



Imperial Valley College

Economic and Workforce Development Newsletter

May 2018

Student Success Story!

Jeffrey Fonseca



(Jeffrey Fonseca, IVC Alumni)

Career Education programs provide great career opportunities to our valley students. Jeffrey Fonseca is one of many students that IVC has been able to help.

Jeffrey was unsure of what to do, what to study, and where to work. He finally decided to enroll at IVC and take Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology classes during winter session 2015. He aced them all! Right after taking those classes, he got hired at a high-end residential construction/AC company in Long Beach, installing ACs in hotels and other

buildings, including residential. He worked there full-time for a year and then decided to return to Imperial Valley to take the last two ACR classes at IVC in spring 2017 in order to complete the ACR certificate program. Again, he aced them all! That year, he was awarded the ACR award at the ASG Student Awards Ceremony, which Professor Frank Miranda presented. He now works as a lead installer at a local real estate company that manages properties. Because IVC changed his life so much, he continues to visit the college periodically to share his knowledge and experience with other ACR students. He hopes that his story will help motivate other students so that they know what a positive difference IVC can make!

Business

Virtual Tour

The Business Dept. purchased a drone with Perkins funds and has been using it for instructional purposes so that students learn how to work with the latest technology. The department interns created a virtual tour of IVC using the drone. Click here to see it! → [IVC Virtual Tour](#).

Career Center



The EWD Division will be opening a new Career Center in the Fall 2018! It is currently under construction, furniture is pending delivery, and a Student Success Specialist that will work in the center has been hired. The Career Center will provide job search assistance to students and will include an interview room.

Agriculture

El Salvador Visitors

IVC hosted a delegation from El Salvador on February 5th. The delegation included directors and administrators from educational institutions in El Salvador. The primary focus was Agriculture. The visit included a tour of our Ag Dept., including labs and IVC's

very own plot of land used for Ag demos, crops, plants, and hands-on experience. Dr. Michael Kanyi shared IVC's present and future plans for the Ag program. Guest speakers from local farmers attended and shared experiences. The visitors were impressed with the college's irrigation and drainage presentation. It was a great opportunity to network with other parts of the agricultural education world.

Pumpkin Patch



IVC's Ag Club held its 11th annual Pumpkin Patch. This was Dr. Kanyi's first time organizing this event with the Ag Club. Attendees purchased pumpkins, got their faces painted, walked thru a homegrown field maze, & launched pumpkins. There were several booths there, including Child Development.

Nursing & Allied Health

Meet Lucina!



(Lucina & Daniel Ortiz)

We would like to introduce you to Lucina, our newest human patient simulator. This simulator includes a mother mannequin with a deliverable newborn! The EWD Division purchased this state-of-the-art educational equipment to enhance learning for Nursing and other health students. Professor Daniel Ortiz is excited that students will get the opportunity to enrich their educational experience with Lucina. Click here for more info on some of the amazing things that Lucina can do! →

<https://caehealthcare.com/patient-simulation/lucina>

Nursing Learning Center

The Nursing Learning Center, previously located in the Nursing Lab, was moved to Room 2137. The room was remodeled. This change allowed the Nursing Lab in 2156 to expand. 10 additional computer stations were added, so that the lab now holds 36 students. These expenses were funded by the EWD Division Office with Strong Workforce funds. This expansion has allowed the Nursing Dept. to begin accepting 30 students per semester to the Nursing program, instead of 20!

Industrial Technology

1st Step Welcome Event



On Saturday, May 19th, Student Services held its annual IVC 1st Step Welcome Event for HS seniors, who are also incoming freshman, and their parents. Electronics and Welding both participated. Professor Araiza and Associate Professor Jimenez had informational booths to speak to students about these Industrial Technology programs.

Child, Family, and Consumer Sciences

1st Step Welcome Event

Child Development also participated at the 1st Step event. Professor Sheppard was there to speak to students about the rewarding careers in the Child Development field.

