

The River Alumni News

Indian River State College Alumni Association Newsletter



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Alumni Night at Dave & Buster's

More than 150 Indian River State College alumni gathered for an exciting evening of fun, connection, and Falcon pride at our recent Alumni Night held at Dave & Buster's.

The event created a vibrant and welcoming atmosphere where graduates from across the years could reconnect, unwind, and celebrate their shared experiences.

Attendees enjoyed a delicious spread of food and refreshments while making the most of everything the venue had to offer. From friendly competition in the arcade to engaging conversations catching up on life after college, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

The evening truly reflected the spirit of togetherness that defines the Indian River State College alumni community. It was inspiring to see so many Falcons reconnect, build new relationships, and strengthen existing bonds. Events like this remind us that while we may have left campus, we remain part of a strong and lasting community. Once a Falcon, always a Falcon!

A Letter from Laura

Your Director of Alumni Relations

Dear Alumni,

As summer settles in along the Treasure Coast, bringing longer days, warm breezes, and opportunities to reconnect, I am delighted to welcome you to the latest edition of the Indian River State College Alumni Association Quarterly Newsletter.

This season is all about growth, reflection, and community—qualities that define our alumni family as well. Whether you graduated recently or decades ago, you remain an important part of the Indian River State College story. Through this newsletter, we hope to keep you informed about alumni achievements, upcoming events, student success stories, and the many ways our alumni continue to make a difference in our communities and beyond.

One of the greatest joys of my role is the opportunity to work with both our students and alumni. Every day, I witness the power of education, mentorship, generosity, and connection. Seeing students pursue their dreams while alumni return to share their experiences, support our mission, and celebrate their college memories is incredibly rewarding. It reminds me that the relationships built here extend far beyond graduation.

As you enjoy the summer months, I encourage you to stay connected with your fellow alumni, explore opportunities to engage with the Alumni Association, and celebrate the impact that Indian River State College continues to have on lives throughout our region and beyond.

Thank you for being part of our alumni family. We are proud to count you among our 100,000+ alumni strong, and we look forward to sharing more stories, milestones, and opportunities with you throughout the year.

Wishing you a wonderful summer season!

Warm Regards,



Laura Midkiff
Director of Development,
Annual Giving & Alumni Relations



Alumni Spotlight - Andres



When Andres Tovar first heard about Indian River Community College in the mid-1990s, he was a high school swimmer in Colombia. Encouraged by teammates and his coach, he set his sights on IRCC and, after an exchange year in Minnesota, made his way to Fort Pierce to join its nationally recognized swim program.

Tovar attended IRCC from 1997 to 1999, pursuing the engineering track before transferring to complete a degree in mechanical engineering. While academics shaped his career path, it was the swim team that defined his college experience.

“It was basically a family,” Tovar says. **“Coming from another country, that sense of belonging made all the difference.”**

That “family” would eventually shape his personal life, too. During a lifeguarding class on campus, Tovar met Michelle, a fellow swimmer. The two began dating the following year and have been together ever since, even choosing to marry on the IRCC pool deck where their story began.



After graduating, Tovar and his wife built their lives in South Florida before returning to the Treasure Coast. Their connection to the college came full circle when their children dual-enrolled at the College and competed in swimming, bringing the family back to campus regularly.

Today, Tovar still visits for meets and events, often running into former teammates and coaches. **“Walking onto the pool deck brings everything back,”** he says. **“Those relationships and experiences stay with you.”**

For Tovar, IRCC wasn’t just a stepping stone; it was the foundation for lifelong connections, a career, and a family legacy that continues to this day.

Become a Mentor!

Looking to give back? The Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program is looking for dedicated volunteer mentors to help local students unlock their potential. Just one hour a week can change the trajectory of a young person’s life, offering guidance, stability, and hope.

Want to learn more?
**Click or scan
the QR code.**



Laura and her mentee, 2026



Upcoming Events!

Indian River State College Night with the St. Lucie Mets!



August 6, 2026



6:00 PM



Clover Park

31 Piazza Dr

Port St Lucie, FL 34986



Join us for a fun evening of St. Lucie Mets baseball and River pride!

Enjoy **FREE** admission (courtesy of the Alumni Association) and \$2 game-day deals on hot dogs, popcorn, soda, and beer.

Open to all alumni, faculty, staff, and students - stop by our tent to grab your ticket on the way in!



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Help Us Plan Our Holiday Event!

We're excited to be planning a new Holiday Alumni Drive-In Movie Night, and we'd love your input! As we get ready for this festive event, we want to know which holiday movie you'd most enjoy watching with your family.

Please take a moment to complete our quick survey and help us choose the perfect film for the evening.



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