



Imperial Valley College

Economic and Workforce Development

Newsletter

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Exercise Science, Wellness, & Sports Department COACH OF THE YEAR



Head Coach Mikey Palacio, Jr., was selected as the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference "Women's Tennis Coach of the Year."

Business Department



CISCO CCNA DISCOVERY (NETWORKING)

The Cisco program will be expanding its equipment inventory thanks to new funding. New instructional equipment that will expand the scope of services to students' learning include a firewall security appliance, a PowerEdge Intel Xeon processor, Cisco catalysts, and much more.

Administration of Justice Department

CORRECTIONAL ACADEMIES

Two Correctional Academies were offered, in conjunction with the IC Sheriff's Office. Over 80 students received education & training in hopes of receiving employment, primarily at the new prison in Calexico. Successful completion allowed students to earn the Adult Corrections Officer Core Course Certificate from the State of CA, Board of Corrections, Standards, & Training for Correctional Program (STC) and the PC 832 Certificate from Commission on POST.



VETERAN'S DAY

The AJ Dept., along with the ASG, coordinated an event to recognize our IVC Veterans (students & employees). Military recruiters were available to answer questions regarding education and career opportunities in the military. They also held a cake cutting ceremony in celebration of the US Marine Corps. Birthday.

EMS & Fire Tech Department

FIRE TECHNOLOGY

In June 2014, the Imperial County Fire Dept. hired all seven (7) of the new reserve firefighters that graduated that same month in June!

Child, Family, and Consumer Sciences Department

SUMMER CAMP

The CFCS Dept. held a [Summer Camp](#), which provided creative and fun activities that included science, cooking, crafts, storytelling, and much more, to children ages 2 to 7.

Apprenticeships



After successful completion of the IID/IVC apprenticeship program, Christopher Land, Miguel Guebara, Lorenzo Garcia, became journeymen! Congratulations!

Industrial Technology Department FORKLIFT



A forklift was acquired by several Industrial Technology programs that will be able to utilize it as part of their instructional activities.

AWS REGIONAL MEETING



Gonzalo Huerta and 2 welding students attended the American Welding Society (AWS) regional meeting at AZ Western College. This activity represents our efforts to work within our regional, State, and national organizations to help fulfill our students' global experiences in their field of choice.

AWS Article →

http://www.awssection.org/awciwts/c/full_article/ndt_atl_inc_february_18_2014_event_summary

WELDING TECHNOLOGY LAB

Mike Peterson, Field Ironworkers Apprenticeship & Training Program Coordinator, attended a recent Welding Technology Program Advisory Committee meeting. There will be further discussion on the possibility of making the Welding Technology Lab available to the ironworkers union for local training.

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Article →

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ICOE RECOGNITION

Jose Lopez (ITEC) was recognized by the Imperial County Office of Education (ICOE) Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Program for his work with them.

Community Services

SISTER EVELYN MOUREY CENTER DEDICATION

The Sister Evelyn Mourey Center, located in the Posada del Sol Apartments had a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the growth of its services. One of the services that the center now provides is a variety of classes: classes that include citizenship, cake decorating, computer literacy, and ESL. Dean Efrain Silva assisted in the expansion of classes that are provided in this low-income area, to community members that may not have an opportunity to take such classes elsewhere. IVC now teaches non-credit basic computer literacy there.

IVPress Article → [Sister Evelyn Mourey Center](#)

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Non-credit Citizenship classes continue to be offered to the community in Brawley.

New CTE Buildings



A Ribbon Cutting ceremony was held on May 1st for the two new CTE buildings.

Ribbon Cutting Picture Gallery →

<http://gallery.imperial.edu/CTE-Buildings-Ribbon-Cutting-Ceremony>

Classes began being offered in these buildings in the fall 2014. One building includes the public safety programs (EMT, Fire Tech, AJ, Corrections, and POST). The other includes industrial technology programs (Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration, Alternative/Renewable Energy, Building Constructional Technology, Electrical Wiring, Electronics, & Welding Technology). The Economic & Workforce Development Division Office is also housed in the Industrial Technology building.

Outreach

IVC CAREER FAIR & COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY DAY

On October 9th, IVC held its annual Career Fair & College/University Day in the DePaoli Sports Complex (gym). Schools from all over the Imperial Valley brought their students to this event. Students learned about IVC programs and services. They also met with reps from a variety of colleges & universities.

IVPress Article → [IVC Career Fair/C&U Day](#)

COUNTY OF IMPERIAL HEALTH & BENEFITS FAIR

On October 22nd, the EWD Division participated in the Imperial County Health Fair to provide information on our programs and services to County employees and retirees.

SB70

YOUNG LATINA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The MANA of Imperial Valley, in partnership with IVC's SB 70 Outreach Programs, hosted the 2014 [Young Latina Leadership Conference](#) on Saturday, November 15th at IVC. About 200 8th and 9th grade Latina students participated in activities and workshops that promoted college and career readiness, leadership development, career exploration, the STEM field, and on the "hermanitas" mentoring programs.

