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Meet VVC's Associated Student Body 2023 - 2024



Jennifer Weis, the ASB President and Student Trustee at VVC (Victor Valley College), envisions an improved campus life for students from diverse backgrounds. She aims to provide opportunities for students to engage in multicultural and LGBTQIA+ events while focusing on educational goals. Jennifer's plan involves addressing campus issues, particularly improving accessibility to student resources like the website, counseling services, and financial aid departments.

To engage traditionally uninvolved students, Jennifer employs a variety of communication methods. She utilizes social media platforms, traditional advertising techniques such as flyers and emails, and eye-catching vinyl banners displayed on campus buildings. Additionally, Jennifer reaches out to faculty, administration, and campus workers to foster inclusivity and create a sense of unity within the college community.

As a Student Services Senator in her freshman year, Jennifer gained valuable insights into the purpose and workings of ASB. As an Executive Senator, she further dedicated her time and efforts to supporting students and actively participating in campus initiatives. Jennifer Weis is currently pursuing a double major in English and Mathematics, highlighting her commitment to academic and personal growth.



Amber Herrera, a candidate for the role of ASB Vice President, believes in effective communication as a key aspect of leadership in a team setting. With a passion fueled by her family's struggles and sacrifices, Amber aims to make the most of her college opportunity by advocating for students and contributing to the progression of the campus. Her specific goal is to create a safe and empowering environment that reflects inclusivity across departments, clubs, events, and resources.

To ensure open lines of communication with the student body, Amber plans to cultivate a non-intimidating space where students feel comfortable expressing their concerns. By actively listening and encouraging students to voice their opinions in ASB meetings or at the ASB office, she aims to address their needs. Additionally, she intends to collaborate with campus departments to gain a better understanding of student and campus matters.

When it comes to goal-setting, Amber emphasizes the importance of teamwork in identifying campus improvements and implementing solutions. Evaluating progress will involve assessing each team member's contributions to the shared goals, considering the outcomes, and seeking feedback from students, faculty, and staff to gauge their experiences and thoughts. Amber Herrera is studying to become an ASL interpreter, reflecting her dedication to promoting accessibility and inclusivity within the college community.



Andreaia Stephen, a candidate running for the position of ASB Secretary, envisions a student body that is motivated to continuously improve their skills and contribute to the betterment of the college and their academic lives. By creating an environment where students feel comfortable sharing their ideas and goals, Andreaia aims to inspire their active participation and provide support to achieve the goals set by the ASB.

One of the challenges facing the student body at VVC, according to Andreaia, is finding the time to attend all meetings and activities. She plans to address this challenge by organizing her classes to allow for more free time, enabling her to fulfill her commitments and actively engage in ASB activities.

With prior leadership experience in a managerial role at a hotel, Andreaia emphasizes the value of collaboration and demonstrating care and support for others. She recounts a situation where an unsatisfied customer was addressed by actively listening to their complaints and finding a solution that satisfied both parties. This experience exemplifies her ability to handle conflict and strive for positive resolutions.

Andreaia Stephen is currently studying Sociology at VVC, and she looks forward to utilizing her skills and experiences to contribute to the success of the ASB as Secretary.

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Daniel Nelson, ASB Treasurer, brings a unique approach to leadership in a team setting. He believes in hearing everyone's voice and using his position as a leader to speak on behalf of the team. With a strong sense of responsibility, Daniel aims to meet the expectations of leadership and guide others effectively.

Motivated by a genuine desire to help the students on campus, Daniel actively participates in organizing events like the 9/11 ceremony and the Asian-Pacific Islander Month event.

When it comes to communication with the student body, Daniel emphasizes the importance of face-to-face interaction. He sees no reason for a disconnect between the student body and its elected officers, and aims to engage directly with students, actively listening to their concerns. He believes in sharing his goals with the ASB members, ensuring everyone is aligned and working together to accomplish shared objectives. To evaluate his progress, Daniel intends to keep detailed records or updates on the changes implemented on campus that contribute to the achievement of the ASB's goals.