Christmas Activities



Child Development held a Picture with Santa Day! The Preschool & Infant/Toddler Center children took their pictures home before the break. The children also went Christmas caroling.

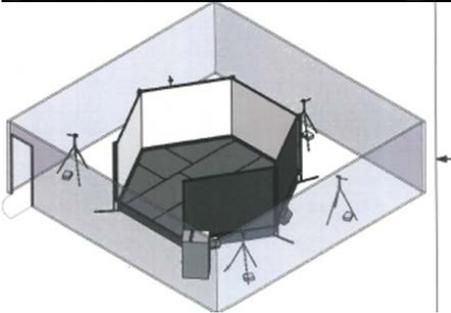
Halloween Walk



The children trick-or-treated in their costumes throughout the campus. Thanks to all the offices that participated by donating candy and giving out treats! They get a kick out of seeing the employees dressed up!

Public Safety

Shooting Simulator



The AJ/CSI/POST Dept. has acquired a shooting simulator, which has 5 screens, projectors, cameras, and a sound system. It is interactive and has multiple weapon options (pistol, rifle, shotgun, pepper spray, & Taser). Fully operational weapons are used and are inserted with lasers! It contains 1,000 pre-set scenarios, but provides faculty the ability to create their own scenarios for training purposes. Some of the things they can manipulate in each scenario include weather, time of day, wind, rain, and light.

Public Safety Summit



On Friday, May 18, 2018, IVC hosted public safety officials from various locations, including: Mexicali and San Luis, Sonora, Mexico, Yuma County (Yuma, Somerson, and San Luis, AZ) and Imperial Valley, for the first bi-national Public Safety Summit.

The summit included demonstrations by our police students, fire cadets, and nursing students. The work agenda included topics of interest for all participants, such as the recognition of impaired cannabis driving, drug mules, tourist police, and vehicle identification. The El Centro Police Dept. also made a demonstration of their K-9 unit.

Fire Technology



In November, the Fire Academy assisted at the March Against Domestic Violence. They received a nice thank you letter from the Center for Family Solutions. They also are always willing to volunteer at various IVC functions, such as the Career Fair/College & University Day and the Career Education Expo. Thank you!

Addiction Disorder Studies

Revised Program

The Alcohol and Drug Studies has been recently modified and is now called Addiction Disorder Studies. The program now has a full-time Associate Professor, Aruna Patel, who has been a part-time instructor in this program for many years.

Perkins

The Carl D. Perkins Act has been able to provide additional funding to over ten Career Ed programs. Some of the instructional equipment purchased includes:

- Fire Tech: forcible entry door & smoke generator
- Renewable Energy: solar grid tied inverter
- Auto Tech: car brake lathe/trolley, scan tools, oscilloscopes
- Building Construction: router machine
- Welding: dry blast machine, MIG gun masters
- And much more!

In addition, many other activities have also been made possible, such as the hiring of peer tutors, certification inspections, professional development, career education advertising, & outreach.

Outreach

Advertisements



The Strong Workforce regional funds and Perkins funds have allowed us to advertise and promote career education. These pictures show some of the bus shelter posters. Also, several TV commercials were recorded and aired to promote the Paramedics, Welding Technology, and Office Technologies programs.

Career Fair /College & University Day



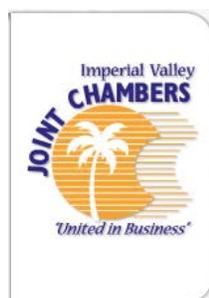
The 2017 annual College & University/Career Fair event was held on Thursday, October. In addition to IVC students, about 1,000 Imperial Valley 6th to 12th students attended. Approximately 100 exhibitors were present and available for questions from the public and to provide information programs, services, employment, and more. Exhibitors included many IVC programs, businesses, organizations, law enforcement reps, colleges, and universities.

