TO: Kathleen F. Burke, Chancellor, and Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Glenn R. Roquemore, PhD, President

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SUBJECT: President’s Report for the August 26, 2019 Board of Trustees Meeting

Irvine Valley College President’s Fall 2019 Opening Session
On August 13, President Roquemore hosted his annual fall opening session as part of the Faculty Professional Development Week. His session, entitled Building Bridges for Our Students emphasized IVC’s commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Following breakfast, President Roquemore provided updates on Guided Pathways, college accomplishments and other campus-wide activities. His session also featured keynote speakers, Shaun R. Harper, PhD, Executive Director of the Race and Equity Center & Chair in Urban Leadership at the University of Southern California and Audrey Dow, MA, Senior Vice President for the Campaign for College Opportunity.

IVC Executive Director elected to Board of Directors for the Network of California Community College Foundations, (Network)
Elissa Oransky, Executive Director of the IVC Foundation, has been elected to serve a 3-year term on the Network of California Community College Foundations (Network) Board of Directors. The Network is a professional association representing over 80% of the executive directors and advancement professionals dedicated to advancing the missions of the California Community Colleges.

IVC Sets Student on a Path to Columbia
IVC student Paul Lee graduated with honors this past spring and will move to New York to attend Columbia University in the fall. Paul’s story is one that involves struggling to keep up with his competitive high school academic program, pursuing a modeling career in Korea after graduation, and returning back to Irvine to begin taking classes at IVC. Paul credits IVC with being the place where he found his confidence and stepped out of his comfort zone to pursue the next step he had always dreamed of. During his time at IVC he secured an internship with Wonum, a Korean entertainment company, where he used his skills to create algorithms designed to produce data sets in a time efficient manner for his bosses. He plans to study financial economics and math at Columbia.
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ICV Psi Beta Chapter and Students win National Awards
The IVC chapter of Psi Beta, the Psychology Honor Society, won the Chapter Excellence Award for 2018-2019. The team scored a 15 on the rating scale which exceeded the minimum of 10 points required to qualify for national recognition. Student Natalie Tucker, won first place for her research paper titled, “The Examination between Accuracy in Personality Judgements and Perceptions of Closeness.” She received a check for $600 and a certificate. Student, Nicholas Wolf, tied for second place with his paper, “The Examination among Appreciation, Gratitude, and Happiness.” He received a check for $450 and a certificate. In addition to this, several IVC Psi Beta students were awarded with honorable mentions for their excellent research and received certificates. These students include Allie Amirault, Jocelyn Velazquez, Anife Nuriieva, Fatimah Zanana, Sarah Wang, Ashley T. Ngo, Lior Flint and Jasmin Navarrete.

Navy Veteran Student is an Engineering Success at IVC
Navy veteran, Zachariah Whitrock had nothing but positive things to say about the Veterans Services Center at IVC. In an interview featured on the California Community Colleges Career Education page, Whitrock raved about the “stellar support and resources” for veterans at IVC and expressed his gratitude to the staff for all of the help they have given him. He specifically thanked Certifying Official Ezekiel Hall who was responsible for helping Whitrock process his GI Bill. Whitrock attributes his success in his engineering degree program to the support he has received at IVC and refers to the Veterans Services Center as his “home away from home.”

ICV Participates in IUSD STEM Conference for Teachers
On July 10 and 11, Irvine Unified School District (IUSD) hosted their first STEM Conference. IVC professor of computer information management, Mike Salviani, presented with middle school teacher, Nga Le, and high school teacher, Tinh Tran, on the various STEM competitions that are available to K-12 students in the district. Professor Salviani highlighted the CyberPatriot, California Mayor’s Cup, and National...
Cyber League competitions. He also provided information on the Strong Workforce Grant given to IVC in order to train middle and high school students on cyber defense skills. IVC provides computer labs for the competitions so teams can be together and have reliable network connectivity.

Campus Wide Open Forums on Earthquake Education and Preparedness
On July 25 and August 15, President Roquemore, Davit Khachatryan, Jeff Hurlbut, and John Meyer shared seismological research information pertaining to this region including the causes for the recent earthquakes and the likelihood of a "Big One" hitting Southern California. Information was presented on earthquake preparedness, measures that the college has taken, and the things that faculty and staff could do to better prepare themselves for an earthquake.

2019 AACC Presidents Academy Summer Institute
President Roquemore recently attended the 2019 American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Presidents Academy Summer Institute (PASI), an annual professional development program for CEOs and presidents of member community colleges across the nation. President Roquemore has been a member of the AACC Presidents Academy Executive Committee for 6 years and represents the Pacific Region. As an executive committee member, he helped to plan and facilitate the intensive three-day institute held in Atlanta which was designed to provide concentrated focus on current challenges, emerging trends, and opportunities unique to these positions. The institute focused on issues of critical importance to success in the role of the community college president, providing a mix of content experts and interaction around related case studies that result in the development/acquisition of ready-to-use skill sets that participants can apply back at their respective campuses. The institute also provided opportunities for newer presidents to develop mentor-mentee relationships with more seasoned presidents, focusing on immediate challenges and opportunities that these presidents are facing on their campuses.
IVC names Athletes of the year for the 2018-2019 school year
Indoor and beach volleyball player, Lea Kruse, and baseball player, Kyle Dobson have been selected as IVC’s athletes of the year for the 2018-2019 school year as part of the athletic department’s 19th Annual Awards. Kruse was named Most Valuable Player of the Orange Empire Conference during both the indoor volleyball season in the fall and the beach season in the spring. Kruse helped lead IVC to conference titles in both seasons.

Dobson, a freshman left fielder, was named first team all-Orange Empire Conference after a stellar year. He played in all 40 of the games for IVC and led the Lasers with a .395 batting average, 62 hits, eight doubles, and 38 RBI. He had the team-best .476 on base percentage and led the team in walks (23). Dobson helped IVC finish with a 20-19-1 record.

Irvine Valley College Beach Volleyball team receives 2018-2019 AVCA Team Academic Award
Last month, the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) awarded the IVC beach volleyball team with the 2018-2019 AVCA Team Academic Award. The team, led by Tom Pestolesi, met the standards of the award by matching their dedication to the sport of volleyball with academic excellence. Congratulations to all!

Irvine Valley College Sports named as honoree by American Volleyball Coaches Association
The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) mentioned Irvine Valley sports information as an honoree during their year-end media awards for its coverage of beach volleyball during the 2018-2019 spring semester. The mention was made in the Two-Year College beach category. The IVC women’s beach volleyball team finished the school year tied for third at the California Community College Athletic Association State Championship in May. They ended the year with an overall record of 17-8 and won the Orange Empire Conference with a mark of 10-0 under coach Tom Pestolesi. In addition to this, four pairs reached the state championship.