Daniel Nelson is currently studying criminal justice with a minor in electronics. While originally pursuing a math major, his passion for serving in the police force redirected his academic focus. As the ASB Treasurer, Daniel brings his determination and commitment to contribute to the betterment of the campus community.



Richie Quiroga, ASB Activities Senator, brings a background and experiences that have prepared him for this leadership role. Having been involved in ASB in high school, where he planned various rallies and events, Richie's prior experience positions him well for the responsibilities of this position at the college level.

Richie's leadership style is characterized by seeking input from others and considering different ideas and perspectives. By involving the ASB council members and gathering input from the student body, he aims to make informed decisions that reflect the collective needs and desires of the student community.

Richie plans to actively engage in outreach. He will reach out to students and ask for their input on the events they want to see happening at the school. By actively listening and considering their suggestions, he aims to ensure their voices are heard and their preferences are represented.

Richie Quiroga is currently studying Liberal Arts and Humanities with aspirations of becoming an ASL Interpreter/Teacher. Richard brings his prior ASB experience, motivation to advocate for the student body, and commitment to open communication and collaboration.



Angelica Kate Howard, a dedicated and involved Pre-Nursing major at VVC, is the ASB Health Science Senator. With a passion for making a positive change on campus, Angelica's experiences and motivations position her well for this leadership role.

As the Activities Coordinator of the Pre-Health Scholars club, Angelica has honed her leadership skills and learned the importance of effective engagement and inclusivity within a group. Whether it's organizing community clean-ups or Veterans Day luncheons, she understands the significance of being directive while ensuring everyone feels comfortable and has the opportunity to contribute their opinions and ideas.

To engage and inspire others, Angelica emphasizes the importance of continued communication with students and translating their priorities into action. She plans to coordinate meetings to provide direct opportunities for students to voice their concerns and be listened to genuinely. By being accessible and volunteering her time in the ASB office, she aims to demonstrate to students that they have a positive influence on college well-being. Additionally, Angelica will advocate for new ideas and concerns by speaking up at ASB meetings and participating in participatory/shared governance committees.



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Hailey Reyes, a dedicated and motivated individual, is the ASB Student Services Senator. She has a strong desire to be a voice for the student body at her college. Hailey's leadership approach emphasizes collaboration, active listening, and equitable distribution of tasks to ensure everyone's contribution towards the common goal.

Aspiring to improve herself and foster a stronger connection with society, Hailey is driven by the opportunity to serve as a leader and provide a platform for students to be truly heard. Setting and measuring goals is an integral part of Hailey's approach to success. She emphasizes both short-term and long-term objectives, acknowledging that short-term goals can be achieved within weeks to a month, while long-term goals may require six months to a year of dedicated effort. Hailey understands the importance of milestones and the motivation they provide on the path to achievement.

In her academic pursuits, Hailey is currently majoring in Criminal Justice, with aspirations of graduating with a degree in Psychology as well. Her ultimate goal is to transfer into a criminology major and pursue a career as a criminologist or forensic psychologist. With her passion for advocacy, dedication to personal growth, and commitment to student well-being, Hailey Reyes is poised to make a significant impact as the ASB Student Services Senator.



Jacob McGuire, a Physics major at VVC, is the ASB Science Senator. McGuire has a clear vision and dedication to serving the student body. He believes in maintaining ASB as a representative council for the students and aims to be their voice by actively engaging in conversations and listening to their concerns and ideas. Recognizing the challenge of involving students who may not typically participate in student government, Jacob plans to proactively reach out to them, addressing their concerns and highlighting the benefits of getting involved. By initiating conversations and ensuring students are well-informed, he aims to encourage broader participation in school activities and events.

Identifying the primary challenge of making students feel comfortable and happy on campus, Jacob understands the role of ASB in ensuring representation and appreciation for all students. He recognizes the diversity of the student body and intends to improve event organization and quality to enhance the overall campus experience.

