South Orange County Community College District, the region’s first public institution for higher education, proudly serves the 26 growing communities of South Orange County. Since 1967, Saddleback College in Mission Viejo and, since 1979, Irvine Valley College in Irvine have provided higher education opportunities to hundreds of thousands of students.

The “community” in Community Colleges signifies that our programs reflect the dynamic economy and demographics of Orange County. Our students pursue e-commerce, aquatic science, construction inspection, culinary arts, real estate, nursing and EMT/paramedic programs, to name just a few. Our Colleges serve the local business community with customized training for employees and an array of relevant community education courses. A new instructional site will open in Tustin in 2005 at the former Marine Air Corps Station. The Advanced Technology and Education Park (ATEP) will feature high-technology programs such as homeland security, rapid prototype manufacturing, and product design.

Many of our students earn associate degrees and successfully transfer to prestigious four-year colleges and universities around the nation. Even more students attend our Colleges to sharpen their job skills or earn specialized training certificates and degrees, then enter the workforce directly. One-third of our 38,000-plus students are older adults in pursuit of lifelong learning in credit and non-credit classes.

In this report you will learn about our students and dedicated faculty and staff, and why we take pride in the excellence of our institutions of higher education.

Raghu P. Mathur, Ed.D. 
Chancellor
mission

THE SOUTH ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT provides learning, cultural and social enrichment opportunities to the community, and prepares its residents for successful living and responsible citizenship in a rapidly changing local, national and global environment.

Access is made available through Saddleback College in Mission Viejo and Irvine Valley College in Irvine to accredited, cost-effective, rigorous, high-quality degree and certificate programs. These programs and opportunities promote critical thinking, intellectual growth, lifelong learning and student success.

Through the development and implementation of the master plan, the District provides leadership, educational services and resources to ensure that all students will have an equal opportunity to pursue and achieve their educational goals.

THE FIVE MAJOR COMPONENTS OF THE MISSION EMBRACED BY THE DISTRICT ARE:

1. prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges/universities
2. prepare students for employment
3. promote regional economic development through community partnerships for the benefit of the students
4. educate students in the areas of basic skills including technology
5. offer community education programs and services.
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

- AA/AS Degrees: 1,604
- Graduates with Honors: 272
- Certificates: 455

EMPLOYEES

- Full-time: 806
- Part-time: 1,746

ACCOMPLISHED FACULTY

- Full-time Faculty: 300
- Doctoral Degrees: 85
- Masters Degrees: 294

REVENUES

- Total: $143,852,668
- Beginning Fund Balance: $21,138,192
- State: $8,740,904 (6%)
- Local: $113,973,572 (79%)

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

- Total: $138,985,331
- Administrative Costs: $6,153,332 (4.42%)
- Student Support Services: $25,443,520 (18.46%)
- Direct Services to Students: $69,387,168 (50.65%)
partnerships between our colleges and the community

GROUNDBREAKING ONLINE
The online services available to the students of Saddleback and Irvine Valley Colleges are at the forefront in higher education today. The award-winning MySite web portal is a unique full-featured service that allows students not only to enroll in classes easily but—with just a few clicks of the mouse—have their textbooks delivered directly to their homes. While in-person and phone registration are still available, the numerous services offered through MySite have virtually eliminated the need to stand in long lines on campus.

NATIONAL WINNING STREAK
The District Speech and Debate Team won the 2004 Pacific Southwest Collegiate Forensics Association Sweepstakes. Among Community Colleges, the team was unbeaten, finishing the season in first place nationwide. The win capped a brilliant season for the debaters, who also won the sweepstakes trophy at the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship for the third consecutive year. The team is directed by IVC Professor Gary Rybold and Saddleback College Professor Larry Radden. The team hosted the British and Chinese debate teams this year.

