

A LONG BEACH PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Dear IVA High Community,

We have a lot to celebrate this time of year! We received a very high rating from our first WASC accreditation self-study, we had the largest amount of freshman receive high honors, and we launched many extra-curricular club options, including an opportunity for students to qualify for a paid internship this summer!

We look forward to a creative and thought-provoking second semester. Save the date for our Spring Exhibition of Learning on April 13th. Come see how your student takes learning into their own hands.



February 14
Lincoln's Bday

- No school

February 15
Snow Day

February 16
Family Alliance
Meeting

February 21
Presidents'
Day - No
school

February 24
Medieval
Times Field
Trip

February 25

Late Work

Deadline

From Our Directors

WASC Visit Update

"IVA provides a variety of personal, social-emotional, and academic support for students to ensure the development of the whole person."

Last week, our accrediting agency (WASC) met with our teachers, students, parents, and board members, read our self-study report, and observed teaching within our classroom. Following the three day visit, WASC team presented our faculty and staff with their findings. In all categories, we scored at least an "effective" if not "highly effective".

For a fairly new school that is engaging with this process for the first time, it is rare to score "highly effective" or "effective" in all categories. Some of the categories where we scored a "highly effective" include school culture, personal, social-emotional, and academic support, and student-centered instruction. Additionally, validating and aligning with our school's growth areas, the WASC team identified enrollment, refinement of support systems, and engagement with the broader Long Beach community as areas of improvement.

We are grateful for the involvement of our staff, teachers, parents, board members, and students during this process. We look forward to the continuous improvement of our school in order to provide our students with meaningful and quality education.

Campus Highlight



IVA High Academy Awards Ceremony

Last Friday, we held our first IVA High Academy Awards Ceremony of the 2021-2022 school year. During this ceremony, we recognized students who received honors and high honors for their academic achievement during the first semester. Additionally, we award students who contribute to our IVA high community in positive and impactful ways.

These awards acknowledge student ambassadors, students who are a part of our Leadership club, and a student who provides a supportive environment through their engagement in multiple extra-curricular activities. Finally, we awarded Distinguished Intellectual Virtues Awards to a student from each grade level who have embraced the intellectual virtues holistically and who have shown engagement with the philosophy behind our school.

We congratulate our students who received awards, and we look forward to recognizing more students in future ceremonies.



Extracurriculars and Internship Opportunities

EXP-IVA Internship Program

IVA High is partnering with the EXP Internship Program to offer IVA High students the opportunity to participate in a paid summer internship. This internship program prepares students for the workplace through career-readiness workshops and hands-on internship experiences. If your student is interested, please have them fill out this interest form by Wednesday,

February 9th at 11:59pm. For more info contact EXP Program Manager Daisy Boeckman, daisy@expfuture.org



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Program Dates:

- Career-readiness workshops,
 February-May
- Mock Interviews, April 12
- Employer Interviews, June 14-16
- Parent Orientation, June 23
- Internship Placement, July

Clubs

Clubs are a great opportunity for students to explore interests and add to their high school resume. The second trimester clubs have started this week, and we encourage all of our students to participate. Visit this link to find out what clubs are being offered and when they meet: Club Calendar

Jazz Angels

We are excited to announce that we are partnering with a local non-profit organization to bring a music program to IVA High. Jazz Angels was founded by two professional musicians and teachers with the purpose of creating opportunity for youth to experience and learn about jazz. The music program, led by Jazz Angels teachers, will start towards the end of February and will meet on campus after school. All skill levels are welcome to join! If your student is interested in joining, please have them complete this interest form: Jazz Angels Interest







INTRODUCE US TO YOUR FRIENDS!

IVA High is currently enrolling students going into 9th through 12th grade for next school year! Interested families should start the process by submitting an <u>application</u> today.

Personal tours are available by contacting our office at 562.283.4456 or info@academylongbeach.org.



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