McGuire is dedicated to representing the student body, fostering engagement, and addressing challenges faced by the students at VVC. With his leadership experience and commitment to improvement, he seeks to make a positive impact in the ASB and the overall campus environment.



Savanna Blakkan, a passionate advocate for healthcare and leadership, has set her sights on making a positive impact as the ASB Student Advocate at Victor Valley College. Her journey began in high school when she was faced with the challenge of transitioning to a new school. It was during this time that she met Mrs. Tivey, her Emergency Medicine teacher, who became her mentor and introduced her to the world of healthcare through an after-school club.

Motivated by her teacher's encouragement, Savanna embraced the opportunity to lead the Medical Club as its president. What started with just four students quickly grew to a vibrant community of twenty individuals with diverse interests in healthcare.

For Savanna, being a part of ASB is an opportunity to promote inclusion and inspire positive change within the educational institution. She aims to empower students to impact their surroundings and embrace new opportunities outside their comfort zones. Recognizing the lack of confidence in trying new things among individuals her age, Savanna seeks to shift this perspective by encouraging authenticity and personal growth. She envisions herself as a catalyst for high school students to pursue higher education and hopes to contribute to all ASB events, ensuring that the students of Victor Valley College feel a sense of belonging.

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Sunny Haymes, a natural leader with excellent communication skills and a warm and outgoing personality is the ASB Public Relations Senator. With a focus on respectful and straightforward communication, Sunny believes that a leader should take charge while also valuing the opinions of others. In a team setting, she aims to achieve greater goals and continuously improve the group.

Motivated by the desire to make a positive impact in her school, Sunny's goals include providing support to struggling students, creating a supportive and engaged school community, and facilitating a better understanding of educational activities. Sunny approaches goal-setting by establishing deadlines and ensuring their adherence. To evaluate her progress, she plans to gather feedback from the ASB group through surveys, assessing whether they perceive an improvement in creating a more active and inclusive environment for students. Additionally, she aims to measure success by monitoring student enrollment numbers and conducting polls to gauge student confidence and the perceived impact of ASB on their lives.

Currently majoring in Philosophy as a Pre-Law student, Sunny has aspirations of attending Law School in the future. Her dedication to fostering a positive school environment and supporting students' educational journeys aligns with the goals of the position, promising a dynamic and inclusive representation of the student body.



Jacob Kleinsmith, Fine Arts Senator, is a passionate and dedicated student leader, striving to enhance the college experience for his peers at Victor Valley College (VVC). As a prominent figure within the Associated Student Body (ASB) Council, he is committed to making sure that every student feels connected, represented, and valued within the student community.

Before joining the ASB Council, Kleinsmith has already demonstrated leadership skills and a commitment to positive change. During his time in high school, he served as a Representative, Livestreamer, and WebPage Designer for Computer and Media Pathways student government (CAMP Council). Additionally, he held the position of Vice President of Apple Valley High School's Team e-Mber esports and was a Career Technical Student Officer representing the same program. In 2022, Kleinsmith collaborated with an AVHS staff member to successfully pass a resolution with the Apple Valley Unified School District (AVUSD) Board of Trustees, introducing the California State Seal of Civil Engagement on diplomas to encourage student community engagement.

Kleinsmith is pursuing a double major in History and Fine Arts at Victor Valley College, with plans to transfer to the University of California-Irvine (UCI) to continue his studies in History, with a specialization in teaching. His ultimate goal is to become an educator, hoping to inspire future generations to engage with their communities and contribute



Cassandra Morales, Athletics Senator, envisions an empowered and engaged ASB student body. With a strong commitment to addressing the needs and concerns of her fellow students, Cassandra aims to achieve her vision by actively seeking feedback, building networks, promoting effective communication, and showcasing her exemplary leadership skills.