KEEPING OUR HOMELAND SAFE
The Colleges have assumed a leadership role in Orange County’s efforts to keep our homeland safe. Drawing leaders from the ranks of higher education, business, government, and the military, an unprecedented 70 members serve on the Homeland Security Advisory Committee. The Colleges have developed and are offering courses in response to the three strategic objectives of the National Strategy for Homeland Security: reduce communities’ vulnerability to terrorism, minimize the damage and recover from attacks that do occur, and prevent terrorist attacks. Behind the scenes of this exciting new initiative from Irvine Valley and Saddleback Colleges are dynamic partnerships with California State University, Fullerton, and the University of California, Irvine.

NEW CAMPUS FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES
The city of Tustin conveyed 68.37 acres of land, buildings and a 46,000 square-foot helicopter hanger from the former Marine Base to the District. In the fall of 2005 the Advanced Technology and Education Park (ATEP), a collaborative effort between Irvine Valley and Saddleback Colleges, will open as a new instructional site. The first complex will feature high-technology labs for model making and rapid prototyping, laser optics, classrooms and computer lab, and space for a regional homeland security program. Discussions are in progress with other two- and four-year educational institutions and businesses to develop curriculum and partnerships. The city of Tustin plans to surround ATEP with regional parks, housing, commercial businesses, a research park, a conference center, and a hotel.
DEMOGRAPHICS

Overview

Founded in 1967, Saddleback College is now one of the largest of California’s 109 Community Colleges, with a student population of about 25,000, up from the first freshman class of 1,546. Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Saddleback College is a comprehensive two-year institution of higher education which offers 140 programs leading to an associate degree in both academic and occupational subjects, and career education certificate programs.

Located on a 200-acre hillside campus in Mission Viejo, Saddleback College is treasured by the community. The celebrated performing arts programs have an international reputation and sold-out shows. The Community Education program provides every member of the family with opportunities for learning, from infants as young as two months, to those sharpening job skills, to others just wanting to learn for enjoyment. Thousands of older adults attend Emeritus Institute classes held throughout the community and at Leisure World in Laguna Woods. There are more than 40 off-campus sites throughout Mission Viejo and the neighboring communities of Aliso Viejo, Dana Point, Ladera Ranch, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Rancho Santa Margarita, San Clemente, and San Juan Capistrano.

While the College is widely regarded in the region for its health sciences programs, it is equally well known for its 18 intercollegiate athletic teams which have garnered more than 100 conference, state, and regional titles. A vibrant study-abroad program provides students with semester-long learning experiences in other countries, most recently in Oxford, England, and Salamanca, Spain. There are more than 50 campus clubs for students of all interests to get involved in—everything from ceramics, journalism, and interior design to poetry.

Our success is best measured by the success of our alumni in their academic pursuits, in the professional world and in their everyday lives. Saddleback College is one of California’s top Community Colleges with a continuing reputation for excellence that attracts the highest quality of students, faculty and staff.

Richard D. McCullough, Ph.D.
President
A Healthy Dose for Orange County

Anyone in Orange County who has received care from a nurse or has been treated by a paramedic has probably met a Saddleback College graduate.

The Associate Degree Nursing program consistently produces graduates who exceed stringent requirements. The program had a 96% pass rate on the State Licensing Exam this year, far above national and state averages. Saddleback College is the only program in California to pioneer the TeleEd classroom connecting campus classes to local hospital classrooms at Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian, University of California, Irvine (UCI) Medical Center, and Saddleback Memorial.

Since 1988, Saddleback College has been the only public provider of paramedic training in Orange County. The program has, to date, a 100% placement rate and very nearly a 100% pass rate on the National Licensing Exam.

Published Authors

Rarely do students have an opportunity to publish their research findings, and even more rarely in their freshman and sophomore years. The Saddleback Journal of Biology encourages students to submit their articles for juried review and then publication. Twenty articles were published in the spring volume on a wide range of topics including gender-related heart rate differences by Portia Corrales; effects of Red Bull and Gatorade on blood pressure by Sahar Iranipour and Sanam Salour; and the transpiration rate in monocots and dicots by Melody Asgari, Shabnam Majidian Azar, and Gisele Fassimo. The Journal is distributed to college and university libraries.

