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DIPLOMATIC AGENDA

Political science major Sally Lorenz is intensely focused on one goal - to change the world. Her passion for international goodwill developed while traveling with her family in Europe, Canada, Central and South America. “I want to change the world and make it a better place for humanity,” she says. Her future plans include aspirations of attending Georgetown University’s law school; working for the United Nations in the International Criminal Court or International Court of Justice; and, of course, traveling. “I’m happiest while I’m traveling,” she notes. “Travel allows me to experience life at its fullest and grow in ways I never dreamed possible.”

As president of the Saddleback College Model United Nations team, Lorenz has a great start in reaching her goal. Under her leadership, the team of 12 members won the “Distinguished Delegation” award for its representation of Doctors Without Borders at the 2005 National Model United Nations Conference in New York City.

SEEING DOUBLE

Once extraordinary, the number of twins are fast becoming a more “ordinary” sight. With the help of science, multiple birth rates have gone up from 11.5% in 1985 to 35.4% in 1999. Saddleback College currently has a number of twins enrolled. Meet two sets.

Ashley and Megan Lencek: Identical
While Megan says, “It’s great, you have a permanent study buddy, and your best friend is always there,” Ashley expresses that, “People look at us as one, rather than individually.” Both are very involved on campus and in the community. Megan feels that being identical is harder than being a fraternal twin because “fraternal are often of the opposite sex and are looked at more individually.” After graduating, both will be pursuing English at a university. If offered the opportunity they would like to transfer together. As Megan mentioned, “We share everything. It would be difficult to split clothes up.”

Kia and Kyle Maremont: Fraternal
After attending UC Santa Barbara for a year, Kia decided that she was not ready to be so far from home and enrolled at Saddleback College – where Kyle was already attending. They have never taken a course together and rarely see each other. Kyle is looking to major in criminology and plans to transfer to CSU Fullerton. Kia plans on transferring this fall back to UC Santa Barbara or UC San Diego, majoring in communications.

UNCHARTED WATERS

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**CHAMPIONSHIP ATHLETICS**
State championships, conference titles, all-conference players, all-conference coaches. Football, baseball, golf, basketball, volleyball, diving, swimming, tennis, track and field, badminton are just a few of the outstanding athletic programs available at SC and IVC. Counselors have specialized knowledge to advise student athletes about individual transfer requirements.

**HONORS**
If you’re motivated, Honors Programs help you develop superior academic skills. Benefits include mentoring by professors, small class sizes, priority registration, and special transfer opportunities. You can hang out with cool people in IVC’s Alpha Omega Mu and SC’s Alpha Gamma Sigma, chapters of the international Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

**SAVE YOUR MONEY FOR LATER**
IVC and SC want you to succeed. Plenty of scholarships and financial aid are available to you. THEN, the Colleges give away hundreds of thousands in scholarships to help you when you transfer to universities and four year colleges.

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**Annual Estimated Costs for Undergraduates Attending**
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Sources: California Community Colleges: [www.cccco.edu/faq_colleges.htm](http://www.cccco.edu/faq_colleges.htm)

*The costs will be even higher when you add in room and board!*

**PINNACLE of ACHIEVEMENT**
The Alpha Omega Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is one of IVC’s busiest and most prestigious organizations. The chapter received the 2004 Pinnacle Gold Scholarship Award from the national society and was named in the Top 25 Chapters in Scholarship and the Top 100 Chapters overall at the 2005 International Convention.

On a very rainy day, Neema Barbod (pictured above) led the chapter’s early voting project in coordination with the Orange County Register of Voters. Other chapter projects included the American Cancer Society Walk for Life and volunteering at Hoag Hospital’s cancer unit.

**LIFE OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM**
There is student government, award-winning Model United Nations Teams and the award-winning Speech and Debate Team.

There is theatre, dance, music and speakers. The campuses are alive with clubs to meet every interest—sports medicine, astronomy, Republicans, Democrats, journalism, ceramics, interior design, poetry, administration of justice—to name just a few. There are study abroad programs to Spain, China and Australia – to name just a few.

Eighteen-year-old IVC freshman Vanessa Dominguez is using basketball to obtain an education. Dominguez comes from a family where athletics are a family affair, but pursuing a higher education is more important. She sees education as an essential step to achieving her goals. “You never know where life is going to take you and education always backs you up,” she says. One possible career path she is considering is sports medicine.

Dominguez is comfortable at IVC. “The people are friendly and the teachers are always willing to help you.” For her, IVC is an environment where she can concentrate on basketball, yet stay balanced with academics. She was recently selected as an All-Orange Empire Conference first team player and is one of the leading scorers in the state. Her basketball skills and talent could lead to a scholarship with a top university. Dominguez says no matter what happens with her basketball career, she will still pursue her goal of a college education. “I won’t give up on that.”

**Verbal Gladiator**
After several years in an entry level office job, Shaun O’Neil (far left) signed up for beginning piano. Soon after he was taking an international relations class, then receiving an invitation to join the prestigious debate team. It wasn’t long after that he found himself in the captain’s seat.

According to O’Neil, joining the debate team was “the glue that set everything in motion.” Also, this past year he was elected President of the Associated Students of IVC, a position he felt was a good next step after leading the debate team. Both activities provided him with preparation for a career in politics because of the verbal sparring and leadership skills he honed in each position.

O’Neil plans to attend the University of Washington this fall to study international relations and economics. As the student speaker of the Class of 2005, he told his classmates, “IVC gives you a chance to reinvent yourself. Think about your future. You’re going to spend a lot of time there.”