Cassandra's vision centers on catering to the athletic needs of VVC students. With a background in the Peer Mentors for Guided Pathways program at VVC, Cassandra already has experience engaging and involving students who might not typically be part of student government activities. She actively promotes the importance of getting involved and building networks within the college community. Cassandra believes that encouraging students to connect with one another fosters not only personal growth but also helps them form lifelong friendships and stronger futures. By drawing on her experience as a peer mentor, she plans to implement similar strategies in the ASB to create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all students.

Currently, Cassandra is pursuing her passion for Psychology, demonstrating her dedication to understanding the human mind and behavior. As she continues her studies at VVC, she aspires to utilize her knowledge to empower her fellow students and make a meaningful impact on campus life.



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Nicholas Markloff, Executive Senator, is a dynamic student leader with a clear vision for the Associated Student Body (ASB) at Victor Valley College (VVC). As a newcomer to the campus, Nicholas recognizes the importance of student representation and feedback in making decisions that will positively impact the student body. Nicholas's vision for the ASB student body revolves around finding representation from diverse perspectives throughout the school year. As a believer in inclusivity and involving all students in the student government, Nicholas has a boots-on-the-ground approach. He plans to start by building relationships with his fellow classmates and reaching out to students who may not typically be involved in student government.

In high school, he served as the President of the Mock Trial Club, where he demonstrated strong decision-making skills, overseeing financial matters, and creating exercises that fostered team building and bonding among students. Currently studying Criminal Justice, Nicholas aspires to graduate from VVC in the Fall and subsequently transfer to Fullerton to continue his studies in criminal justice. His ultimate goal is to obtain a law degree, reflecting his dedication to seeking justice and making a positive impact in the legal field.

With his passion for empowering student voices, his commitment to inclusivity, and his leadership experiences, Nicholas Markloff's drive to build bridges between different student groups and ensure that every student's voice is heard will undoubtedly contribute to a vibrant and thriving campus community at Victor Valley College.



Jessie Roath, serves as the Social Science Senator within the Associated Student Body (ASB). His approach to leadership is firmly rooted in principled decision-making and nurturing a harmonious team environment.

An ardent advocate for inclusivity, Jessie places significant emphasis on valuing each student's voice and perspective. His approach to decision-making serves as a testament to his unwavering commitment to equitable representation. By actively engaging with students and soliciting their feedback, he ensures that the collective voices of the student body are not only heard but also genuinely respected within the corridors of ASB's influence.

As a source of motivation and inspiration, Jessie relies on the potency of reinforcing the purpose that binds his fellow ASB members together. By consistently reminding the team of the transformative impact their collective efforts will have on the campus and its students, Jessie fosters a shared sense of responsibility and a resolute dedication to the common goals they strive to attain. His ability to galvanize the team in the face of challenges showcases his unswerving commitment to forging a united and motivated ASB.



Dylan Marroquin, the Business/Math Senator within the Associated Student Body (ASB), navigates challenges and strives to create a harmonious and effective team.

Dylan's approach to ensuring all students' perspectives are valued and heard is founded on his belief that voicing opinions is the key. While still acclimating to his role, he recognizes the power of his platform to represent the student body and amplify their voices during crucial decision-making processes. Integrity, a bedrock of Dylan's leadership philosophy, shines through his commitment to staying true to his values even in the face of opposition. Dylan recounts a personal instance where he realized the importance of seeing things from different perspectives. This valuable lesson, despite bringing criticism, became a catalyst for his growth and development.

A major in Business Administration, Dylan Marroquin stands as a testament to the power of ethics, loyalty, and resilience within the ASB. His commitment to transparent communication, amplifying student voices, and upholding his values in the face of challenges make him a pivotal figure in ASB's mission. As Dylan continues to lead with authenticity, his dedication to unity and integrity remains a guiding light, leaving an indelible mark on the ASB and the broader campus community.

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Jacob Vandehey, the Inter-Club Council Senator of ASB has a journey that underscores a commitment to ethical considerations, unwavering support, and a dedicated advocacy for student interests.

