San Diego State University-Imperial Valley campus holds freshman orientation
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CALEXICO — A bevy of freshmen walked the grounds of what promises to be their second home for the next four years as San Diego State University-Imperial Valley campus held its freshman orientation here Wednesday.

The 37 incoming freshmen, including those who brought their parents, enjoyed a reception and information session, activities/campus tour and an admission ceremony where the students received acceptance certificates from SDSU-IV administration.

“The orientation focuses on how to best help their son or daughter transition from high school to university,” freshman recruiter Norma Aguilar said.

Aguilar said the parent workshops aid parents on changes such as the release of academic information to them with student permission and pertinent other information.

“We’ve had a lot of positive response from the parents regarding our freshman program and I think it’s time to take the next step,” she said.

As the parents enjoy the reception, the students are led around campus by Associated Student Council members for fun “ice breaker” activities at the campus, so that students learn the campus layout, Aguilar said.

“Some of the activities were a lot of fun; the balloon one was a lot of fun,” SDSU-IV freshman Alysa Terran of El Centro, said. “A lot of (the ASC members) are very friendly. A lot of people have the same majors so that was a good thing too.

“The whole point of this was getting to know one another and I think that was a good thing,” Terran added.

Miguel Rahiotis, assistant dean for student affairs, agreed that day one of the orientation was a success.

“We had a huge turnout with parents; we had the library filled,” he said. “I think (they) really benefit from the second part of the orientation.”

Rahiotis said today’s events will further inform the new students through workshops on campus life, student rights and responsibilities, the online “Web portal” for class registration and an education orientation program.

“It’s always exciting at the beginning of the semester because it’s like a renewable process every year,”
Rahiotis added. “We’re looking forward to actively supporting them to getting their best education here at SDSU-IV,” he said.

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