Saddleback College students also publish articles, poetry, essays, works of fiction, artwork and photography in Wall, A Literary Journal, Orange Appeal magazine, and The Lariat student newspaper.

To Be A Nurse

After nearly 20 years as a respiratory therapist, Cindy Stocking decided to return to school for a nursing degree. “The faculty motivates you to learn and work hard, and the nursing program’s reputation is outstanding.”

Ms. Stocking will be one of 47 nursing students graduating December 2004. She takes great pride in the nursing program and her hard work. She balances her job as a respiratory therapist with school and her role as wife and mother. Her 19-year-old daughter, Jennifer, is a sophomore at Irvine Valley College, and 7-year-old Jessica is in second grade. Stocking says organization is key, along with knowing when to take a break to spend time with her family.
Gauchos Can Swing!

The men’s baseball team captured its first state championship. This is the 21st state athletic title for Saddleback College. The women’s golf team won the state championship, and the men’s golf team won its sixth consecutive Orange Empire Conference title.

College is Elementary

Where can kids go to college? The Community Education program served 10,941 students this year—including 3,273 children. “College for Kids” classes give children ages seven to 15 a chance to study subjects from reading and math to acting and stage makeup. Adult classes, the largest component of the program, are geared to a variety of interests from starting a new business to learning new dance steps. There’s even a “boot camp” series for computer instruction.

All That Jazz

Celebrating 25 years on the air, KSBR held its annual KSBR All-Star Birthday Bash at Mission San Juan Capistrano. Musician Tony Guerrero once again emceed the music fest which brought together a lineup of more than 30 renowned vocalists and instrumentalists. Each concert is a once-in-a-lifetime event, and the list of past Birthday Bash artists is a virtual who’s who of contemporary jazz musicians. The event has sold out each of the past seven years even before the full lineup was announced.

A Lifetime of Learning

Art exhibits, sold-out holiday and spring chorale performances, standing-room-only classes, and a program-of-the-year award are a few of the highlights this year of the Saddleback College Emeritus Institute for older adults. The Seniors Housing Council SAGE (Senior Achievement and General Excellence) Program of the Year Award was presented to the Saddleback College Emeritus Institute in recognition of its far-reaching accomplishments and contributions.

Courses address a wide range of interests. “Current Issues” consistently ranks as one of the most popular classes; and 92-year-old Mildred Landecker, who teaches various topics in music, is among the most popular instructors. This year, the Institute’s most senior student, 104-year-old Anna Melchoir, studied the history of Orange County.

Classes are offered in more than 25 off-campus sites including retirement communities, senior centers, churches and community centers.
Lighting Up the Stage

With an international reputation and significant regional presence, the Visual and Performing Arts programs truly light up the Orange County arts scene. Outstanding theatre productions and performances by the Big Band, Jazz Lab Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Master Chorale and Symphony Orchestra, among others, are testaments to fine academic programs.

Each summer, everything shifts into overdrive when the Saddleback Civic Light Opera (SCLO) produces sold-out Broadway musicals and West Coast premieres. SCLO gives students opportunities to be mentored by professional actors, directors, choreographers and top theatrical technicians and designers from across the country. The popular Midsummer Cabaret Series features an array of well-known cabaret and Broadway performers. The Just for Kids Series treats children of all ages to the magic of theatre and other culturally enriching programs.

The professional Performing Arts programs, International Guest Arts Series and SCLO are self-funded through ticket sales, grants, and donations. Over 1,000 “Angels” donate to the programs and volunteer their time to create the total patron experience from ushering and driving the tram, to staffing intermission activities.