Vandehey's allegiance to ASB peers is exemplified by his adeptness in fostering unity during challenging times. Evidently skilled in adept orchestration, he forges a familial atmosphere within the ASB. Disagreements and conflicts are artfully transformed into opportunities for collaborative harmony, reflecting a shared dedication to enhancing the student experience. Vandehey's leadership prowess is particularly pronounced in his efforts to amplify student voices. Through unwavering dedication to inclusivity, he ensures that every perspective finds resonance.

Within the archives of Victor Valley College, Jacob Vandehey's narrative unfurls as a testament to ethical leadership and unifying influence. A History major, he emerges as a beacon of principled decisions, camaraderie, and dedicated advocacy. As the Inter-Club Council Senator, Vandehey's legacy resonates as a harmonious symphony, leaving an enduring imprint within ASB and the wider collegiate community.



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Metallica Scholars Program Empowers Rams at Victor Valley College



Victor Valley College is steadfastly reaffirming its dedication to nurturing the educational aspirations of community college students through its ongoing participation in the annual Metallica Scholars Program. This enduring partnership, spanning several years, underscores the institution's unwavering commitment to enabling students to overcome barriers and pursue their academic ambitions.

Renowned Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich aptly encapsulated the essence of this collaboration, noting, "We're thrilled to see the Metallica Scholars program continue to make such a significant impact year after year. Through education, we are proud to invest in the future of these students and the many opportunities that lie ahead."

Victor Valley College's robust engagement with the Metallica Scholars Program has yielded noteworthy outcomes, granting students enhanced access to quality education, personalized guidance, and essential resources. The college's resolute dedication to fostering educational growth and empowering students resonates harmoniously with the

ethos of the Metallica Scholars Program.

As Victor Valley College enters another year of this dynamic partnership, it does so with a sense of purpose and pride. The Metallica Scholars Program, in synergy with the college's unwavering commitment, continues to shape the academic trajectory of community college students, instilling in them ambition, resilience, and a drive for accomplishment.

Through its involvement in the Metallica Scholars Program, Victor Valley College remains resolute in its mission to empower students as they embark on their educational journey. This ongoing collaboration reinforces the college's position as a beacon of educational excellence, where students are not passive recipients of knowledge but active architects of their own success.

DID YOU KNOW?

Beyond the stage lights and guitar riffs, Metallica's influence extends to the world of welding. The band's lead guitarist, James Hetfield, is a skilled and passionate welder himself. In a captivating blend of artistry and craftsmanship, Hetfield has showcased his welding skills by creating custom-made sculptures and unique art pieces from metal. This intersection of musical prowess and technical mastery underscores the diverse talents within the band and highlights how Metallica's members are not only virtuosos in music but also exemplars of hands-on expertise. Hetfield's passion for welding serves as a testament to the multifaceted nature of Metallica's contributions, resonating with career technical education and inspiring a new generation of students to explore creative and technical avenues.

FROM DAN'S DESK:

An update from President Walden



VVC's ASB gets a first look at the new cosmetology program on lower campus.

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

As we gear up for the start of the 2023 Fall semester, I am thrilled to welcome each of you back to Victor Valley College with open arms and an immense sense of enthusiasm. This upcoming academic term promises to be a period of renewed learning, growth, and achievement, and I am excited to share some incredible developments that await us.

At Victor Valley College, we take pride in offering a diverse range of educational opportunities that empower our students to pursue their dreams and aspirations. As we prepare to embark on this journey together, I want to highlight the numerous courses that are still open for registration. Whether you're interested in delving into the intricacies of mathematics, exploring the depths of literature, or acquiring practical skills in technical fields, our comprehensive selection of classes is designed to cater to your diverse interests and academic pursuits.

I am particularly excited to introduce our brand-new online bookstore, a seamless

platform that simplifies the process of obtaining the essential course materials you need to excel in your studies. With the convenience of browsing and purchasing textbooks, e-books, and other resources from the comfort of your own space, this innovative addition aims to enhance your overall learning experience and ensure you have all the tools necessary for success right at your fingertips.

