



2026 Convocation

LEVEL UP

For the New Academic Year

2026-2027



August 14, 2026

IVC Gymnasium

Bldg. 700

EVENT AGENDA

7:30 - 8:15	BREAKFAST <u>Optional</u>
8:15 - 8:45	WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS
	INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES
8:55 - 9:45	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
9:50 - 10:40	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
10:50 - 12:00	KEYNOTE SPEAKER
12:00 - 1:00	LUNCH
1:10 - 2:00	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
2:10 - 3:00	DIVISION MEETINGS
3:00 - 4:00	UNION MEETINGS



KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Lasana O. Hotep

Lasana O. Hotep is an educator and strategic thought partner with a commitment to dismantling institutional inequities and creating transformative solutions for people and organizations.

For over 20 years, Lasana has served at the p12, community college, and research university levels as a classroom teacher, racial justice advocate, and equity-advancing administrator. Most notably, Mr. Hotep is the co-founder of the African American Men of Arizona State University (AAMASU) Program, the founding program coordinator for ASU's Center for the Study of Race and Democracy (CSR), and the founding Executive Director of the Equity Institute at Skyline College where he established the Equity Summit, Equity Academies and award winning Equity Training Series (ETS). He has also served as the Dean of Special Programs and Grants at Merritt College and as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Equity for the Peralta Community College District. He is the co-author of *Minding the Obligation Gap in Community Colleges and Beyond: Theory and Practice in Achieving Educational Equity* (Peter Lang, 2020) and *The White Educators' Guide to Equity* (Peter Lang, 2023). Lasana has had the distinguished honor of serving on the planning committee for the All-African Diaspora Education Summit (ADES). Hotep is a highly sought after thought partner with expertise in supporting organizations in developing antiracist and antisexist policies, practices, and procedures. He has developed a series of modules for the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to support classified professionals in the areas of Basic Needs, Enrollment Management and Financial Aid. He has lectured at hundreds of nonprofit organizations, corporations and educational institutions across the United States and abroad (Beijing, China and Accra, Ghana). Currently, Lasana is a human resources professional serving as the Executive Director of Staff Engagement, Belonging, and Support (SEBS) at the University of California, Berkeley.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

Breakout Sessions

8:55 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

 **REGISTER NOW**

All Faculty

Creating Accessible Course Content with Confidence

Faculty understand the importance of creating accessible course content, but many feel overwhelmed by the process or unsure where to begin. In this session, faculty will learn how to incorporate simple accessibility practices into course design that can improve the learning experience for all students. Participants will leave with practical tools and resources they can begin applying to their courses right away.

Facilitator - Jennifer Rios
Room 2734

Non-Teaching Faculty **Kahoot Counselors Trivia - UC/CSU Transfer Planners**

This Kahoot Trivia activity is designed specifically for counselors. It features interactive questions that reinforce knowledge, built on professional experiences, and encourage active participation. The game-based format makes learning engaging, dynamic, and impactful while promoting discussion, collaboration and friendly competition among participants.

Facilitators - Beatriz Avila, Alexia Villagrana & Maria Esquer
Room 2725

Classified /Other

One Life: Empowering Your Journey to True Balance

Alignment is the foundation for balancing priorities, values, and goals in both work and life. This interactive session explores practical strategies to improve wellbeing, increase productivity, and build resilience by aligning daily actions with personal and professional values. Through reflection and engaging activities, participants will develop a personalized action plan to create greater balance, purpose, and effectiveness in the workplace and beyond.

Facilitator - Lori Jones
College Center

**Important: Please sign in at the beginning of each session.
Separate attendance sheets will be provided for each session.**





Breakout Sessions

9:50 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.



All Faculty

Getting Started with UDL: Three Practical Strategies for Postsecondary Faculty

This introductory workshop provides a practical overview of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and how it supports student success through inclusive course design. Participants will explore common learning barriers and leave with three practical UDL strategies they can immediately apply in online, hybrid, or face-to-face courses.

