

## NEWS

Summer 2018

### Farewell Brielle



After eight years with the district, and four years serving as President Hsieh's executive assistant, Brielle Warren is moving on. Her last day at Miramar College was August 3. A touching farewell celebration in her honor was held on August 3. Brielle and her husband Danny are moving to Arizona to be closer to family. A pair of

Costco cakes were cut into 48 equal pieces and served at her farewell party. A good time was had by all.



### New VP Announced

Adrian Gonzales has been named the new Vice President of Student Services. He begins his post August 20. Gonzales succeeds Gerald Ramsey, who will retire August 16. Since 2013, Gonzales has served as the Assistant Superintendent/ Vice President for Student Services at Palomar College, and prior, he served in various roles including Interim Superintendent/President for Palomar College, the Dean of Student Support Programs and Services at College of the Desert, and the Interim Vice President of Student Affairs at College of the Desert. Gonzales has a bachelor's degree in political science from UCLA, and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Washington.



### New Fire Chief a Miramar Alum

On July 2nd, Miramar College alum Colin Stowell was named the new Fire Chief for San Diego Fire and Rescue. He succeeds fellow Miramar alum Brian Fennessy who left to take a similar position in Orange County. Click [here](#) to read the details of Stowell's appointment.



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## Fire Academy Graduation Ceremony

The first cohort of the Firefighter I Academy program graduated on June 15. Eleven students took part in the ceremony. The Emerald Society Pipes and Drums led the procession of graduates from the grinder to the ceremony. Prior to the ceremony, the 11 graduates put on a firefighting demonstration for those in attendance. The program is designed to allow for students to complete an independent academy program prior to seeking employment. This cohort began its academy training back in January.

In this format, students can fully access financial aid options, veteran and active duty military students can utilize their



Post 9/11 & Forever GI Bill and all students can apply for a variety of scholarships. Student costs are minimal in comparison to the traditional academy, reducing financial barriers toward earning the Firefighter I certification required for entry level employment.

All students will now be ready to begin their vocational experience, a requirement to become a certified Firefighter I in the State Fire Training System. Students are eligible to test for every fire department in the state that hires entry level firefighters with the completion of this program.

Students are eligible to become reserve firefighters with San Diego County Fire Authority, Heartland Fire & Rescue, San Miguel Fire Protection and other departments with reserve programs, starting the clock toward the minimal one year experience requirement working part time.

## Recent Data Shows Impressive Miramar Growth

In 2016-2017, California community colleges began to witness a decline in enrollment. However, San Diego Miramar College has been able to “buck that trend” and continue to outpace most of California’s community colleges in terms of enrollment growth. Recent data released by the San Diego Community College District Information System showed that Miramar College grew its Full-Time Equivalent Student (FTES) enrollment by 32.6% over a 5-year period beginning in Fall 2013 and ending with the conclusion of the spring 2018 semester. Miramar College saw its greatest enrollment growth of 8.9% over a two year period from 2016-2017 through 2017-2018. As a result of Miramar’s stellar growth, the District, as a whole, has grown by 5.7% since fall of 2013.

## Women’s Volleyball Debuts

Women’s volleyball will become the 6th intercollegiate sport at San Diego Miramar College starting fall of 2018. The Jets first match will be played August 24, vs Cuyamaca College at 5pm in Hourglass Fieldhouse.

Veteran coach Mark Smith will serve as head coach. Smith is currently looking for athletes who would welcome an opportunity to continue their playing careers at the collegiate level. If interested, please contact Coach Smith at 619-388-7232 or email him at [masmith@sdccd.edu](mailto:masmith@sdccd.edu). The athletic department can be reached at 619-388-7715.

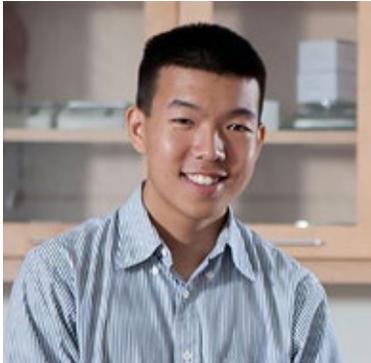
“We plan to field a very competitive roster that will compete in the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference,” said

Smith. "Our women's volleyball program will offer a high level opportunity for young women to continue their volleyball careers and be showcased to 4-year institutions."

Athletes will need to register for 12 units of classes starting with the fall 2018 semester to be eligible to play.