I am thrilled to also announce the opening of our brand-new Cosmetology School, set to launch this fall semester. This addition to our array of programs represents a significant step forward in catering to the diverse interests and career aspirations of our students. The Cosmetology School has been meticulously designed to provide hands-on training, cutting-edge techniques, and a comprehensive curriculum that equips our students with the skills they need to excel in the vibrant and ever-evolving beauty industry.

Led by a team of experienced and passionate professionals, our Cosmetology School will offer a range of courses encompassing hairstyling, skincare, nail artistry, and more.

Our state-of-the-art facilities boast modern salon stations, advanced equipment, and a creative atmosphere that mirrors the real-world setting our students will encounter upon entering their careers. We are dedicated to fostering an environment where artistic expression thrives and innovation takes center stage.

As we prepare to unlock the doors to a new semester, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated faculty and staff who continue to work tirelessly to provide you with exceptional educational experiences. Your unwavering commitment to our students' success is truly commendable and deeply appreciated.

Let us embark on this journey with excitement, open minds, and a shared commitment to excellence. I look forward to witnessing the incredible accomplishments that each of you will undoubtedly achieve.

-Dan

VVC Graduate Shifts Gears, Hits the Road to New Horizons



Henry Hernandez, a recent graduate of Victor Valley College (VVC), has successfully completed the College's Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Truck Driving Program, marking a significant step in his journey from student to professional truck driver. Hernandez's path to this achievement was motivated by a series of life-changing events and a determination to contribute to his family's well-being.

After graduating high school amidst the challenges of the pandemic, Hernandez was uncertain about his career path. However, he was certain about his desire to engage in a blue-collar profession. To support his family during difficult times, he worked alongside his father in a transmission repair business. A fire incident disrupted their livelihood and led to their eviction from the property. In the aftermath, Hernandez learned about VVC's free CDL program, which he saw as an opportunity to pursue a career in truck driving. "Experiencing that life-changing event was the motivating factor for me to pursue trucking to

help myself and ultimately support my family," Hernandez stated.

Hernandez credits VVC's truck driving program for equipping him with the skills and knowledge necessary to navigate the challenges and responsibilities of his new profession. Reflecting on his training, he noted, "The program opened my eyes to the intricate details of the trucking industry. Learning about truck components, weight distribution, and DOT compliance were crucial aspects that I embraced wholeheartedly."

The program's emphasis on safety and legal compliance provided Hernandez with a solid foundation to confidently operate an 18-wheeler truck. He appreciated the advice from his instructors on technicalities like handling engine brakes and executing complex maneuvers such as right turns.

Describing his daily routine as a truck driver, Hernandez outlined his pre-trip inspection

process and highlighted the complexities of navigating urban areas and tight spaces during deliveries. He transports Dollar Tree products across Southern California, Arizona, and Nevada. Hernandez emphasized the paramount importance of safety and recounted an incident where he sought assistance from a police officer to execute a challenging alley dock maneuver, showcasing his commitment to ensuring safe operations.

For those considering a career in truck driving and contemplating enrolling in VVC's program, Hernandez advised aspiring truckers to approach the profession with dedication, acknowledging that it requires continuous learning and adaptability. He cautioned against underestimating the significance of truck driving and underscored the vital role truckers play in keeping the economy functioning.

Looking ahead, Hernandez's goal is to drive fuel tankers, a position that requires further experience. He aims to gain a solid foundation before transitioning to this specialized field. He expressed gratitude for VVC's CDL program, which provided him with the necessary training and support to embark on this promising career path.

In a final note, Hernandez recognized the broader impact of his role as a truck driver on the economy and the community at large. "Truckers are the lifeblood of the nation, ensuring that essential goods reach consumers every day," he remarked. As he continues to drive forward in his career, Hernandez's dedication and commitment reflect the resilience and determination of those who power the wheels of progress.