Business Showcase



(Jesse Garcia, Karina, Davila, Vincent Pollizzi, Ian Ross, Dr. Martha Garcia, Analisa Veliz, Alma Orozco, Patricia Robles, Nancy Sanchez, Norma Santana, Joseph Arguello, Marisa Izarraraz, Lia Velazquez, Monica Rogers, Diana Zermeno)

IVC had a booth at the Business Showcase. Representative from various areas of the campus volunteered. Volunteers included: Dr. Martha Garcia, Xochitl Tirado, Vincent Pollizzi, Patricia Robles, Nancy Sanchez, Lizeth Merino, Norma Santana, Janeth Cruz, Arturo Juarez, Alma Orozco, Marisa Izarraraz, Elizabeth Treviño, Analisa Veliz, Jose Carrillo, Monica Rogers, and several students (Ambassadors & Diesel Club members).



High School Visits



(Ricardo Jimenez, Jose Roman, Manuel Sanchez, Cristian Tejada)



(Gordon Bailey, Alma Orozco)

Many instructors take their time to go visit high schools and talk to those students about career education program at IVC.

This year, the following instructors attended local schools' career days:

- Jose Roman (Electrical Wiring & Renewable Energy Associate Professor)
- Manuel Sanchez (Water Treatment specialist and instructor)
- Ricardo Jimenez (Electronics instructor)
- Gordon Bailey (Cisco Professor & Coordinator)
- Vincent Pollizzi, (Diesel instructor)

Some of the school's career days that they participated at include: Southwest High, Central Union High, Brawley High, and Bill E. Young Middle School.

Career Education Expo and Transition Fair



We hope that you were able to attend this year's Career Education Expo and Transition Fair. It was a great opportunity to promote career awareness and showcase many of the college's programs and services. Visitors also got to meet with employers and other colleges and universities.

About 20 local K-12 schools attended, bringing 2,070 K-12 students and 130 faculty and staff! Many IVC students attended, as well.

We would like to thank all of the IVC departments and programs that participated and we invite you to keep joining us. Thanks for the Music Department for providing live music, showcasing our student talent, and helping the event have a positive atmosphere.

Imperial Valley Energy Summit and Expo



(IVC Team: Efrain Silva, Janeth Cruz, Araceli Saucedo, Patricia Robles, Ricardo Jimenez)



(Tim Kelly, President/CEO of IVEDC)

The Imperial Valley Economic Development Council (IVEDC) held the 11th annual Imperial Valley Energy Summit and Expo in Holtville. IVC was one of the exhibitors. Many faculty and staff attended the presentations.

Although the event is focused on issues such as energy production, energy storage, the Salton Sea restoration, one of the presentations was dedicated to workforce issues and Efrain Silva was a panelist.



AACC



(Betsy Lane - far left and Efrain Silva - far right)

Ms. Lane and Mr. Silva met with representatives from the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

Apprenticeships

New Classroom Location

The Electrical Trades and Apprenticeship classes are now being taught at 13 off campus locations. The most recent one being a small computer lab in El Centro. Apprenticeship classes are held in the cities of Imperial, El Centro, Holtville, & La Quinta.

New Employees



(Top: Dayanara Torales, Sandra Martinez, Tisha Nelson, Genaro Ayala, Maricela Moreno, Nancy Sanchez, Patricia Robles. Bottom: Janeth Cruz, Vicky Figueroa, Norma Santana)

The EWD Division is growing! We would like to welcome the newest additions to our team!

Alexiss Castorena, Staff Secretary for Child, Family, & Consumer Sciences

Araceli Saucedo, Student Support Specialist TEMP (credit by exam)

Betsy Lane, Associate Dean of Workforce Preparation and Community Special Projects

Dayanara Torales: Student Success Specialist (adult education)

Genaro Ayala, Student Success Specialist (adult education)

Janeth Cruz, Internship and Work Experience Coordinator

Maricela Moreno, Student Success Specialist (career center)

Nestor Medina, Food Service Technician for Preschool & Infant/Toddler Center

Norma Santana: Staff Secretary III (welcome back!)