Facilitator - Amanda Bastoni
Room 2734

Department Chairs

Writing UDL Language for the Course Outline of Record

This hands-on workshop helps faculty, department chairs, and curriculum representatives write effective Universal Design for Learning (UDL) language for Course Outlines of Record in CurriQunet. Participants will review examples, avoid common mistakes, and use practical tools to draft or revise course language.

Facilitator - Dr. Xochitl Tirado
Room 2723

Non-Teaching Faculty

CSU Transfer Application & Activity

Cal State Apply redesigned the 2027-2028 university admission application. This hands-on workshop will provide counselors with an opportunity to become familiar with the application and be prepared to help Fall 2027 transfer students.

Facilitator - Beatriz Avila & Maria Esquer
Room 2725

Classified/Other

One Life: Empowering Your Journey to True Balance

Continuation (8:55 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.)
College Center

Open

Re-Imagine Apply Training Session

Join us to learn about CCCStart, the California Community Colleges' new enrollment experience. This session covers what's changing, why the transition is happening, and how Imperial Valley College is preparing staff to support students through the new process using shared resources, communication tools, and campus-wide strategies.

Facilitator - Celeste Alvarez
Room 804

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Breakout Sessions

1:10 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Faculty

Designing Effective 8-Week Courses

Interested in expanding 8-week course offerings? Join this session to explore practical design strategies, draft college guidelines, and faculty experiences. Learn how to adapt 16-week courses into engaging accelerated formats that increase student access, flexibility, and success.

Facilitator - Dr. Allyn Leon
Room 2131

Faculty

Teaching at IVC: Tools, Resources, and Support for Faculty

New to Imperial Valley College or looking to learn more? This session introduces Canvas, WebSTAR, classroom technology, course requirements, and faculty support resources. Discover the tools, systems, and services available to help you confidently prepare for a successful semester.

Facilitator - Jenifer Dollente, Peggy Brady, Dr. Hope Davis
Room 2734

Classified/Other

Accessibility Basics for Classified Professionals

Accessibility is essential to creating an inclusive campus environment. This session introduces key accessibility practices and how classified professionals can apply them to documents, emails, presentations, and digital content. Participants will explore resources and practical tools to make everyday work more accessible for all.

Facilitator - Jennifer Rios & Elizabeth Kemp
Room 207

Classified/Other

Making it Work for You!

Explore the power of emotional intelligence and how understanding emotions can improve workplace relationships and daily interactions. This interactive session covers what emotions are, why we experience them, and practical tools to manage feelings, strengthen communication, and navigate situations effectively.

Facilitator - Lori Jones
Room 204

Open

Events Training

Event Organizers' Training provides Imperial Valley College faculty and staff with an overview of the campus event planning process. Learn timelines, approvals, logistics, marketing, and best practices for coordinating safe, engaging, and successful events from planning through post-event evaluation.

Facilitator - Celeste Alvarez
Room 804



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Division Meetings
2:10 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Academic Services
Room 2734

Student Services & Equity
Gymnasium

Union Meetings
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CTA Union Meeting
Room 2734

CSEA Union Meeting
College Center

PTFA Union Meeting
Room 2725



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Campus Safety & Parking Control

Office: (760) 355-6307 or (760) 355-6308

Emergencies: (760) 483-7411, 1111, or 911

Services available:

- Escort services
- Safety Education event
- Parking permits
- Special Event security coverage
- Standby services
- Directing traffic
- Found Property
- Taking reports for Administrative Policy violations
- Scheduling security for events

What Everyone Needs to Know

- Refer any warrants, subpoena, inquiries about students/employees, administrative orders, etc. to the President's Office for verification.
(760) 355-6219 / (760) 355-6457 / Campus Safety: (760) 355-6307 or 6308
- ICCD Policies & Procedures are available at:
<https://imperial.community.diligentoneplatform.com/Portal/Policy.aspx>
or at www.imperial.edu / Board of Trustees / ICCD Policies & Procedures