An advertisement for Jobspeaker. It features the Jobspeaker logo at the top, which includes a circular icon with a tree and the text 'jobspeaker™'. Below the logo is a green banner with white and yellow text that reads: 'NEED A JOB? VVC has nearly 1500 registered job and internship opportunities throughout the High Desert! SCAN the QR code and access now through your VVC student account!'. At the bottom of the banner, there is a QR code, a smartphone displaying the Jobspeaker app, a laptop displaying the Jobspeaker website, and a cartoon ram character.

VVC Grad's Cool Career: Mastering Green Climate Tech in Field Service



Ethan Burrall, a recent graduate of Victor Valley College (VVC), has swiftly established himself as a standout in the energy-efficient air treatment and climate solutions sector. As a field service technician at Munters, a leading company specializing in dehumidification for industrial processes, Burrall's contributions underscore the practical and transformative impact of his VVC education.

Burrall's role as a field service technician primarily centers around maintaining optimal humidity levels for various industrial applications, with a focus on employing desiccant wheel technology. This technology ensures precise humidity control in critical sectors such as medical, biotechnology, and industrial agriculture.

"My responsibilities involve providing both preventative and corrective maintenance to Munters' customers throughout the United States," Burrall explains. His dedication to upholding industry standards and ensuring peak operational efficiency showcases his commitment to excellence.

Burrall attributes his success to the education he received at VVC, which equipped him with the requisite educational background, skills, and certifications for his dynamic career. Having completed his HVAC certification, he secured a position as a data center operations technician with the largest data center colocation company in the United States, based in Las Vegas. During this tenure, he obtained arc flash training and certification, a crucial qualification for working on medium voltage uninterruptible power supply systems and extensive cooling systems.

The impact of Burrall's new position extends beyond his professional life. He highlights the diverse and enriching experiences that come with his role, providing him the opportunity to engage with a wide array of industrial HVAC applications spanning different sectors.

"I have found not just a job, but a career that allows me to lead a comfortable life and explore the breadth of industrial HVAC applications," Burrall reflects. With an outlook toward the future, he sees his current position as a stepping stone toward a secure

retirement, alleviating concerns about financial stability and ensuring a fulfilling life for himself and his family.

At 46 years old, Burrall's journey at VVC from 2020 to 2022 has significantly shaped his trajectory, leading him to a career that merges his passion for energy-efficient solutions with practical expertise. His experience serves as a testament to the power of education and determination in fostering meaningful and transformative career opportunities.



VVC Communication Center

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HOURS OF OPERATION FALL 2023

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Communication Center Fall 2023 Workshops

The communication center workshops are here to help you! One workshop topic is held two times a day at different times throughout the day. Please see the accompanying schedule for specific workshop times

Monday-Friday

10:45 AM - 11:15 AM and 1:45 PM - 2:15 PM

Creating an Outline	Don't know what an attention getter is? We go over the basics of an outline and understanding each component!
An Effective Visual Aid	Struggling with your visual aid? We highlight the key points to creating a good visual aid by showing real examples of bad PowerPoint slides!
Presenter Showmanship	Need a little help on how to present? We show you how to enhance your presentation with several tips and tricks on how to dress, present, as well as how to use your notecards!
Persuasive 101	We break down the basics of how to create and present a persuasive speech.
Overcoming Speaker Anxiety	Afraid of public speaking? We help you overcome your fear of presenting in front of an audience by giving you tips and tricks for speaker anxiety.
Presenting in Groups	Need help planning out a group presentation? We show you how to make the most of your group presentation!
Getting to Know Powerpoint	Don't know how to use Microsoft PowerPoint? We teach you the basics of creating a PowerPoint presentation for your speech!
How to Create Citations	Need help with citations? We demonstrate how to create APA and MLA citations
Picking a Topic	Having trouble picking a topic for your speech? This workshop is designed to help you pick a topic you will be passionate about.