### Cong Wins Scholarship

Miramar College student and hourly employee Marcelo Cong was the recipient of a Mahatma Gandhi Scholarship. He was recognized as a scholarship winner at the 35th Annual Mahatma Gandhi Memorial and Awards Ceremony held July 28 at UC San Diego. Cong, a San Diego Promise student, is beginning his Sophomore year at Miramar College. He is also part of the Outreach team.



### Student Artist Honored

Miramar College Art student Thuyduyen Jenny Tran, who was previously selected by a jury of arts professionals as a finalist representing the San Diego Community College District, received a Juror's Choice Award at the national level of the 32nd Annual League for Innovation Student Art Competition.

The award winning work is titled "Two Vietnamese Women Doing Laundry", 2018 (acrylic on canvas).



### Farmers Market Debuts this Fall

The College will begin to hold a TOTALLY FREE Farmers Markets this fall! In partnership with Feeding San Diego,

pallets of fresh produce will be delivered to Miramar College, and everything will be FREE. All students, staff, faculty, and administrators will be encouraged to visit and take a few bags of FREE produce home with them. To make this happen, we are conducting a REUSABLE BAG DRIVE. If you have extra reusable bags, please drop them off in the designated container inside KI-208. We are also accepting donations of toiletries and non-perishable food for the Miramar College Food Pantry.

### High School Students Walk in Commencement

If you haven't heard, Miramar College has a high school outreach pilot program, whereby, high school juniors take a BIOL 131 articulation exam, and after passing, they can opt into getting college credit. The Southern California Biotechnology Center (SCBC) pays for their tuition and books. These students take night classes here at the College (BIOL 132, 133) and after completion of the program, they receive a Certificate of Achievement in Biotech. This past academic year, the College had 2 students from Mira Mesa High School and 2 students from University City High School participate. Three of them completed the program.

The duo from University City High School walked in Miramar's May graduation ceremony and received their completed certificate. One Mira Mesa High School student even parlayed her experience from networking with her lab partner into a job at a local biotech corporation.

### U-T Reader's Poll Recognition

Thanks to an aggressive social media campaign, and your help voting, San Diego Miramar College has been once again recognized as a *San Diego Favorite* in the Best College's category in the *San Diego Union Tribune Reader's Poll*. The full list of winners will be published August 27 in the U-T.



### Jets Jump Start

As a part of the annual Jets Jump Start program, Miramar College welcomed hundreds of new San Diego Promise Scholars to campus. The event held August 3 is

designed to be a final opportunity before fall registration begins for students to learn about the matriculation process, how to register for classes, how to use Reg-e, locate classes and resources, and to get a better sense of the college experience from fellow students.

There were club presentations and student panels to provide insight on what to expect and on how to get involved beyond the classroom.



# QUICK HITS

## Pacheco Featured

The Cal State Fullerton Master of Science in Instructional Design & Technology (MSIDT) program authored an alumni feature on Instructional Lab Technician Bill Pacheco at the start of summer. Bill graduated with an MSIDT in May of 2018. Click [here](#) to read the feature!

## RB Alive

The Outreach team spent Sunday, June 3rd tabling at the Rancho Bernardo Live street festival. With the addition of



Palomar's new campus in RB this was an opportunity to continue to promote the College to the RB community.

## Patriotic President

Dr. Patricia Hsieh took part in the Scripps Ranch Civic Association 4th of July parade!



# PEOPLE

**Sean Young**, Auto Tech Department, has been selected as the Vice President/President Elect of the Classified Senate.

**Sam Shoostary**, counselor, has been elected Treasurer. The new officers assumed their duties on July 1, 2018.

**Enrique Aispuro** is the new assistant professor for Automotive Technology. He will begin August 7.

On July 9, **Sara Haddad** accepted the position of Student Services Technician, San Diego Miramar College Outreach and School Relations. Sara previously served as the Outreach Senior Student Services Assistant.



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June 15, 2018

Dear Guided Pathways Implementation Team at San Diego Miramar College:

Thank you for your earnest efforts on the Guided Pathways Multi-Year Work Plan. Your plan was part of a "reading circle" event in April in which participants were clustered by regions to help identify themes that emerged from your community and neighboring colleges. Over the years, your college has probably submitted many plans to the Chancellor's Office, and sometimes you may have wondered what happened to all of that work. In this case, your work is helping the Chancellor's Office to create a statewide and regional map of efforts to make guided pathways a reality throughout the System. The event summary enclosed with this letter gives you some insight about the themes that emerged from your area as well as the statewide picture. The Chancellor's Office will continue to use the plans as part of the feedback loop that enables us to amplify future support endeavors.