Professional artists are brought to campus as part of the International Guest Artist Series to perform and give master classes to students. Of particular note this year was a performance and master class by the Brazilian Guitar Quartet. A new jazz education series was inaugurated, featuring master classes and performances by well-known pianist Walter Norris, tenor saxophonist James Moody, and soprano saxophonist Dave Liebman. All were filled to capacity.

After the final Nutcracker performance in December 2004, the 400-seat McKinney Theatre will be undergoing a $2 million makeover. Students will then have the opportunity to learn on state-of-the-art equipment used by professionals in the industry, and the patron experience will be even more dramatic, heightened by new sound and lighting systems.

Conducting Leadership

“I love watching the light bulb go on above students’ heads as they put the pieces together and understand new ideas in a way they had never previously imagined.”

Academic Senate President Carmen Dominguez, Ph.D., is also Director of Instrumental Music at Saddleback College. She conducts the Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble and oversees the Musical Theatre Studies program. She has been the music director and conductor for the College’s musical theatre productions for the past nine years.

A music educator for over two decades, Dr. Dominguez finds time for other creative endeavors including serving as music consultant to the Los Angeles Philharmonic “First Night” Concert Series.
An Education of Convenience

For those who cannot fit a normal classroom education into their hectic schedules, 82 Distance Education courses offer an alternative. Students can access classes on Cox Cable Channel 39, over the Internet, on CD-ROM, via live cable broadcast, and at KSBR, 88.5 FM radio. Enrollment in the College's Distance Education courses has seen 30% growth this year.

SOLD!

Saddleback College is meeting the ever-changing needs of the community with its pioneer Real Estate program, a mix of distance education and on-campus learning. Half of the classes in the program are offered online, the other half in the classroom. On-campus classes are scheduled nights and weekends to accommodate students with full-time jobs. An accelerated “zip track” program is available for those who need to complete courses in less than 16 weeks.

The hybrid program allows for optimum utilization of classroom time, greater graduate numbers, and doubled efficiency. Partnerships with industry leaders ensure that subject matter is up to date. “Teaser” classes offered through the Community Education program and taught by the Real Estate faculty increase enrollment for both programs.

The program has grown consistently in the last decade and, with the burgeoning Orange County real estate market, is now experiencing phenomenal growth. Thanks to the Internet, students around the world can access the program. Students range in age from teenagers in high school to seniors in their 80’s.

Around the World

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Annual Events
The Foundation holds events throughout the year to raise money for programs and scholarships. The Western Gala Chuck Wagon Dinner and silent auction for 240 guests raised $39,000, which was in turn given to College departments for their programs. The Foundation and the Saddleback College Track and Field program jointly sponsored the 5th Annual Master’s Meet in March. More than 125 athletes participated in the track and field events to raise funds for student scholarships and track and field equipment. An annual golf tournament rounded out the fundraising events.

Total Scholarships
The Foundation awarded a total of $309,000 in scholarships. Awards were presented at a special ceremony in May to over 200 students.

Alumni Association
The Saddleback College Alumni Association recruited 75 new members to its 300-plus membership roster. The Association hosted a barbeque to celebrate Homecoming; the 4th Annual Commencement Rehearsal, Alumni Barbeque, and Transfer Celebration; and the Gaucho Gallop 5K/10K and Kids’ Mini Trot.

Champions
The Foundation initiated “CHAMPION Saddleback College,” a fundraiser encouraging staff and faculty to contribute to their favorite College programs and scholarships. Over $23,446 was raised for College programs, $17,031 of which was for scholarships. The Foundation matched employee contributions fifty cents on the dollar.

Raising Capital
Saddleback College Foundation initiated the Teaching Tomorrow’s Lifesavers campaign to raise $2 million to equip the new Health Sciences building. Individuals, foundations and businesses have donated $300,000 so far for equipment, supplies and technology to educate and train health-care professionals. Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach donated $100,000; Hill-Ron, $100,000-plus in medical equipment; and Cox Communications, $25,000.
IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1979 AS A SATELLITE CAMPUS—Saddleback College North—and quickly distinguished itself for its high quality of instruction and small-college atmosphere. In 1985 it was accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and assumed its current name. Since its founding, IVC has established a reputation for academic excellence.