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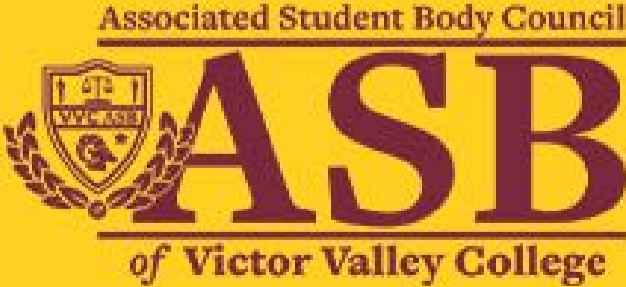
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***September 16**

September 23

***September 30**

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October 21

***October 28**

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November 11

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'23 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

08/25	West Coach Baptist	6:00pm	AWAY
09/01	Antelope Valley	4:00pm	AWAY
09/06	Southwestern	4:00pm	HOME
09/08	Cerro Coso	3:00pm	AWAY
09/15	LA Mission Tourn	4:00pm	AWAY
09/16	LA Mission Tourn	1:00pm	AWAY
09/27	Copper Mountain	5:00pm	AWAY
09/29	Chaffey	3:00pm	HOME
10/04	SB Valley College	5:00pm	AWAY
10/11	Cerro Coso	5:00pm	AWAY
10/13	College of the Desert	5:00pm	AWAY
10/18	Mt. San Jacinto	5:00pm	HOME
10/20	Copper Mountain	5:00pm	HOME
10/25	Chaffey	5:00pm	AWAY
10/27	SB Valley College	5:00pm	HOME
11/01	Southwestern	4:00pm	AWAY
11/03	Cerro Coso	5:00pm	HOME
11/08	Desert	5:00pm	HOME
11/10	Mt. San Jacinto	5:00pm	AWAY



'23 WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE



08/25	Antelope Valley	1:30 PM	AWAY
08/29	LA Valley	4:00 PM	HOME
09/01	Porterville	2:00 PM	AWAY
09/05	West LA	4:00 PM	HOME
09/08	LA Pierce	6:00 PM	AWAY
09/12	Oxnard	4:00 PM	HOME
09/15	Irvine Valley	4:00 PM	HOME
09/22	Compton	4:00 PM	AWAY
09/26	NO GAME		
09/29	LACC	4:00 PM	HOME
10/03	Imperial Valley	4:00 PM	HOME
10/06	San Bernardino	4:00 PM	AWAY
10/10	Chaffey College	4:00 PM	HOME
10/13	Norco College	4:00 PM	HOME
10/17	Mt. San Jacinto	4:00 PM	AWAY
10/20	COD	4:00 PM	HOME
10/24	San Bernardino	4:00 PM	HOME
10/27	Chaffey College	4:00 PM	AWAY
10/31	Norco College	4:00 PM	AWAY
11/03	Mt. San Jacinto	3:00 PM	HOME
11/07	COD	3:00 PM	AWAY

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'23 MEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

08/25	Antelope Valley.....4:00pm	AWAY
08/29	Pasadena City.....2:00pm	HOME
09/01	Moorpark.....4:00pm	AWAY
09/05	LA City College.....2:00pm	HOME
09/08	Imperial Valley.....2:00pm	HOME
09/12	West Hills Lemoore...2:00pm	AWAY
09/19	Compton College.....4:00pm	AWAY
09/22	San Diego City.....3:00pm	AWAY
09/26	East LA College.....2:00pm	HOME
09/29	Citrus College.....3:00pm	AWAY
10/03	LA Pierce College.....2:00pm	HOME
10/06	SB Valley College.....4:00pm	HOME
10/10	Chaffey College.....4:00pm	AWAY
10/13	Norco College.....4:00pm	HOME
10/17	BYE	
10/20	College of the Desert..4:00pm	AWAY
10/24	SB Valley College.....4:00pm	AWAY
10/27	Chaffey College.....4:00pm	HOME
10/31	Norco College.....4:00pm	HOME
11/03	San Diego Mesa.....1:00pm	HOME
11/07	College of the Desert..3:00pm	HOME

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