Roxanne Nuñez: CTE Counselor

Sandra Martinez: Student Success Specialist (dual enrollment)

Tisha Nelson, Staff Support Technician for ITEC & BUS/AG

Vincent Pollizzi: Diesel Technology Associate Professor

Community Services

Community Classes

Feel free to sign up to any of our fun and interesting community classes. These are open to the public. For the most updated schedule and prices click here

→ <http://community.imperial.edu/>

Labor Market

EDD Labor Market Info

The most up-to-date labor market information is available at the EDD link →

www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Regional Consortium



[San Diego/Imperial Counties Regional Consortium Website](#)

Region 10 includes all community colleges in both the San Diego and Imperial Counties (SD/IC). This year, IVC has several representatives serving on the Region 10 subcommittees so that IVC can have a voice in regional issues. Some of the regional committees include: Data & Research, Career Pathways, Marketing, Employment Readiness and Job Placement, and the Regional Occupational Committee.

18-19 Academic Calendar

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IMPERIAL VALLEY COLLEGE
Academic Calendar 2018-2019

Local Upcoming Events

IVC Commencement: Saturday, June 9, 2018 at IVC



Economic and Workforce Development Division 2017-2018 Faculty & Staff

Economic and Workforce Development Division Office

Araceli Saucedo (Temp) NEW
Betsy Lane NEW
Dayanara Torales NEW
Efrain Silva
Genaro Ayala NEW
Janeth Cruz NEW
Maricela Moreno NEW
Norma Santana NEW
Patricia Robles
Roxanne Nuñez NEW
Sandra Martinez NEW
Vicky Figueroa

Child, Family, and Consumer Sciences Department

FULL-TIME

Alexiss Castorena NEW
Becky Green, Director
Carol Grajeda
Cristina Samano
David Scott Sheppard
Linda Stills
Maria Pinuelas
Patricia Lopez
Tracy Osuna

PART-TIME

Cecile Richmond
John Green
Nestor Medina NEW
Nubia Heras
Yvonne Salgado

Business & Agriculture Department

FULL-TIME

Alison Brock
Andres Martinez, Chair
Angie Ruiz
Craig Blek
Gordon Bailey
Jeff Beckley
Dr. Michael Kanyi
Tisha Nelson NEW
Todd Hansink
Walid Ghanim

PART-TIME

Guillermo Salgado NEW
Jose Torres
Melody Chronister
Sylvia Olivares Quintero
Vicki Vilorio

PT NON-CREDIT

Alfonso Ruiz
Rosalinda Ramirez-Dominguez



(Top: Ricardo Jimenez, Vincent Pollizzi, Roxanne Nuñez, Alfonso Ruiz, Nancy Sanchez, Efrain Silva, Patricia Robles, Andres Martinez, Genaro Ayala. Bottom: Betsy Lane, Angie Ruiz, Tisha Nelson, Janeth Cruz, Vicky Figueroa, Norma Santana, Dayanara Torales)

Industrial Technology Department

FULL-TIME

Alan Butler NEW
Carlos Araiza
Frank Miranda
Jose Roman
Jose Velasquez, Chair
Nancy Sanchez
Ricardo Pradis
Ricardo Jimenez NEW
Tisha Nelson NEW
Vincent Pollizzi NEW

PART-TIME

Alfredo Rivera
Arturo Juarez
Felix De Leon
Frank Cervantes
Guillermo Garcia
Lizeth Merino
Manuel Sanchez
Ramiro Salas
Timothy Hutchinson

PT APPRENTICESHIP (IID)

Carlos Eytor
Darrin Thomason
David Shelton
Francisco Fimbres
Javier Avendaño-Reyes
Javier Jimenez
Jose Caloca
Jose L. Castillo
Kerry Messenger
Mario Sapin
Mizael Huereque
Randall Peterson
Raul de la Torre
Ray Rose
Timothy Hutchinson
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