The College offers a comprehensive curriculum, from the traditional liberal arts and sciences to the study of advanced technologies. Students may choose among 60 associate degree majors, including university studies in preparation for transfer, and 35 career and technical certificate programs. The College supports 25 student clubs for every interest from administration of justice to yoga. Eighteen off-campus class sites serve Emeritus students throughout Irvine and surrounding communities.

While the first class on the 100-acre campus numbered only 2,600 students, enrollment now exceeds 12,000. The fine arts program will take center stage in a new $22 million Performing Arts Center and Theatre in 2006, and a new Business, Technology and Innovation Center will soon break ground.

IVC serves a sophisticated community which includes seven area high schools; the University of California at Irvine; and the Irvine Spectrum, a modern, planned complex with one of the highest concentrations of high technology, manufacturing, business, finance and retail in California.

Glenn R. Roquemore, Ph.D.
President
Honors Program Offers New Opportunities

Reinstituted two years ago with only eight courses, the Honors Program now includes 38 courses across academic disciplines. Under the guidance of Honors Director and Math Professor Dorothy Sherling, the program has developed an “honors-to-honors” transfer agreement with California State University, Fullerton, which guarantees admission into the university’s Honors Business Program. IVC is a member of the Honors Transfer Council of California which links Community College honors scholars throughout the state. Students completing IVC’s Honors Program enjoy enhanced transfer consideration at partner campuses, guaranteed or priority acceptance, special scholarships, housing priority, and a range of other academic and social benefits such as library privileges even before transfer.

Future Diplomats

Look no further than Irvine for the nation’s future diplomats. The IVC Model United Nations team is a top international competitor. The team won awards at the Ninth Annual West Coast Model United Nations Conference in San Francisco, triumphing over powerhouse universities Harvard, Stanford, Florida State, West Point and nearly 21 other four-year schools. The team won the Most Outstanding Delegation Award at the American West Model United Nations in Las Vegas and the Golden Bear award at the UC Berkeley Model United Nations Conference, where they were recognized as a California Delegation of Great Distinction. This is only the second time that the recognition has been won by a Community College. The team also won an impressive six awards at the Pan-American Model United Nations.

Best of the Best

The Alpha Omega Mu Chapter of IVC’s Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society was awarded California’s top honor of Most Outstanding New Reactivated Chapter. IVC’s chapter of the international honor society was also acknowledged with the national Pinnacle Award, given each year to chapters that show significant membership growth in a year.

IVC PTK President Sumudu Weerasuriya, pictured, received the 2004 Distinguished Chapter President Award for her leadership. She was one of just 20 candidates worldwide who were recognized this year. Sumudu will attend UC Berkeley and plans to obtain a Ph.D. in English and teach at a Community College.
**Distance Learning Goes Global**

IVC is exploring new, long-range plans to use the latest technology for video conferencing in the classroom. The Debate Team has already held video conferences with a squad in China, 8,500 miles away. Envisioned are “hybrid” classes where students in a language class could tutor each other in their respective languages, both inside and outside the classroom environment.

IVC has added 23% more distance education courses this year, mostly in the business and social sciences. A $1.4 million campus-wide technology upgrade is under way, and by the end of 2004, IVC will be among the most technologically savvy Community Colleges in the state. A new generation Internet, which is touted as being ten times faster than the current Internet, will be implemented, making the delivery of IVC’s distance learning programs even faster.

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**Enriching Programs for International Students**

In 2004 the International Student Center moved into a new home with nearly four times the square footage of its previous location. IVC students from 52 different countries are able to use the resources of the center to obtain information about residency, academics and counseling—or just meet friends. Computers are available for accessing admissions, transfer, and academic information and multicultural services. The Center aids students entering IVC on an F-1 Student Visa.