In many ways, this past year was focused on developing awareness, meeting the requirements of the legislation that allocated funding for guided pathways, and learning about the priorities, challenges, and successes within our diverse college environments. In that sense, we are at the very beginning of this effort, an effort that will likely take more than five years to accomplish. That does not mean that we should diminish a sense of urgency for restructuring our work to help students complete more readily, but it does mean that we should manage our expectations about the pace given the complexities of the tasks ahead and sustain our focus on the long-term impact of our work.

Over this next year, many colleges will be still focused on inquiry and taking their first steps toward guided pathways implementation, while others are refining efforts already underway. All of us will be working together on AB 705 implementation, which is also a strong and important foundation for guided pathways. As we work together, the Chancellor's Office will be continuing to provide an array of learning opportunities and building out the support network to support your efforts on behalf of students and the Vision for Success. Look for further information about those opportunities at the conclusion of the summer so that your teams can plan for next year. Your work, your leadership, and your commitment to students will make guided pathways what it can be for our students and for our state.

With gratitude,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Hope'.

Laura Hope  
Executive Vice Chancellor of Educational Services



# Guided Pathways Reading Circle Summary

On April 28, 2018 the Chancellor’s Office hosted a Peer-to-Peer Work Plan Reading Circle event that gave college teams the opportunity to review each others’ Guided Pathways work plans. Over 200 individual participants from nearly 60 colleges came together to read all 114 Guided Pathways Work Plans in small regional and sub-regional groups.

The event also helped introduce the region-based structure for system-wide Guided Pathways support. Patterned after the 7 “Doing What Matters” regions, the Guided Pathways regional structure will improve collaboration between the Chancellor’s Office and colleges, while simultaneously enhancing learning and sharing between the colleges.

Each Reading Circle participant read at least two work plans from colleges in their region and one work plan from a college outside of their region. Analyzed through both regional and statewide lenses, the collaborative review and discussion consistently surfaced common themes, support needs, and keys areas of focus across work plans.

Below is a summary of the main takeaways from the event discussions. Sign up for the GP Connect newsletter to stay updated on Guided Pathways news, resources, promising practices, and more: [cccgp.cccco.news](http://cccgp.cccco.news).

## KEY AREAS OF NEEDED FOCUS & SUPPORTS IDENTIFIED IN WORK PLANS

- Broaden Guided Pathways campus engagement
- Create cross-functional team structures to support collaborative work
- Review governance systems to foster inclusion
- Clarify decision-making and communication processes
- Develop a common glossary of Guided Pathways terms and concepts
- Plan meta-majors and curriculum pathways with integrated career exploration

## COMMON THEMES IN VISION FOR REGIONAL COLLABORATION

- Establish regional coordinators to facilitate and sustain improvement efforts
- Schedule regular professional learning through regional workshops, site-based visits, webinars
- Crosswalk work plans to identify specific commonalities for shared learning opportunities
- Support regional dialogue around meta-majors, curriculum pathways, course scheduling, and work-based learning
- Build a centralized online platform to share resources, receive feedback on Guided Pathways work, and connect to other colleges working on similar institutional improvements
- Structure data sharing capacity across systems

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# EVENTS

## Want to know what's going on?

Check "all" or search by category in the Master Calendar: Athletics, Civic Center Activities (campus rentals), Community Events, Hourglass Complex, Internal College Activities, Student Activities, Student Services at [www.sdmiramar.edu/calendar](http://www.sdmiramar.edu/calendar).

## Stay informed...

Committee agendas, minutes and reports can be found at [www.sdmiramar.edu/campus/governance](http://www.sdmiramar.edu/campus/governance). College Executive Committee (CEC) meetings are open to all interested parties.

### Ramsey Farewell Event

August 13 • 3pm-5pm • Room K1-107

### Adjunct Faculty Meeting

August 14 • 5:30pm-7:30pm • Room L-105

### Fall Convocation

August 16 • 8am-1pm • Room L-105

### Women's Soccer vs. SD Christian

August 16 • 11am • Hourglass Park

### Classes Begin

August 20

### Women's Volleyball Inaugural Match

August 24 • 5pm • Hourglass Gym

### Gonzales Welcome Event

August 24 • 1pm-2pm • Room L-108

### Add/Drop/Refund Deadline

August 31

### Women's Water Polo Alumni Game

August 31 • 5pm