National Science Foundation Grant (Alternative Energy)

An Alternative Energy-Solar Technology certificate program has been approved for 14-15. It includes courses relating to solar energy and alternative energies.

Rick Johnson, Principal Investigator for the NSF Grant, organized a presentation to a group of technical institutions throughout Baja CA.

Perkins Title IC CTEA Grant

The Economic & Workforce Development Office received a total of \$263,362 for the following CTE programs: CIS, Electronics, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration, Auto Tech, Building Construction, Welding Tech, EMT-Paramedics, Child Development, AJ, Corrections, POST, Fire Tech, and activities across CTE programs.

Some of the activities completed during the 1st and 2nd quarters include professional development, purchase of instructional supplies and equipment, and partial funding of a Special Populations counselor, etc.

State Energy Resources Grant

The Economic & Workforce Development Office acquired \$100,000 of State Energy Resources Grant to fund the Automotive Technology program. Funds will be used to purchase equipment, such as a hybrid vehicle simulator, alternative fuel conversion kits, biodiesel and methanol makers, etc.

CTE Enhancement Funds

The Economic & Workforce Development Office just received approval for over \$155,000 to fund the following Career Technical Education (CTE) programs: Automotive Technology, Cisco CCNA Discovery (Networking), Licensed Vocational Nursing, Registered Nursing, and Welding Technology. These funds will be used primarily for the procurement of instructional equipment.

CTE FAIR

A Career Technical Education (CTE) Fair & Campus Tour was held on campus for middle school students. About 400 middle school students from Imperial Valley, and were also able to visit the Planetarium. The CTE SB70 program helps these young students think about their future career and college.

News Video → <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsO4KxLh3Hs>

Regional Consortium

GOODBYE,

MICHELLE TURNER!

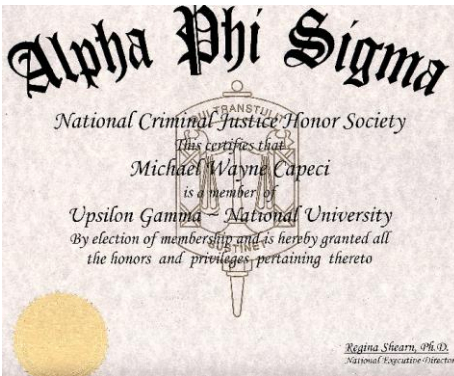
We will surely miss Michelle Turner, who has been the Program Coordinator for the San Diego/Imperial Counties (SDIC) Regional Consortium for many years, and has recently announced her resignation. We wish her lots of luck with her new endeavors!

Article → [Investing in America's Future: A Blueprint for Transforming Career and Technical Education. By the US Dept. of Education.](#)

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

Congratulations!

MASTER'S DEGREE



Michael Capeci (Administration of Justice) earned his Master's Degree in Criminal Justice! It's such a joy to see our own employees proving that they believe in higher education. It serves as a great example to our students to never stop learning! We are very proud of your accomplishments!



MAYOR OF EL CENTRO



Efrain Silva, Dean of EWD, is now, once again, the new Mayor of El Centro!

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INCUSSES AWARD



Ed Wells (POST) earned the IVC Faculty Incusses Award, which recognizes faculty members who made an extraordinary contribution to student success and learning.

PRESIDENT'S EXCELLENCE AWARD



Dr. Martha Garcia (Special Programs) earned the IVC President's Excellence Award, which recognizes employees who continuously contribute to the effective delivery of services throughout the campus community and personifies the core value of IVC when interacting with the campus community and beyond.

ABCD AWARD



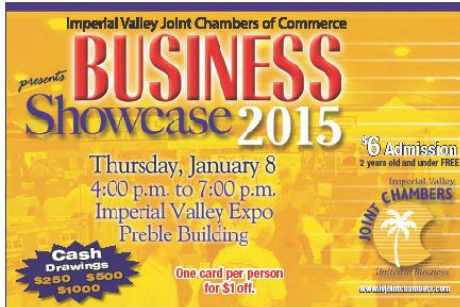
Linda Amidon (Academic Services) and Patricia Robles (Economic & Workforce Development) earned the IVC Above and Beyond the Call of Duty (ABCD) Award, which recognizes employees who demonstrate positive and professional interaction with others and willingly demonstrate performance beyond what is expected.

Local

Upcoming Events

IVC Athletics/Sports Games:

<http://www.imperial.edu/courses-and-programs/athletics/>



Business Showcase, Thursday, January 8, 2015, IV Expo, Imperial

First day of IVC Spring Semester, February 17, 2015

Mid-Winter Fair February 27 – March 8, 2015, IV Expo, Imperial

Renewable Energy Summit, March 11-13, 2015, Winterhaven

Annual Career Technical Education (Applied Sciences) Expo, April 2015 TBD, IVC (in front of 2700 building), Imperial

Child Development Promotion Ceremonies, June 2015 TBD, IVC Preschool and Infant/Toddler Care Center, Imperial

POST Graduation, June 2015 TBD, IVC Gymnasium, Imperial

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Part-Time Faculty and Consultants

The EWD Division also has a large list of part-time faculty and consultants that are not named here. We'd like to thank them for being part of our team.