To assist in the transition to a United States college, IVC Admissions and Records has published a comprehensive 32-page International Student Orientation Guide with information about admission, registration, immigration, on-campus employment, housing, and transfer requirements. In the wake of 9/11, the guide also helps students understand their rights and responsibilities while in the U.S. and provides advice on how to acclimate to a new campus environment.

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**A Winning Season for the Lasers**

The IVC women’s badminton team won its third consecutive state badminton title with a perfect 15-0 record. The team has remained undefeated after 46 straight matches. The powerhouse duo of Rulan Yeh and Rulien Yeh ended the season with their second consecutive state doubles title.

The men’s soccer team won the state soccer title and was named the number one Community College soccer team in the U.S. in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/Adidas National Poll.

The women’s volleyball team, in only their second ever appearance in the state tournament, reached the championship match for the first time.
Prehistoric to High Tech New Programs

Prehistoric: IVC was the recipient of a large collection of 15 million-year-old whale and other marine vertebrate fossils excavated during land development in Irvine. In Geology 14/Biology 14, students have the rare opportunity of learning how to prepare and curate the fossils.

High Tech: In response to post-9/11 industry demand for security networks and disaster recovery, IVC has been adding courses in networking security, protecting infrastructures, and wireless networking. In biology and anatomy classes, students can now dissect animals in a virtual environment using A.D.A.M. (Animated Dissection of Anatomy for Medicine) software. A.D.A.M. also provides a virtual window into the human body through which students can view cross-sections of human anatomy for study. In yet another venue, students who want to become certified professionals can go to IVC’s state-of-the-art Authorized Testing Center for certification in CCNA, A+, Cisco, Oracle, Novell, and other programs.

Emeritus Institute Growing by Leaps and Bounds

Over 3,300 students are enrolled in the IVC Emeritus Institute, up 100 percent in the last two years. They attend over 65 classes at 17 sites. One of the Institute’s most unique learning opportunities is acting or crewing for “The Heartbreak Café,” a comedy/drama that has run on cable television since 1997. Students produce three to four episodes each semester. Guest directors have included actors and crew members from such shows as “Will and Grace” and “Star Trek.”

Courses Reflect the Latest Headlines

Counter surveillance and computer espionage are now in the offing along with courses on scrapbooking, guitar, grant writing, and building supervisory skills. IVC community education courses are designed to quickly reflect the trends and changing needs of the community. Hundreds of online classes are offered every month. Certification-track programs such as Cisco and Microsoft, instructed by technological experts, can be tailored to specific business needs.

Pulitzer Nominee Dedicated to Students and Poetry

English Professor Michelle Mitchell-Foust, Ph.D., was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for her first book of poetry, Circassian Girls, published in 2001. Her second book of poetry, Imago Mundi, will be published in 2005. She is a founding member of the Casa Romantica Poetry series; an American Poet in Residence in Donegal, Ireland, since 1996; and recipient of several national poetry awards, including an Academy of American Poets Prize.
Saving the Environment and Money

What generates enough energy to power 100 homes, rid the environment each year of 1,303,251 pounds carbon dioxide, and annually conserve the equivalent of 1,778 barrels of crude oil? IVC began replacing 60s-era equipment with energy-saving and energy-producing components of its heating, ventilation and air-conditioning equipment. All told, the IVC retrofits will reduce pollution by the equivalent of planting 378 trees or removing 144 cars from the roads.

The highest cost-saving measure is solar panels on the roof of Hart Gymnasium to convert sunlight into electricity. Since the gym is in constant use, the field of 210 solar panels generating 58 kilo watts of free electricity will save as much as $1,000 a day. When all the new systems are on line in 2006, annual savings are estimated at almost $200,000, a 24 percent reduction. The $5.4 million retrofit will be offset by loans, grants, rebates and, of course, energy savings.

