandatory MSI funding of \$132 million will remain, supporting STEM and articulation programs under Title III, Part F. For IVC, all current projects continue as planned while we monitor this closely.
- One funding source identified as impacted is our ASSET Title V grant. However, given the modest dollar amount and the fact that we are still early in the grant, there will be no major impact on students, staff or campus operations.
- This announcement comes during HSI Week, which highlights the 236 community colleges designated as HSIs nationwide. Imperial Valley College has joined the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) in signing a national letter urging Congress to protect funding for HSIs.
- **State Update – AB 1400 (BSN Pilot Program):** At the state level, AB 1400, authored by Assemblymember Esmeralda Soria, has advanced to the Governor's desk. The bill would authorize up to 10 community college districts to establish a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing (BSN) pilot program, in effect until 2035. The goal is to expand access to affordable nursing education while addressing California's critical shortage of healthcare workers.
- If signed into law, this measure would allow IVC and other districts to build on existing Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) infrastructure, giving students a seamless and affordable pathway to a BSN. This would not only strengthen the nursing pipeline, but also help meet the healthcare workforce needs of our region.
- Imperial Valley College has submitted a strong letter of support urging the Governor to sign this bill, which would be a historic step forward for California community colleges and the communities we serve. If you want to individually, feel free to do so [here](#).



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Recognition:

Ohtli Award Cesar Guzman: Please join me in celebrating Cesar Guzman, who received the prestigious Ohtli Award from the Mexican Consulate on September 4 at the Imperial Valley Mall. Cesar has helped more than 16,000 people become American citizens, opening doors to opportunity for thousands of families. Cesar, your service exemplifies our culture of care and the heart of IVC—thank you for lifting our community.

HACU, Dr. Hector Garza: Dr. Garza has been accepted to join the 7th cohort of fellows for the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Leadership Academy/Academia de Liderazgo. Congratulations Dr. Garza on joining this academy of scholars.

Machforms/URL Forms

As shared in College Leadership Council (CLC) and in a recent email from VP Vega, the campus URL forms.imperial.edu has been permanently decommissioned for safety reasons. Please use the following campus-supported platforms for forms:

- Microsoft Forms
- TeamDynamix/iPaaS Forms
- Starfish
- SoftDocs (coming soon!)

This change does not affect core systems or instructional tools. For assistance, please contact the IT Help Desk at 760-355-6300.

Parking Reminder – AP 6750

As outlined in AP 6750, Section 2 – Parking Areas, vehicles must be parked only in designated parking areas. The policy clearly states that no vehicle shall be parked on interior roadways, driveways, sidewalks, lawns, playing fields, or undeveloped areas. Vehicles parked outside of designated spaces may be towed or impounded at the expense of the registered owner or lessee.

Unfortunately, we continue to see vehicles parked on green areas and walkways. This creates safety hazards by blocking pedestrian access and also damages concrete surfaces, which are not designed to withstand vehicle weight. Please note that these rules apply equally to vendor and contractor vehicles.

Phishing Attempts

Over the past several months, we have seen an increase in phishing attempts using the names of employees to request information. Please remain diligent when reviewing emails that request unexpected information. Please be cautious and **do not click on suspicious links or attachments, Confirm unexpected requests by contacting the employee directly and report questionable emails to the IT Help Desk.** Thank you for helping us protect our systems and safeguard our campus community.

Final Thoughts: Every day, we get to change the trajectory of someone's life, one conversation, one classroom, one act of kindness at a time. Let's move forward with courage, curiosity, and care, because when we work together, our possibilities aren't just possible, they're inevitable.

If you would like to revisit a previous Campus Update, all updates shared this fall are available on the President's Office [landing page](#).

With gratitude,
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Superintendent/President