Keeping the Region Competitive

Orange County employs more than 250,000 workers in firms designated as “high technology clusters,” with most averaging 20 or fewer employees. Since 1998, the IVC Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT) has been a resource assistance center serving high-technology and manufacturing sectors. Programs include business plan development, lean manufacturing, laser technology, project management, enterprise resource planning (ERP), and inventory management. The Center is also a resource link to federal and state agencies.

2 + 2 = Pathway to Learning

Woodbridge High School in Irvine is partnering with IVC to prepare high school students who want to study digital graphic arts at the College. The high school has begun to tailor its curriculum and assist students in the development of a portfolio, thanks to a collaboration with IVC faculty. The partnership is projected to include a four-year university for students pursuing a degree in this fast-growing field.

Bringing a Lifetime of Experiences to the Classroom

Frank Pangborn served as a second lieutenant in the 1st Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam. He and his men lived in the jungle, which he describes as “every bit as hostile as the enemy.” Professor Pangborn, who teaches business and real estate at IVC, is also a singer/songwriter and author. His book, The Battle’s Over: A Vietnam Soldier’s Poems, is based on his Vietnam experience. He is also an actor and has been a guest star on programs such as “Murder She Wrote,” “Melrose Place,” and numerous daytime soaps.
Growing Inventors

After preliminary rounds involving more than 4,000 students from Irvine and Tustin Unified School Districts, over 350 elementary and middle school students competed in IVC’s 17th annual Astounding Inventions event. The top three winners—Joseph Chen from Vista Verde Elementary School, Anthony Lucido from Peters Canyon Elementary, and Haley Rogers from Vista Verde Elementary—got the day off from school and were taken by private limousine to NBC Studios in Burbank for “The Tonight Show with Jay Leno.” During their interviews with Leno the kids demonstrated their inventions in what turned out to be a hilarious comedy bit. The next competition will go international and include students from the Irvine Sister Cities of Tsukuba, Japan; Taoyuan, Taiwan; and Hermosillo, Mexico.

Underwriting Futures

Students received 210 scholarships totaling nearly $120,000 at the 19th Annual Scholarship Awards ceremony in May. They are part of a pool of IVC students who received almost $280,000 during the academic year. The Foundation administers the awards from donations that are made each year by IVC’s benefactors: area businesses, community and service organizations, and the faculty and staff at IVC. Three new awards were established this year: the Mikel Bistany Endowed Scholarship Fund ($8,264), awarded to disabled students and established in memory of Adaptive Physical Education instructor Mikel Bistany; the Countess Pease Jeffries Endowed Scholarship ($4,525), awarded to a re-entry, single-parent CARE student; and the Jim Schroeder Memorial Scholarship ($1,294), awarded to a student with financial need and established in memory of Marketing and Business instructor Jim Schroeder.

Bravo

Among those applauding the loudest at the December 2006 inaugural performance in the new Performing Arts Center and Theatre will be the IVC Foundation Board of Governors. They are working to raise $1 million to enhance the 53,207 square-foot facility, which will seat 400 on its main level and opera-house balcony. The center will include a costume shop, scene shop, and dressing rooms. Intended as a comprehensive learning environment for theatre and choral and instrumental music, the $22 million facility will replace the 1,594 square-foot existing theatre, which seats only 140.
communities served

- Aliso Viejo
- Capistrano Beach
- Coto De Caza
- Dana Point
- Dove Canyon
- East Santa Ana
- Emerald Bay
- Foothill Ranch
- Irvine
- Ladera Ranch
- Laguna Beach
- Laguna Hills
- Laguna Niguel
- Laguna Woods
- Lake Forest
- Las Flores
- Leisure World
- Mission Viejo
- Newport Beach
- Portola Hills
- Rancho Santa Margarita
- San Clemente
- San Juan Capistrano
- Trabuco Canyon
- Trabuco Highlands
- Tustin